



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

It is customary at St. Mary-Holy Cross after the final song, the assembly kneels and silently prays the "Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be" for the next person of our Parish who dies. Parishioners near death have expressed the comfort they experience knowing the Parish Community is praying for them. Please join us in this sacred prayer.

Dear Friends in Christ,

My wife and I were recently invited to Conception Abbey, Missouri for a weekend there. We were there to be the host couple for the newly formed diaconate community. Presently, there are six couples going through the process of discerning if they are called to continue in formation to be ordained as Deacons in four years. At the same time, the Church is discerning if those six should continue towards ordination.

The role Di and I played was to share with the couples what it is like to be a Deacon, to share what happens in the life of a Deacon, the high and low points of being a Deacon, and to answer any questions the six couples might have about the process. There were a lot of questions!

As we attended gatherings, classes, and broke bread with the group, it brought back many memories, most of them good. I certainly didn't miss the many hours sitting in a classroom environment. I did miss the high spirituality that pervades the monastery. I recalled the fear and doubts I faced twelve years ago when I was in their shoes and now tried to comfort them in their concerns about their futures in ministry. Scary stuff to go through filled with uncertainty all the while! That uncertainty continues off and on even after ordination.

Please pray that they may know the will of God as they move through formation, and that His will be done regardless of how many are ordained. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	9:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m. St. Mary

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office about a preparation program

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date

Priesthood and Religious Life: See Diocesan website at <http://www.vocationsonline.org>

Masses and Adoration

Tuesday, January 15

6:00pm St. Mary †Mike Lacey
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 16

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jack Housby

Thursday, January 17

8:00am St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt

Saturday, January 19

5:00pm St. Mary †Charles Herron Foresman II

Sunday, January 20

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish
10:00am St. Mary †Vince Dunlay
Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

Tuesday, January 22

6:00pm St. Mary †Larry Ackerman
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 23

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, January 24

8:00am St. Mary †Leo & Rosemary Overmohle

Saturday, January 26

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, January 27

8:00am Holy Cross †William & Katheryn Shaw
10:00am St. Mary †George Gulbransen

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, January 15, 22 & 29, 6:30pm, St. Mary
(following 6:00pm Mass)

Thursday, January 17, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

RCIA Gatherings

Dates to be announced

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, January 22, 6:30-8:00pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meetings: Tuesdays, January 15 and February 19, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meetings: Tuesdays, January 8 and February 12, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meetings: Sundays, January 20, 7:00pm & February 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5
Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Upcoming Events

- †**Thursday, Jan. 17:** Crafts, games and fellowship, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of Jan. 19/20:** Huxley Food Pantry Collection — sign up for S.T.O.R.M. Super Football Snack Packs (also weekend of Jan. 26/27)
- †**Sunday, Jan. 20:** Teen-Parent Workshop, *Close the Gap*, 11:00am-1:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Sunday, Jan. 27:** Coffee & donuts after 8am Mass
- †**Blood Drive:** Thursday, Jan. 31, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University:** Thursdays beginning Feb. 7 for nine weeks, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Are You New To Our Parish?



We welcome you to our family of St. Mary-Holy Cross and invite you to become a member of our Parish! Please fill out a registration card found in the vestibule of St. Mary and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Pastoral Assistance †

Please contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.



Marian Icon

From January 14th to the 20th we will be privileged to have a Marian icon in our possession. It highlights the plight of persecuted Christians. Prayer cards will be available. Please take some time to offer prayer for our brothers and sisters who are not so free to practice our faith in other parts of the world. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus who are hosting this.

Youth Tithes

Children are encouraged to take a tithe packet located in the vestibule, and on the paper provided, write their name by the number of the packet they have taken. We thank our young people for their support of the parish.

Jesus Is The Only Reason For Every Season!

Upcoming Changes in Office Hours

Week of Jan. 14 - 18: Closed Monday and Friday, Open 8am to Noon Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Thursday, Jan. 24: Closes at Noon
Friday, Jan. 25: Closed

Week of Jan. 28 - Feb. 1: Closed Monday and Friday, Open 8am to Noon Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



Bridge the Gap

Parents, how often do your teens say:
You just don't understand!

Teens, how often do your parents say:
When I was your age...

Back by popular demand, the SMHC 3rd annual *Bridge the Gap* Workshop is coming up! This is one you won't want to miss! It's a short workshop that focuses on the things that are different and alike between our generations of parents and teens. Open to any 9th-12th graders and parents. Feel free to invite any teens and parents you know! Join us Sunday, January 20, 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

Created by Strong Catholic Families
Presented by Nicole Cory

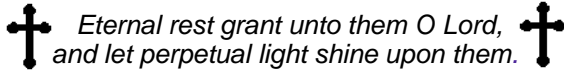
Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of January 19/20; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation assists the Huxley Food Pantry.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Richardson, and Dolores Brown, sister-in-law's of JoAnn Meusburger. May their families know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Richard, uncle of Andrea Fisher, who passed away last Sunday and for his family as they mourn his passing.



Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader

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Altar Server Refresher Training courses will be provided to all servers on the current schedule. Father will work with seven servers at a time. I have received preferred times from each family and will be communicating time and date to them. The participants have been identified for the first session which will be Wednesday, January 16, from 6:45 to 7:30pm during RE.

Key Up Coming Dates: Class: January 16 & 23
No class: January 30

***April 28 - First Eucharist

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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EDGE (7th/8th) Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Wednesdays, January 16 & 23

EDGE Families please sign up to help with meals. If you were not sent an email for the SignUpGenius, please let Andrea know.

C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades) Sessions 6:00-7:30pm

Upcoming dates and sessions

Sunday, January 13: 9th Grade - Lesson 5 & 10th Grade - Lesson 17

Sunday, January 21: 3rd Annual *Bridge the Gap*, Teen-Parent Workshop, after 10:00am Mass, St. Mary. Open to 9th-12th Graders and Parents. Voluntary to attend; if you've previously attended, no need to attend again. If you haven't attended, you won't want to miss it!

Sunday, January 27: 9th Grade - Lesson 6 (One or both parents can attend with teens) & 10th Grade - Lesson 18

S.T.O.R.M. 9th-12th graders

Attention all 9th-12th graders: We are looking for teens to help plan, lead and work the 8th grade Retreat at St. Mary on Sunday, February 24. Call/text Melissa or Andrea if you are interested in helping with this amazing experience!

Retreat Team Meetings (Youth Area/Ed Center)

Receive service hours!

- Sundays, Jan. 27, Feb. 3 & 10, 4:00-6:00pm
- Wednesdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 20, 6:00-8:30pm
- Wednesday/Thursday, Feb. 21/22, 6:00-8:00pm (if needed)
- Friday, Feb. 22, 6:00-9:00pm, Dress Rehearsal & Pizza
- Saturday, Feb. 23, Time TBA. Retreat/Environment prep
- Sunday, Feb. 24, RETREAT. Meet at 9:15am in Ed Center; attend Mass as a team. We will wrap up by 6pm.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$3,774	\$5,157	Dec. 22/23
Youth/Guests	\$4,475	\$4,000	Dec. 24/25
	\$6,399	\$5,157	Dec. 29/30
	\$3,900	\$5,157	Jan. 5/6

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$155,287	\$144,388	\$143,501

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$53,806	\$46,275	\$44,309	\$9,497

Pledge cards are in the vestibule and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass, to the Parish Office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm. Thank you.

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. For more information contact Peter Relyea, prelyea@saintmaryhc.org / or 515-367-2685.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Come experience Adoration following 6:00pm Mass at St. Mary on Tuesdays, January 15, 22 & 29. Adoration is also offered on Thursday, January 17, 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Take this time to listen to God in the quiet.

Crafts, Games and Conversation!!

Join us for this great time of fellowship on Thursday, January 17, 9:30am in the Social Hall!

End-of-Year Statements

In order to save on postage, paper and printing expense, we will not be mailing Year End Tithing Statements to everyone. If you would like a Year End Tithing Statement, please call the office or e-mail Peter Relyea (prelyea@saintmaryhc.org) with a request to print and mail (or e-mail) a statement to you. Thank you.

Super Football Snack Packs

Order forms for these great snack packs will be available the weekends of January 19/20 and 26/27, with pick up on February 2/3. Proceeds to help fund Youth Group activities. Thank you for your continued support of our young Church!

Offerings at Emmaus House

An Introduction to Dreams and Spiritual Growth Workshop

We will begin exploring the symbolic language of dreams, how God speaks to us through our dreams, how to work with our dreams, and how working with our dreams can help us grow in greater wholeness and in deeper relationship with God. *For this two-part workshop, we will meet Thursdays, January 31 & February 7 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Cost: \$25.00.*

"To See With New Eyes"

God saw all that he created and saw that it was good. And St. Ignatius saw all as gift from God. Do we see things that Good News way? Using Dewitt Jones' TED talk about his mission as a National Geographic photographer to 'Celebrate What's RIGHT With The World!' Fr. Dan Krettek will lead this morning of prayer that will look at how we look upon things, and ask for the grace to see our "same old same old" with new eyes. *Join us Saturday, February 9. Arrive between 8:30 - 9:00am; Prayer & Program, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Cost: \$25.00.*

Catholic Charities Counseling Program

Consulting a qualified, professional therapist to assist in overcoming life's problems can be an important decision for you or your family. This Program offers professional individual, couple and family counseling services in downtown Des Moines, Ankeny, Waukee, and Perry. Licensed therapists work with clients of all faiths regarding a number of issues including depression, anxiety, stress, issues concerning relationships, child behavior problems, marital conflict, eating disorders, sexual abuse, separation and divorce issues, criminal behavior, addictions, physical handicaps, health problems and spiritual crisis. Insurance is accepted and the program also serves those without insurance through a sliding scale fee structure based on income and family size. Evening appointments available. To schedule an appointment call 515-244-3761.

Looking for Married Couples to Guide Engaged Couples

Engaged couples are required to participate in a sacramental preparation process prior to their marriage/validation. In our diocese this process involves meeting with a sponsor couple who will guide a couple through the FOCCUS inventory.

