



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

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*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.*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 6<sup>th</sup>. As usual, in the Gospel Jesus exhorts his disciples, including us, to give alms, pray, and fast. So, if we struggle with any of these three practices, instead of doing something mundane like giving up coffee or chocolate, let's get back to the basics and focus on these essentials of Christian living. After all, who are we as the sinners to know what's good for us and who better than Jesus himself to guide us through this penitential season?

A device called a "backflow preventer" was installed in both the office and the rectory. Should there ever again be water going the wrong way through the sewer, this device will prevent it from coming into the buildings. Thanks very much to our Knights of Columbus council that aided in the financial support of this project.

Yet again someone is working hard trying to scam people who have had contact with me at some time, and you may be one of them. If you receive any kind of message from what appears to be me, most commonly e-mail though now via text on the phone, asking for money or gift cards, please disregard it. ~ Father Andrew

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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>

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## Masses, Adoration and Stations of the Cross

### Tuesday, March 5

6:00pm St. Mary †Gale & Margaret Campbell  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

8:00am St. Mary †LeRoy Peterson  
6:30pm St. Mary †Dan Murphy

### Thursday, March 7

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mikey & Will Carpenter

### Friday, March 8 Stations of the Cross

6:00pm St. Mary

### Saturday, March 9

5:00pm St. Mary †Grace Holdren

### Sunday, March 10

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish  
10:00am St. Mary †Bonnie Stoner

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)  
Thursday, March 21, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

## RCIA Gatherings

Sundays following 10am Mass: March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
(Conf. Room)

## Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Ed Center

## Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday March 19, 7:00pm, Ed Center

## Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 6:30pm, Ed Center

## Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, March 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!



Burke and Jenna Overturf and daughters Addison and Averie who live in Rural Maxwell.

O.J. and Jenna Froehlich and children Beckett, Carver and Nora from Huxley.

Justin and Maricia Miller and daughter Reagan who live near Cambridge.

## New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith

### Brooklyn Leigh

Daughter of Laramie and Autumn Ogden

### Cayden James

Son of Scott and Jenn Drey

### Aurora Jayne

Daughter of Joe and Jude Morgan

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## Ash Wednesday



We begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday. Our Masses are 8:00am and 6:30pm at St. Mary.

*Fasting & Abstaining: Everyone 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Everyone 18 years old and under 59 years old are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals together should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juice are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, this does not apply.*



## Stations of the Cross and Fellowship

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6:00pm at St. Mary. Following Stations on March 15, 29 and April 12 we will have a Lenten meal in the Social Hall.

## 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!

## Upcoming Events

†Easter Choir Practices: Sundays, 11am - 3pm March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7 (11am-2:30pm) & April 14, St. Mary

†Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, St. Mary. Lenten meal on March 15, 29 & April 12. Fish fries on March 8, 22 & April 12

†Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service: Sunday, April 7 2:00pm, St. Mary

## Music News



Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Silence during Lent: In the liturgy, we are silent, silent *together*. This is not an individual silence, even though each of us - as best as each of us is able - is quiet. This is not a passive silence, even though we try to be as still as we can be. We are silent together, actively quiet, purposely still. We're silent before the liturgy begins, in order to be present to each other and thus find God. God is always present to us; we forget that sometimes, fail to hear God amid our noisy living. So before we wrestle with God in our rites, we are silent: Be still, and know that I am God.

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## Fish Fry Fridays

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for a Fish Fry in the Social Hall from 5:00-7:00pm this Friday, March 8 and also on March 22, and April 5. The menu remains the same as last year. Price is a free-will offering. Take-out containers are available, or bring your own if you'd like. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Jon Hand at jon79hand@gmail.com or 515-460-0050.

## FREE Reusable Grocery Bags

Some of you have requested additional information about recycling, reusing, and reducing use of your household waste materials. So, Friends of St. Francis have put together a flyer with that information and will be handing them out after Masses the weekend of March 16 & 17 along with reusable grocery bags donated by HyVee. They'll be available until they're gone. Recycle, reuse, and reduce in accord with Pope Francis' encyclical On Care for Our Common Home.

## Religious Education PreK-6

**Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader**

[shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org), 515-491-3876

**We will not have regular class this week as this is Ash Wednesday. Mass will take the place of class and all children should be in attendance at Mass.**

### Up Coming Dates:

**March 13** - Class

**March 20** - No Class

**March 27** - Class

### First Eucharist Dates:

March 29 (4-8pm) and March 30 (8am-5pm) - Self Guided Learning Stations set up in the Ed Center. Families can come during a time that works for them.

