



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28/29, 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,

"Urgently need your help taking down Christmas decorations!" That was the appeal that went out in the announcements on the Feast of the Epiphany. That appeal was made, but based on the number of people who stayed, or showed up to help, there was no sense of urgency. It all went very smoothly and quickly. Thank you to all who helped!

So why the "urgent" call? When the call went out to parishioners for help in setting up Christmas decorations, only five folks responded. That meant that we worked into the evening hours and a couple of folks came back the next day to put in more hours to finish. Pretty overwhelming and intimidating task! There were expectations of low turnout for the take-down phase but we who had set up were pleasantly shocked by all those who jumped right into the change of scenery. Once again, thank you to all who helped!

Our next challenge in decorating the church will start on Palm Sunday and continue three times during Holy Week. Changes need to be made for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and for the climax of Easter. There will be an appeal for assistance as time draws near.

Melanie Stoner has generously volunteered to head up the Decorations Committee, and needs other volunteers to help with the considerable work involved with that important job. Please help however you can.

Blessings, Deacon Terry

### Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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](http://www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm)

## Masses

### Wednesday, February 1

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Jim Shaw*

### Thursday, February 2

8:00am St. Mary †*Mary Wilson*

### First Friday, February 3

8:00am St. Mary †*Joe Ross*  
Blessing of throats during this Mass.

### Saturday, February 4

5:00pm St. Mary †*Violet Peterson*

### Sunday, February 5

8:00am Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*  
10:00am St. Mary †*For the Parish*

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time  
Saturdays, February 4, 18 & 25, 8:00-9:00am, Parish Office

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

Pastoral Council  
Meeting: To be announced

Finance Council  
Meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 7:00pm, Conference Rm.

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

Knights of Columbus  
Meeting: Sunday, February 19, with 1st Degree, 6:30pm,  
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.

## 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 are available at Mass this weekend and packs will be distributed next weekend after Masses.

If you are hosting a Super Bowl party, consider making it trash-free by using only recyclable materials! See <https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/trash-free-tailgate?source=node/1209>

## Blood Drive This Thursday!!

3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. **If you have not donated before, come give it a try and give the gift of life!! Bring a friend!! Students, if you are 17 year old you can donate with your parent's permission.** An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687. Walk-ins welcome! *Please contact the Kautza's if you are able to help before, during or after the drive.* Thank you!

## Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Des Moines

We have students attending St. Joseph, St. Luke's and Dowling which offer a Christ-centered, safe, nurturing environment "Where Christ is the Principle." Our students learn about our faith, live out their faith by serving others in need, and receive top academic training. Iowa Assessments and ACT scores are consistently higher than national and state averages. This is Catholic Schools Week; you are invited to attend open houses and events being held. See <http://www.dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools-week.cfm>.

## Update of Information

If you have had any changes to your family information you are asked to please contact the Parish Office so our records can be updated. Thank you.

## Coming Events

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, Feb. 2, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Weekend of Feb. 4 & 5:** Wine and cheese after 5:00pm  
Mass and coffee and donuts after 10:00am Mass —  
Super Bowl snack packs distributed after Masses.

†**Monday, Feb. 13:** *The Power To Stand* presentation by  
Chris Norton, 6:30pm (Pizza at 6:00pm), Social Hall; RSVP  
to the Parish Office

## Music News

**Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler**  
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For anyone that the Spirit has been calling, here's your proof! Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 11 at Sacred Heart Parish (1627 Grand Avenue, WDM) for a Cantor Workshop presented by the Diocesan Office of Worship. This is for cantors, psalmists, music ministers and anyone interested in learning about the role of a Cantor. The workshop is 9:00am to Noon. If you wish, you are invited to proclaim a psalm for feedback. Affirming and constructive criticism will be offered to those who volunteer to sing for the group. This is a good opportunity to find out what the Diocese would like to see in our music. *If people would like to carpool, please contact me or Barb in the office.*

## Feast Day of St. Blaise is Friday

We ask St. Blaise to protect us from all sicknesses of the throat. We have this blessing at our 8:00am Mass that day.

## The Poor and the Earth Are Crying Out

Mark Sunday, March 26 after 10:00am Mass on your calendar to enjoy lunch, prayerful guided reflection, song, conversation, and interesting exhibits that will help you heed Pope Francis call to care for God's creation. Join Matt Halbach from St. Joseph Educational Center and Hannah Landgraf from Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, who will guide adults and bring your children to experience activities that will open their and our eyes to God in all creation. We'll decide individually what we each will do to respond to Pope Francis and learn of an exciting parish-wide activity to care for our common home this spring. Watch the bulletin, display boards, and our website <http://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>, for more information.

## Religious Education

### PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

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

**PK-6th grade will be having a Mardi Gras Party on Wednesday, February 22 from 6:00-7:00pm. This is a time change from our regularly scheduled class.**

**On March 3, the 4th-6th graders will be leading the Stations of the Cross. Please plan on joining them at 6:00pm to enjoy the fish fry!**

**We packaged 14 college care packages last week. We used a portion of the money from our September Bake Sale to pay for these.**

**Students promoted Catholic Youth Camp during class last week. Registration is open. Please visit <https://stmcenter.com/catholic-youth-camp> for more information.**

**Parents of 2nd graders:** Please mark your calendar to attend a parent meeting on Wednesday March 8 regarding your child's upcoming Sacrament of First Eucharist.

**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.

**Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator**  
[ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014 - texts welcome!

**C1 & C2: Makeup session on Sunday, January 29 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Social Hall.**

**Next Session:** Sunday, February 5 after 10:00am Mass until 1:00pm in the youth area downstairs. **\*\*Please note the time and place is different from usual.**

**C2 (10th grade) Only:** Saint reports are due at our February 5th session. This can be a rough draft. The final draft will be due at our March session.

**Monday, February 13, 6:00pm: Please join us for a meal and Chris Norton's talk "The Power of Faith...". RSVP to the Office.**

**The end of the year will be here before we know it!!** Please be sure to check your emails for important dates, times and information.

**Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator**  
[mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:mkahler@saintmaryhc.org), 515-290-2830

**EDGE:** 6:00 - 7:30pm, Social Hall

**February 1: Lead Me - The Eucharist.**

*Meal Helpers: 2 bags of baby carrots-DeCosta; Drinks for 55-Kuehn*

**February 8: Washed Clean - Reconciliation.**

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**Save the date! Sunday of 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: 7:45-9:30pm, Youth Area**

**February 1: The Power of Holy Desire**

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$7,794	\$5,469	Jan. 14/15
Youth/Guests	\$2,762	\$5,469	Jan. 21/22
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$153,148	\$164,077	\$166,119
Food Pantry Collection:	\$668.25		

*Life Night/Life Teen continued...*

**February 8: Distorted**

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

### Retreat Team Meetings for 8th Grade Retreat

Sundays, Jan. 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.

