



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 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,

There is some touching up to do, but everyone should be in their respective office sometime next week. Therefore as early as Monday you may need to go down the stairs instead of up to get there! Thanks to the staff as well as others who came to do business and have been troopers throughout this ordeal.

Thanks very much to everyone who helped get the church, including both the building itself and people ready for Christmas. In particular I thank Tom and Jackie Ausman and crew who decorated and Celeste Muehlenthaler and crew who facilitated the music. Certainly anybody else I am missing, please forgive me and consider yourself thanked!

Overall turnout for the Tuesday evening Mass and subsequent holy hour with adoration was encouraging enough such that I will continue to offer it through the rest of January and perhaps beyond. Mass is at 6 PM and the holy hour concludes around 7:30.

The feedback about bell ringing at the consecration during Mass has been positive; thank you for that. Thanks again to Jacob and Heidi Ackerman who donated the set of bells for Holy Cross in memory of their son Albert and to an anonymous family who donated the set for St. Mary. A reminder: we do not ring the bells just because we can or because we want to figuratively turn the clock back to a different era of the Church. As creatures who are endowed with senses, we react according to how those senses are stimulated. In this case, of course, we hear the bells and recognize that something of utmost importance is happening.

~ Fr. Andrew

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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 8

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

Wednesday, January 9

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mary & Merrill Schrader

Thursday, January 10

8:00am St. Mary †Mary Maxwell

Saturday, January 12

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, January 13

8:00am Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary †Bill Garoutte

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, January 8, 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

Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, January 20, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Christmas Flowers

We received these additional flower memorials:

In memory of

Karen Bellis & Bob Baker Tom & Johnny Bellis,
Bill and Eunice Morris

Lynn & Chris Schreurs Cathy Wiese,
LaMont Schreurs,
Ray & Muriel Schreurs,
Bill & Betty Cook,
Norma Michaelson

Thank you!

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.

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.

Your Help is Needed!

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

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, swarner@gdmhabitat.org/515-971-4320.

Parish office opens at 10:00am on Wednesday, January 9.

Upcoming Events

- †**Weekend of January 5/6:** Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass
- †**Weekend of Jan. 19/20:** Huxley Food Pantry Collection — sign up for S.T.O.R.M. Super Football Snack Packs
- †**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

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

Happy New Year! Are you making resolutions this year? How about a resolution to help your church community? We are looking for musicians of all types. Singers, people who play piano/organ, instrumentalists, percussionists, guitarists... If you are a musician (or know a musician) please come forward and give back to your church family. Ask God what you can do for him today. It's never too late to get started. Today is a new beginning!!

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.

Stuebenville 2019

Sign up now for this retreat held on July 26-28 in St. Paul, MN. Cost is \$307, which includes six meals, two T-shirt's, transportation, housing and retreat fee. See the informational flyer on the bulletin board. To sign up, please place a \$50 nonrefundable deposit in the black box on the table by the cry room or in the collection basket at Mass. For questions please contact Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org/515-240-5059.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Scotty Reynolds, brother of Shawn & Dawn Reynolds, who passed away December 28, and for his family as they mourn his passing.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Earl Fopma, father of Keith Fopma, who passed away January 1. May his family find peace and strength at this most difficult time.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

Again, thank you to everyone for the food donations. The food was dropped off at the Blessing Box in Elkhart and was much appreciated as there is a need after the Holidays and continued giving at that time is extremely helpful.

Key Up Coming Dates

Class: January 9, 16 & 23

No class: January 30

***April 28 - First Eucharist

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*

Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, *ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014*

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

Wednesdays, January 9, 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

Thursday, January 10: Confirmation Core Team Meeting
6:30pm, Social Hall

Sunday, January 13: 9th Grade - Lesson 5 (One or both parents, please attend with students) & 10th Grade - Lesson 17

Sunday, January 21: Bridge the Gap, Teen/Parent Workshop, 11:00am, St. Mary (Voluntary) This is the same workshop that I put on the last 2 years, so if you attended last year it will be the same.

Sunday, January 27: 9th Grade - Lesson 6 & 10th Grade - Lesson 18

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

Sunday, January 6: Game Night! 4:00-5:30pm, Youth Area

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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No Weekly Collection Update available this week.

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.

Tithing

Thank you to those who have recently signed up for ACH and to those who have increased their monthly amount!! If you don't use this type of tithing, please consider it. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. Questions? Contact Peter Relyea, prelyea@saintmaryhc.org/515-367-2685.

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 12, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Lorie Hanlon
Cup Bearers	Darren Manthei, Di Schleisman
Host Distributor	Dew Hanlon
Altar Servers	Tommy & Jack Selby, Olivia Naragon
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Drew Hanlon

Sunday, January 13, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Bill & Shirley Jorgensen

Sunday, January 13, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Tracy Kangas
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Jacki Ausman, Garrett McClain
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Altar Servers	Jackson Waters, Peyton Loraditch, Joel Waters
Ushers	Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Garrett, Tammi & Jackson McClain

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Money Counters

Jan. 6: Dona Cowman, Sharon Morris

Jan. 13: Kathy Daup, Dawn Reynolds

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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.*



Recycling just one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11 watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.

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.

The Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

This is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable them to more deeply "experience" themselves and their relationship to God and the Christian community. **Women's CEW** will be held at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church beginning Friday evening January 18, and concluding Sunday afternoon, January 20. For more information, contact Nicole Vortherms at nicole.vortherms@gmail.com, 515-423-6040 or visit <http://olih.org/cew-retreats/>. **Men's CEW** will be Friday evening, February 15 through Sunday afternoon, February 17. More details to come.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Feast of the Epiphany, January 6

Theme: Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6 • Your light has come!

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • We all share the same promise!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 • They opened their coffers and presented him with gifts.

Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Youth: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

Join us for this Incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure to France: Lourdes, Paris and Normandy June 14-23, 2019!

Things we'll do in Lourdes:

- Grotto where Our Lady appeared
- Participate in candlelight procession
- Participate in Blessed Sacrament procession
- Mass in the Basilica
- Opportunity to bathe in Lourdes water
- Childhood home of St. Bernadette

Things we'll do in Paris

- Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral
- Famous Mona Lisa at Louvre Museum
- Take in Paris from atop the Eiffel Tower
- Mass at Sacre Cour, hilltop photos after
- Historic Champs-Elysées Boulevard
- Catacombs of Paris
- Wonderful French cuisine and wine

Things we'll do in Normandy:

- Visit the D-Day Beach
- Pray at the American Cemetery
- Visit the Mont-Saint-Michel
- Mass on the island
- Explore city of Bayeux
- Visit Lisieux, home of St. Therese

This trip includes daily Mass, opportunity for confession, time for shopping and relaxation! SPACE LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE. Find day-by-day itinerary and short, 90-second video at www.CollinsTravel.biz and click on "Pilgrimages."

Hosted by Father Andrew Windschitt
Pastor of St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish in Elkhart

..and by Jason Collins, M.A.,
founder of Collins Travel and Pilgrimages and
active member of St. Francis Parish, West Des Moines



Cost: \$4,799

Includes round-trip airfare, hotel, all breakfasts & dinners, transportation in Europe, museum entrance fees & local guides. **Deposit due Feb. 1.**