\*\*\*April 28 - First Eucharist Mass, 2:00pm, St. Mary

**Altar Server Refresher Training** courses continue; times are being determined and communicated to each family.

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

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

**March 6, Ash Wednesday: Mass will take the place of class; please attend Mass with your family.**

**March 13:** EDGE Session- *Desert Wonderer; The Season of Lent*

**March 20: No EDGE,** Spring Break for many area schools

**March 27:** EDGE Session- *Lenten Prayer Stations*

### C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

We have lots of parish volunteer opportunities coming up, please watch for emails!

**Sunday, March 3** - Confirmation Prep Session, **11:00am - 12:30pm**, Social Hall. 9th Grade: Lesson 8  
10th Grade: Lesson 20

**Sunday, March 10** - Confirmation Prep Session, **6:00 - 7:30pm**, Social Hall. 9th Grade: Lesson 9  
10th Grade: Lesson 21

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

**Sunday, March 3:** Youth Group Outing to *Run the Race* movie; meet at Cinemark Theater in Altoona at 4:00pm for the 4:30pm show. Text Andrea, 515-240-5059 to RSVP.

## 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.

## Parish Directories Available!

Parishioners who had their picture taken or submitted a photo for our new directory, have a complimentary directory on the table in the Social Hall or in the entryway at Holy Cross. They are labeled with family name and in alphabetical order. If you did not have your picture taken, a limited number of directories are available for \$10.

See Diocesan events at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) and offerings by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)

## CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

This team functions as the Pastoral Council for the parish. It consists of members from each ministry (e.g. RE, Stewardship, K of C, Liturgy, Finance Council, etc.), as well as others from the parish. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

**February 23/24 Week 35**

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$1,134	\$5,157	
<i>Year-to-Date</i>			
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$194,828	\$182,267	\$177,262

ADA 2nd Collections to Date: \$3,376.61

## 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

If you made a pledge but have not paid in full, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued generosity to our Diocese and Parish.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$53,806	\$46,675	\$51,452	\$4,354

## 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](mailto: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.*





# LENTEN RESOURCES



Available today are various booklets from which you can choose for your Lenten reflection to prepare for Easter and the rest of eternity. Determine which you think might be best for you or your family by reading the following descriptions. We ask a donation to help defray their cost. You'll find them in the vestibule until they're gone.

## Let God Work Wonders

### *Daily Reflections, Actions and Prayers*

Lent is the perfect time to bring our troubles to Jesus when we are knocked off course. This book will encourage you to shake it off, get back on your feet and get on with living—with new insights and opportunities you may never have dreamed of. At the end of each day, take it to God, so He can work wonders in your life. Life is too precious and short to let heartache get all the attention. Let Jesus heal you, day by day, so that your Easter will be the most glorious celebration ever!

## Not by Bread Alone

Prayerfully journey through Lent with fresh and meaningful reflections on the daily Mass readings. These insightful meditations can deepen your experience of this solemn season of prayer to prepare you to participate more fully in the joy of the great Easter mystery.

## Jesus, Our Friend and Teacher

### *Activity Booklet For Children*

Daily thoughts, activities and prayers. What better image could your littlest ones have than Jesus as Teacher—and how better to engage them in all the ways Jesus shows us he loves us. Think about all the things Jesus teaches us so we can get to know and love Him better.

**Rice Bowls** are available: 75% of donations support world needs and 25% stays in our Diocese.

## Little Black Book

Each day, one page will walk you through Luke's Gospel, a few verses at a time with explanations and reflections along the way. The other page is a variety of quotes, suggestions, information, timely thoughts and will also look at forgiveness. This practice of prayer is peaceful, even something to look forward to. You'll also find that it helps to make your day go a little better. Prayer does that.

## With Our Savior!

### *Family Reflections and Actions*

Celebrate your faith together as a family this Lent as you go through the season "With Our Savior!" Every day of Lent is an opportunity to bring yourself and your family closer to the joy of Easter. Scripture, reflection, prayer and activities presenter her encourage you and your family to embrace the beautiful Lenten traditions that have been passed down to us for generations. Put your faith into action and have fun while doing it as you keep Jesus, our Savior, with you every day!

## The Word Among Us

During Lent we take a step back so we can spend more time with God who invites us to draw even closer to Him. Through this little magazine we come to see more clearly the goodness and love of our heavenly Father who created the world. A Father who is always loving and caring toward us even when we stray from His path He never gives up on us, not even for a moment.

## Parish Lenten Opportunities

**Mass:** Tuesdays, 6:00pm, St. Mary (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Wednesdays, 5:30pm, Holy Cross, Thursdays, 8:00am, St. Mary, and First Friday, 9:00am, St. Mary.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesdays after 6:00pm Mass, St. Mary; Thursdays, March 21, Holy Cross and April followed by Adoration, St. Mary.