Saint Mary-Holy Cross parish is seeking married sponsor couples to act as "guides" in the FOCCUS program for couples seeking to get married in the church. You don't have to be a marriage counselor, a therapist, or even have a college degree to fill the role. What is needed is that you are married for a reasonable period of time, compassionate, and willing to share a part of your own marriage experience with those starting the marriage journey. Sponsor Couples class will be held in Des Moines on January 26, from 1:00 to 5:00pm. To sign up, or for further information, please contact Deacon Terry at 515-669-6158.

The Gift of Life!



Our blood drive is Thursday, January 31, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Bring your friends!! There is a high need for blood now due to elective surgeries and the holiday season. Get a free pair of holiday socks if you donate at this Drive; get a free t-shirt if you are a first time donor! An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687 to make an appointment. Please give your email address as well so a reminder can be sent to you. Also, let Tim and Lisa know if you are able to assist before, during or after the Drive.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University

Want to learn to be better stewards of God's money? Parishioner Scott Warner is offering sessions of this class at St. Mary on Thursdays, beginning February 7, at 6:30pm for nine weeks. The only requirement is the purchase of a FPU kit. Last May, Scott successfully completed Ramsey Solutions Financial Coach Master Training Program which allows him to offer additional private coaching to anyone in need. If interested in attending, please contact Scott at 515-971-4320 or swarner@gdmhabitat.org/.

Bishop Drumm Seeks Volunteers

Bishop Drumm Retirement Center is seeking people like you who want to volunteer their time with one or several of our residents. Some opportunities include assisting in activities and events, office work, or providing treats for residents. Spiritual health is vital to the life of Bishop Drumm, volunteer opportunities also include taking Communion to residents in their room, reading at Mass or leading a rosary.

All are invited to a Volunteer Information Meeting and Orientation on Sunday, January 27, 3:00pm at McAuley Terrace Apartments. RSVP to April Young, 515-270-1100 ext. 145 or april.young@chilivingcomm.org.

Kids Say the Funniest Things!

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 19, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Darren Manthei
Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusbarger, Delila Roberts
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Bennett Bruns, Emily Devereux Abbey Devereux
Ushers	Mark Lengel, Bill Schmitt, Dawn & Mason Reynolds

Sunday, January 20, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Heidi Ackerman
Lector	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Kaden Gilligan
Ushers	Brody, Angie & Drew Gilligan

Sunday, January 20, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Garrett McClain, Carol Weber
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Griffen & Leah Muth, Lauren Feldmann
Ushers	Doug Zehr, Andrew Cory, Jerry McClain, Merle Olberding, Dave Pottebaum

Saturday, January 26, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Jack McDermott
Lector	Cory Schoening
Cup Bearers	Lisa Schoening, John Zidon
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Isabella Kuehn, Abbey Devereux, Emily Devereux
Ushers	Mike & Joe Devereux, Mark Birchmier, Drew Hanlon

Sunday, January 27, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Doug Heger
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Jill Beukema
Ushers	Mike Veasman, Sandra Hunter

Sunday, January 27, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Tim Loraditch
Host Distributor	Mike Nehring
Altar Servers	Caleb Coffelt, Sawyer Smeltzer, Felicity Loraditch
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Thom Hamm, Gregg Richwine, Dennis Schmitt

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Money Counters: **Jan. 13:** Lisa Kautza, Dawn Reynolds
Jan. 20: Carol Weber, Kathy Daup
Jan. 27: Dona Cowman, Sue White

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Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, please don't hesitate to contact us so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, contact Barb at bliske@saintmaryhc.org / 515-367-2685. *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for, to be on our prayer chain.*



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Help! 

We are looking for volunteers to shovel the walks and steps at St. Mary for a two-week shift now through mid April. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Drew Hanlon, dlhanlon@windstream.net or 515-367-3367. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help the parish out!

Winter Weather Cancellations

Whenever North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening school activities are cancelled due to weather, classes, meetings and activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - both daily & weekend - will not be cancelled, so please use your own judgment. If the need to cancel weekend activities arises, this information will be on the three major TV networks & WHO radio.

Steubenville 2019

Sign up now for this retreat held on July 26-28 in St. Paul, MN. Cost is \$307 (six meals, two T-shirt's, transportation, housing and retreat fee). See informational flyer on the bulletin board. An invoice form is on the table; to register please fill out this form, include a \$50 nonrefundable deposit with it and place it in the box on table or in the collection basket at Mass. For questions please contact Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org/515-240-5059.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Baptism of the Lord, January 13

Theme: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 • God upholds his servant, a light for all nations.

Reading II: Acts 10:34-38 • Jesus is the savior of all nations.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 • Jesus is baptized.

Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20

Theme: Grace is God's free gift to us.

Reading I: Isaiah 62: 1-5 • God rejoices over you.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 • One Spirit gives different gifts to each.

Gospel: John 2: 1-11 • Jesus' first miracle at a wedding in Cana.

Children: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

Youth: Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

Adults: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?