



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Second Sunday of Lent March 12, 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 friend in Christ,

A week ago, at the first fish fry of this Lenten season, I was sitting there looking around at all the activity going on with so many people. The adults were sitting around in groups gathered in conversation and laughter. Lots of laughter! The kids, as soon as they were done eating, or maybe not done eating, would take off from the table and hook up with other kids who were present. That would evolve into groups of kids chasing each other, racing each other, all the time with much laughter. Great stuff!

Jesus, when he walked the earth, was the master of community building. People who followed him had to be interacting with each other and sharing the stories of how Jesus had worked in their lives and what they had seen Jesus working in others' lives. They were sharing their life's journey with each other as they followed Jesus. Community!

We here at St. Mary-Holy Cross have much more in the way of community building than just the fish fries. On the first Friday of the month, Father Dan celebrates Mass with an open gathering afterwards for those who attended Mass. Twice a year, after a Mass, we have a gathering of senior citizens who gather in conversation and laughter and eating. On the third Thursday of the month, we have what is known as "craft day", but the name is somewhat misleading. There are people who gather in community to work on their own crafty handiworks, but there are also card games and board games for anyone who may not practice a particular "craft." This is a great fun community builder so I would invite ALL who have free time on Thursday mornings to come and join us. The bulletin also lists activities sponsored by the youth of our parish that are also great community builders.

Come join us as we build up the body of Christ in our parish.

Blessings, Deacon Terry

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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 and Lenten Events

Wednesday, March 15

5:30pm Holy Cross †Will Carpenter

Thursday, March 16

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

Friday, March 17

6:00pm St. Mary Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

5:00pm St. Mary †Gerald Adams

Sunday, March 19

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*
10:00am St. Mary †Leo, Emma & Mike Sickerson

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.

Care & Share



Where can you find ...

- how to turn wasteland to prairie?
- a beautiful coat rack that was a discarded door?
- deepening the practice of your faith?
- Our Parish practicing what Pope Francis preaches?
- where to reduce-recycle-reuse?
- ways to reduce your carbon footprint?
- free trees for your home and our common home?
- ways to personally serve poor and vulnerable people?

At **Care and Share** tables at our *One Earth, One Chance* event Sunday, March 26. RSVP to the office by March 21.

How's Lent Going? †

We hope you will consider forming your personal faith by participating in ongoing offerings ... Meditative Prayer Time ... Scripture Prayer & Study ... Stations of the Cross... Reconciliation ... Adoration. Please also take advantage of the reflection resources in the vestibule; there's something for all age groups. Rice Bowls are also available.

This Thursday!



We are getting together at 9:30am in the Hall for conversation, working on crafts, and/or playing games!

We invite YOU to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Spend an hour in silent meditation and experience the peace of Adoration!



Stations of the Cross and Fish Fry on Friday

You are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm at St. Mary.

The Knights of Columbus are serving their fish fry from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Take out containers are available. Free will donation. Next fish fry is March 31. Anyone is welcome to help anytime between 8am and 8pm.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, March 15, 22 & 29, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, March 18 & 25, 8:00-9:00am, Office

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

Pastoral Council
Meeting: To be announced

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

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, March 19, Social Hall

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

Coming Events

- †**Sundays, March 12 & 19:** Adult Choir practice, 11:00am — Men's & Choir practice 2:30pm, St. Mary
- †**Thursday, March 16:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Friday, March 17:** Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, St. Mary — Fish fry, 5:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**March 18/19:** Maxwell Food Pantry Collection
- †**Monday, March 20:** Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Sunday, March 26:** *One Earth, One Chance* event, after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall. For all ages!
- †**Tuesday, March 28:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Sunday, April 2:** Reconciliation Service, 2:00pm, SM

Music News

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

There's still time to join our choir for Easter Vigil! We rehearse after Mass on Sundays in the Church. This Sunday (March 12) is a little different - we will meet by the piano and then go downstairs to rehearse in the music office. Anyone who loves to sing is encouraged to come join us! Please contact me for more info. We look forward to seeing you!