**Stations of the Cross:** This is a devotional prayer practice that reflects on the Passion and Death of Jesus using artistic representations, accompanied by prayerful reflections. The tradition as it is today began with St. Francis of Assisi. We pray these Stations on Fridays, 6:00p.m. at St. Mary. We also gather for fellowship and a meal.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 4:00-4:30pm at St. Mary, or contact Father Andrew. Our parish Reconciliation Service is Sunday, April 7, 2:00pm at St. Mary.

There are numerous Lenten events being offered by the Diocese and other parishes; please visit [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org). For events sponsored by St. Joseph Educational Center visit [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org).

## Liturgical Ministers

### Ash Wednesday, March 6, 8:00am, St. Mary

*Needed: Announcer, 2 Ushers*

Lector	John Roberts
Cup Bearers	Delila Roberts, Diane Cronk
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry

### Ash Wednesday, March 6, 6:30pm, St. Mary

*Needed: Announcer, 3 Altar Servers, 6 Ushers*

Lector	Matt Miller
Cup Bearers	Kris Sexton, Bill Sexton
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry

### Saturday, March 9, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Kris Sexton
Cup Bearers	John Zidon, Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Bill Sexton
Altar Servers	Kaden Gilligan, Tommy Selby, Jack Selby
Ushers	Brody, Angie & Drew Gilligan, Drew Hanlon

### Sunday, March 10, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Heidi Ackerman
Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Mike and Mary Winders

### Sunday, March 10, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Garrett McClain
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Jacki & Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Altar Servers	Lauren Feldmann, Caleb Coffelt, Veronica Loraditch
Ushers	Tammi & Jackson McClain, Jacki & Tom Ausman, Jerry McClain

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## Money Counters

**March 3:** Sharon Morris, Dawn Reynolds

**March 10:** Carol Weber, Dona Cowman

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## "Glorifying God by Your Lives"

Iowa Catholic Men's Conference

All men are invited to this Conference on Saturday, March 30 at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. This day of spiritual encouragement will feature National speaker and author, Deacon Harold Burke Severs, Deacon Randy Kiel, psychotherapist and counselor, and Deacon Tom Bradley, spiritual director and retired Army COL. Bishop Pates will join in a panel discussion with the presenters on "Being Called and Sent". You don't want to miss this event! For more information and for tickets, see our website, [iowacatholicmensconference.com](http://iowacatholicmensconference.com) or [iowacatholicradio.com](http://iowacatholicradio.com).

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced this Weekend! They found something worth passing on. Register for an upcoming Weekend. Gift certificates available. Upcoming dates: March 8-10 in Lacrosse, WI; April 12-14 in Ankeny, and May 3-5 in Dubuque. For more information contact us at: [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org); 563-608-3305 or [jljwwme08@gmail.com](mailto:jljwwme08@gmail.com).



During the time it takes you to read this sentence, 50,000 12-ounce aluminum cans are made.

## Special Note of Appreciation!

EDGE Family,

It sure was a difficult and heartbreaking decision for us to cancel the 8th grade retreat this past Sunday due to the blizzard conditions. We do feel however we made the correct decision! We are thankful that our families were able to stay safe at home as the crazy weather system made it's way out of our area! Wanted to share a bit about our retreat team. We began working on this retreat in January and meet almost weekly through the month of February. We had a team of around 20 teens and adults who worked diligently on planning, preparing, practicing, designing, and decorating for various elements of the retreat. The team's hard work and dedication to leading the young church has been a huge blessing! The awesome teens that worked on the *Into the Dark Retreat* were: Amy & Megan Theulen, Julia & Grace Fisher, Ella, Emma & Weston Kahler, Karley & Brayden Bartleson, Avery Fricke, Sophie Hoffmeier, Hailey Volz, Grace Johnson, and Garret & Lauren Jones. We are so grateful for your time and talents!

We are unable to reschedule the retreat this year due to all the upcoming activities and events already planned here at St Mary-Holy Cross parish. We are now thinking about hosting a combined 8th & 9th grade retreat next year. Please watch for information in the bulletin, email and remind app for more details.

Thank you to all the EDGE families who donated food and drinks for the retreat. We plan to use all the snacks, food, and drinks for the upcoming EDGE meals & STORM events. Nothing will go to waste, your generosity is appreciated! Thanks again. ~ Melissa Kahler & Andrea Fisher

## Winter Weather Cancellations

When North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening 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.

Register your kids for Catholic Youth Camp at [STMCENTER.com](http://STMCENTER.com).

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 3

*Theme: Our words reveal what is in our hearts.*

*Reading I:* Sirach 27:4-7 • Praise no one before he speaks.

*Reading II:* 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 • God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Gospel:* Luke 6:39-45 • From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

*Children:* Jesus teaches us to do good. What did you do this past week that was really good, kind or loving?

*Youth:* How do your words and actions reveal what is truly in your heart?

*Adults:* We humans are vulnerable to sin. But we see the sins of others more easily than we recognize our own sins. Why does Jesus warn us not to judge others?