



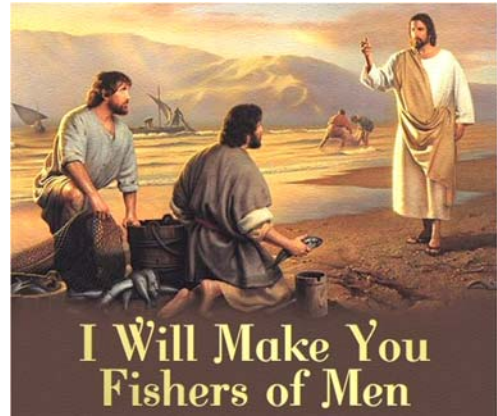
St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14/15, 2017



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21/22, 2017

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:

I want to offer a special word of thanks and appreciation to all who have contributed so generously to the second collections taken up since the end of September to meet our 2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. When we began the collections our remaining unpledged balance on our Appeal goal was \$9,495.99. As of 1/9/2017 our balance is \$948.35. As I said, I offer a special word of thanks to *all* who have contributed to these collections (and all who will continue to do so until our balance is \$0.00). I expect that much of what has been collected has come from a number of you who have donated again and again, week after week, in addition to whatever initial pledge and donation you made to the Appeal. It's a well-known fact of Catholic Parish life that a minority of parishioners contribute the majority of the funds needed to run a Parish. So, again, I want to offer a special word of thanks and appreciation to *all* who contribute so generously to St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish, and at this time especially those who are "going the extra mile" to meet our 2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal. Fr. Dan

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Mass Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	8:00am	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 www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm

Masses

Wednesday, January 18

5:30pm Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter

Thursday, January 19

8:00am St. Mary †Brian Rohlf

Saturday, January 21

5:00pm St. Mary †Violet Peterson

Sunday, January 22

8:00am Holy Cross †Ken Cowman & Dorothy Smith
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Wednesday, January 25

5:30pm Holy Cross †Dean Moreland

Thursday, January 26

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

Saturday, January 28

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, January 29

8:00am Holy Cross †Harry and Irene Wilson
10:00am St. Mary †Ron Hamm

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, January 18 & 25, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturday, January 28, 8:00-9:00am, Parish Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, January 19, 7:00pm, Holy Cross
Thursday, February 16, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Pastoral Council
Meeting: To be announced

Finance Council
Meetings: Tuesdays, Jan. 17 & Feb. 21, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm.

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 6:00pm

Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, January 22, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 6
Jenny Koudelka, Kate Rutledge, Karla Seeman

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. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888 or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

Food Donations Needed Now for The Blessing Box

The Blessing Box, the Elkhart Community Food Pantry, will open its doors January 26 and is in need of food for distribution. Please bring donations to St. Mary or Holy Cross Churches and leave it in/near boxes marked Blessing Box, by January 22. Most needed are: meals in a can (soup, stew, chili), tuna or canned chicken, peanut butter, canned foods with pop-top lids, canned fruit in its own juice or water, low-sodium canned vegetables, olive or canola oil, spices, low-sugar whole grain cereals, healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit), beans, and rice. **Food donations will always be welcome, but there is urgency now.** Cash donations are also welcome payable to The Blessing Box and sent to The Blessing Box, c/o Elkhart Christian Church, P.O. Box 97, Elkhart, IA 50073. Interested in volunteering? Contact Tim Kautza; 515-964-7687; kautza@netins.net.

Let's Get Together!

Join us for conversation, fellowship, and/or playing games or working on crafts next Thursday, January 19 at 9:30am in the Social Hall.



Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

We extend an invitation to all to attend Adoration on Thursday, January 19, 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Spend an hour in silent meditation or prayer and experience the peace of Adoration!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, January 16: Closed
Tues. Wed. Thurs., January 17, 18 & 19: Closes at Noon
Friday & Monday, January 20 & 23: Closed
Tuesday, January 24: Closes at Noon

Coming Events

- †Thursday, Jan. 12: Friends of St. Francis meeting, 7:00pm, Office area
- †Thursday, Jan. 19: Crafts, games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †Weekend of Jan. 21/22: Collection for Huxley Food Pantry — S.T.O.R.M.'s Super Bowl Snack Pack sales begin; end January 29
- †Sunday, Jan. 29: Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass
- †Blood Drive: Thursday, Feb. 2, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †Monday, Feb. 13: *The Power To Stand* presentation by Chris Norton, 6:30pm (Pizza at 6:00pm), Social Hall; RSVP to the Parish Office

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of January 21/22; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation will assist the Huxley Food Pantry.

Super Bowl Snack Packs

The Super Bowl just wouldn't be the same without S.T.O.R.M.'s *Super Bowl Snack Packs*! Order forms will be available at Mass the weekends of January 21/22 and 28/29.



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 - daily and 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 and KWKY Catholic Radio.

Religious Education

PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

Tammi McClain, tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-3904
Sonya Staudt, ssaudt@saintmaryhc.org, 515-710-4583

No class January 25

The Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines, was so appreciative for all the personal care items that were recently donated. Thank you for your generous support!

Catechists: Please RSVP if you are able to attend the January 25th training, so we can plan accordingly for dinner!

We will be having a Mardi Gras Party on Wednesday, February 22 from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the Ed Center. This will be a combined class! Please note the class time change! In honor of this kickoff to Lent, we will be collecting crayons, colored pencils, and coloring books (adult and kid) to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines.