We have 4 young people who have answered the call to sing for First Eucharist. We have room for a few more and we'd also like to have a couple big people join us! We would be excited to have a few more singers! Contact me!

We're looking for a few singers for our Confirmation Mass. We have access to lots of new contemporary songs! Being at this Mass is so inspirational! We're always lucky to experience this with them! Contact me for more info.

One Earth, One Chance

Join us Sunday, March 26 for our intergenerational event, *One Earth, One Chance*. Matt Halbach, St. Joseph's Educational Center, will introduce us to *On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis' letter to all people; Hannah Landgraf, Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, will lead an interactive dialogue about how we can address care of creation issues raised in the Pope's letter; and Educator



Tammi McClain will help children experience and express the wonders of God's creation. We begin at 11:15am and conclude at 1:30pm. Lunch is provided. FREE. RSVP by March 21 to smhc@saintmaryhc.org; 515-367-2685.

Religious Education

PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

Tammi McClain, tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-3904
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No class March 15 due to Spring Break.
No class March 22 due to Catechists meeting.

2nd graders and Parents: First Eucharist Learning Centers will be available Friday, April 8 (8:00am - 8:00pm) and Saturday, April 9 (8:00am - 5:00pm). These will take about 45 minutes and will be set up similar to First Reconciliation Learning Centers.

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.

VBS Save the Date! We are ready to spark kids' creativity and transform our parish into a place buzzing with excitement! This year's theme, *Maker Fun Factory*, will help our kids discover they're lovingly crafted by God for a purpose! VBS will take place June 19 - 22. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm and the factory doors will open each night at 6:00pm! Keep watching for registration information!

Catholic Youth Camp registration is open. Visit <https://stmcenter.com/catholic-youth-camp>. *Our Parish contributes \$100 of the fee for each child of our Parish who attends. Please notify Barb in the office when your child is registered.*

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

Teen-Parent Workshop: Sunday, March 19 after 10:00am Mass. *This workshop is open to all teens in our Parish.*

C1 & C 2 Sessions: Sunday, April 2, 5:30-7:30pm.

The end of our Confirmation year is almost upon us!! I will be adding some exciting things to the program next year and am in need of a Confirmation Core Team. Responsibilities would be based on how much YOU are able to commit yourself! I am looking for assistance in the following areas:

Small group leaders/co-leaders / Transportation needs as they arise / Chaperones / Feedback on program itself

Please watch the bulletin for an upcoming meeting.

You are welcome to contact me now if you are interested!!

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

EDGE & High School teens: You are invited to attend the first rehearsal for Silhouette Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 19 in the Ed Center, following 10:00am Mass. We present these Stations to the Parish on Friday, April 7 at 6:00pm. Please text or call Melissa, 515-290-2830, with questions about this powerful experience.

EDGE: March 15 & March 22: NO EDGE Sessions

Life Night/Life Teen:

March 15 & March 22: NO LIFE TEEN Gathering

Bridge The Gap!

Teens: Ever feel like your parents just don't understand? **Parents:** Ever feel like your teen lives in a different universe? Join us for this workshop on Sunday, March 19 after 10:00am Mass. It's 2% work and 98% fun!! Brunch provided. RSVP to Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org or 515-313-3014.



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Weekly Collection Financial Update

March 5 Week 36

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$4,441	\$5,469

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$183,943	\$196,892	\$193,228

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 56,442	\$ 10,205	\$ 10,205	\$ 47,912

Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your timely payments for this Campaign.

Pledged	Payments	Balance Due	SMHC Rec'd
\$443,909.35	\$363,152.89	\$80,756.46	\$175,576.45

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Bishop Pates has sent information and a pledge card to each household. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and mail your pledge directly to the Diocese. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal. Please join our Parish and the Diocese to continue God's work of spirituality, charity and education. Thank you.