2nd grade RE parents: Save the date of Wednesday, March 8; we have a brief meeting regarding your child's upcoming Sacrament of First Eucharist. We will meet from 6:00-6:30pm in the worship space.

RE Fees: Reminder letters were sent to those who opted to make payments; please submit your payment as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have made their payment.

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Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator
ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014 - texts welcome!

C1 & C2 Parent/Student Prayer & Reflections - Please attend either Saturday, January 21 from 1:00 to 3:00pm or Sunday, January 22 from 11:15am to 1:00pm, Ed Center

C1 & C2 Session: Sunday, February 5, 11:00am-1:00pm
Saint Reports for 10th grade only due at this session.

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PARENTS OF PRE-K - 12TH GRADERS: NO classes on Wednesday, February 15, INSTEAD, families are invited to a special event on Monday, February 13 that takes place of our Wednesday classes. Families are invited for a pizza dinner at 6:00pm and then to hear Chris Norton, author, motivational speaker, founder of SCI CAN Foundation, and recipient of the CBS 2011 Courage in Sports Award. The book, The Power of Faith... When Tragedy Strikes was written by Chris and his dad Terry. Chris graduated from Bondurant-Farrar in 2010 and attended Luther College. While playing football his neck was broken. This book shares his journey. Please plan to join our parish family as Chris shares his witness of faith with us.

RSVP to the Parish Office if your family plans to attend.

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Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

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 26. Please check your calendars and save the date NOW! Call/text Melissa, 515-290-2830, if you are interested in helping with this amazing experience!

Retreat Team Meetings for 8th Grade Retreat
Sundays, Jan. 22 & 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 6:00-9:00pm, Youth Area & Ed Center
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:00-9:00pm, Youth Area
Friday, Feb. 24, 6:00-9:00pm, Dress Rehearsal & Pizza
Saturday, Feb. 25, Time TBA. Retreat Prep and Retreat Environment
Sunday, Feb. 26, RETREAT. Meet at 9:15am in the Ed Center; attend Mass as a team. Will wrap up by 6:00pm.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

January 8 Week 28

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$2,639	\$5,469	
	Year-to-Date		
	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$142,592	\$153,138	\$155,485
Annual Diocesan Appeal Collection: \$761.90			

7th-12 grade continued...

EDGE:

January 18 & 25, February 1 & 8, 6:00 - 7:30pm, Hall

NO Session February 15, instead please join us for meal and Chris Norton's talk "The Power of Faith..." on Monday, Feb. 13, 6:00pm in the Social Hall. RSVP to the Office.

Save the date! Sunday, February 26, is our mandatory 8th grade retreat. We begin with 10:00am Mass at St. Mary and will end at 5:00pm.

Life Night/Life Teen:

January 18 & 25, February 1 & 8, 7:45-9:30pm, Youth Area

NO Session February 15, instead please join us for meal and Chris Norton's talk "The Power of Faith..." on Monday, Feb. 13, 6:00pm in the Social Hall. RSVP to the Office.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 21, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	Lorrie Hanlon
Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusburger, Drew Hanlon
Host Distributor	Jerry Barnwell
Altar Servers	Riley & Justin Anderson, Lauren De Costa
Ushers	Tom Bowman, Mark Birchmier, Bill Schmitt, Mark Lengel

Sunday, January 22, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer	Anne Davis
Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer	Tom Morris
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, January 22, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Garrett McClain
Lector	Jenn Linderblood
Cup Bearers	Dan & Lisa Gonnerman
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Altar Server	Bridget & Grace Johnson
Ushers	Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Dennis Schmidt, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Andrew Cory

Saturday, January 28, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Tim Kautza
Cup Bearers	Susan Stillmunkes, JoAnn Meusburger
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Isabella & Sadie Kuehn, Mason Reynolds
Ushers	Mike Devereux, Jim Hudson, Tom Bowman, Dawn Reynolds

Sunday, January 29, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer	Karen Bellis
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Server	Valerie Beukema
Ushers	Sandra Hunter, Tracy Irwin

Sunday, January 29, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Lori Dunham, Matt Miller
Host Distributor	Mike Nehring
Altar Server	Griffen Muth, Cael Tollefson
Ushers	Tom, Jacki, Andrew Ausman, Doug Zehr, 1 volunteer needed

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Money Counters

January 15: Tracy Havener, Carol Weber

January 22: Kathy Daup, Lisa Kautza

January 29: Sharon Morris, Brenda Nehring

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Prayer Chain

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

SAYWHAT? Every ton of recycled steel saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,000 pounds of coal, and 40 pounds of limestone. Powerful magnets are used to sort through different types of metals.

Blood Donations Needed!

Blood donations typically decrease during the winter due to inclement weather conditions and an increase in illness. A reduction in the number of eligible donors can put the supply of blood and blood products at a critically low level. Healthy volunteer blood donors are needed now to prevent a blood shortage in our community. *Donate blood on Thursday, February 2, 3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall.* Bring a friend!!

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 also contact the Kautza's if you are able to assist them with any of the following:** help unload the van and set up (about 2:00pm), help during the drive, help return the supplies to the van (about 7:45pm), and/or donate snacks for the refreshment area. Thank you!

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Second Sunday is Ordinary Time, January 15

Theme: God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 • I will make you a light to the nations. To the ends of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 • Grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34 • Now I have seen for myself.

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the Gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

Third Sunday is Ordinary Time, January 22

Theme: Jesus calls us to follow him; our lives will never be the same.

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3 • The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 • Let there be no factions among you.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 • Come with me.

Question for Children: How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to?

Question for Youth: As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?

Question for Adults: How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?