



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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,

As was mentioned in the previous bulletin, Celeste Muehlenthaler is retiring from the position of music coordinator. Her many years of service to the parish is greatly appreciated. Pray that her other continued - present as well as future - endeavors bear fruit. As a result of her moving on, this position will be vacant. It averages about ten hours most weeks, though more around the busier times of year, specifically Christmas and Easter. Anyone who is interested in serving in this capacity should contact me for more information.

Wednesday is the memorial of St. Isidore, who is the patron of farmers. His likeness can be found in the form of a statue at Holy Cross. Your prayer for his intercession might be particularly beneficial this year considering the cooler temperatures and soggy ground make it harder for farmers to get out into the fields. ~ 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, or by appointment

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, May 14

6:00pm St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, May 15

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, May 16

8:00am St. Mary †Jerry Hanlon

Saturday, May 18

5:00pm St. Mary †Ralph & Neva Cory

Sunday, May 19

8:00am Holy Cross †Tom Bellis
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

~ Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.



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†

Contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, for pastoral needs or if a family member in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, wish a visit.

8th – 11th Graders and Parents!

Join us this Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm in the Youth Area of the Ed Center regarding the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis November 21-23. This is an amazing leadership and faith growing opportunity for our teens. We will discuss all the important details, learn about fundraising, watch a short video, and hear brief talks from past participants! Please plan to attend!! Let us know if your teen is interested in attending NCYC by contacting Melissa, 515-290-2830 or Andrea, 515-240-5059.

Crafts, Games and Conversation!!



Join us for a great time of fellowship this Thursday, May 16, 9:30am in the Social Hall.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have two opportunities for Adoration this week; Tuesday following 6:00pm Mass at St. Mary and Thursday, 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Come, take this time to listen to God in the quiet.

It's Flag Season



Is there someone special that you would like to honor with a flag in our Holy Cross Cemetery? We are offering to display your flag four times a year on the weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day. Cost this year will be \$160. Each flag pole will have an identification tag with the donor and honoree(s). We would like to install new flags on Memorial weekend each year. Order forms are available in the vestibule at St. Mary, in the entryway at Holy Cross and on our website. Form and payment need to be sent to Lynn Schreurs by **May 15** to insure installation by Memorial weekend. Make checks payable to Lynn Schreurs, 316 NW Applewood Street, Ankeny, Iowa 50023. If you have questions please call Lynn at 515-577-8147.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)
Thursday, May 16, 7:00pm, Holy Cross Church

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, May 13, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Monday, May 30, 6:30-8:00pm, Cry Room

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5
Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Upcoming Events

- †**Wednesday, May 15:** Meeting for 7th-11th graders and parents about NCYC, 6:30pm, Youth Area
- †**Thursday, May 16:** Crafts, games and social time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, May 18:** Work Day at Holy Cross Church, 9:00am to Noon
- †**Weekend of May 18/19:** Food Pantry Collection for *The Blessing Box*
- †**Sunday, May 26:** Outdoor pancake breakfast after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross
- †**Thursday, May 30:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall — Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, Cry Room
- †**Sunday, June 9:** Parish outing to Principal Park for Iowa Cubs game at 1:08pm

WORK DAY at Holy Cross

This Saturday, May 18, from 9:00am to Noon. Come rain or shine to help keep everything in working order and looking good! This is a great opportunity for kids to earn service hours. Come lend a hand!!

A Note from the Cemetery Committee

You are asked to please remove your grave flowers, etc, by Saturday, May 18. Thank you.

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist Elkhart's Food Pantry, *The Blessing Box*.

Movie Reviews: See www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Adella Herick, aunt of Sandra Hunter who passed away April 17, and for her family that they find peace and strength during this time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Howard Staber, father of Susan Stillmunkes, who passed away Tuesday, and for his family as they mourn his passing.

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

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, 515-313-3014

You Are Invited!

We will be celebrating Julia Fisher as she graduates from North Polk this year. Julia would like to invite everyone to her open house next Saturday, May 18 in the Social Hall right after 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary. No gifts please. Your presence is present enough!

Friends of St. Francis Ask For Your Assistance

We will be collecting the items below for the next few weeks to help with the urgent needs of Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program. They've had high-volume arrivals for April and May; almost one fifth of the numbers expected for the entire year have arrived, or are expected to arrive, this month. Collections containers are available at both Churches. Any donation makes a positive difference! Thank you!

- Twin, Full, Queen bedding: sheet sets, blankets, comforters
- New Pillows • Laundry Detergent • Dish-washing Liquid
- Toilet Paper • Paper Towels • All Purpose Cleaner

Memorial Day Mass

Join us for this Mass Monday, May 27, 10:00am at Holy Cross Church. Come see our Avenue of Flags. The Maxwell Legion Honor Guard Service will be present after Mass.



Memorial Day honors the men and women who died while serving our Country. It was established after the Civil War as a means to unify the country with a national day of remembrance.

Community Blood Drive



Give the gift of life at this blood drive on Thursday, May 30, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Cancer patients are the number one recipients of blood and blood products. They can use up to eight units of blood a month. You can join the fight against cancer by donating blood!

An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule of St. Mary or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net/515-964-7687, to make an appointment. Please also contact Tim and Lisa if you are able to assist with any of the following: helping to unload the van and set up (about 2:00pm) and/or helping to return the supplies to the van (about 7:45pm). Light lifting. Volunteers are also needed to assist during the drive.

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

Week ending May 5 Budget Week 44

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$7,424	\$5,311	
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$267,798	\$228,373	\$224,678

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$29,090	\$21,830	\$26,967

Thank you to those who have made a pledge. If you haven't please consider doing so, each family's assistance is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and truly appreciated. Simply fill out the pledge card you received from Bishop Pates and mail it or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you!

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Dave Orgeta, dortega@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685.

Liturgical Ministers Needed for Memorial Weekend

Masses for May 25, 26 and 27 are by sign up. Please volunteer on the sign up sheet in the vestibule of St. Mary and in the entryway of Holy Cross. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, May 18, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Lorrie Hanlon
Cup Bearers	Drew Hanlon, Di Schleisman
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Tommy & Jack Selby, Bennett Bruns
Ushers	Jim Hudson, Mark Lengel, Mark Birchmier, Tom Bowman

Sunday, May 19, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Sheri Fogarty
Lector	Jeff Ruden
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Serve	Aiden Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Tracy Irwin Family

Sunday, May 19, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Kelly Hoffmeier, Marion Panyan
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Sawyer, Smeltzer, Griffen Muth Leah Muth
Ushers	Jacki & Tom Ausman, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum

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Money Counters

May 5: Lisa Kautza, Dona Cowman

May 12: Sharon Morris, Dawn Reynolds

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Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for pancakes outside after the 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, May 26, prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus.



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.

Cards for Home-Bound and in Care Facilities

If you know someone who might like to receive cards from parishioners, please ask them if we may put their address in the bulletin so cards can be sent. Please contact the Parish Office with their address.

Parish Outing to Iowa Cubs Game!

Sunday, June 9, with opening pitch at 1:08pm. If interested in reserving tickets, please contact Di Schleisman at princessdiowa@aol.com. All are welcome!



Americans use 100 million steel cans and 200 million aluminum beverage cans every day.

Save the Date!

NCYC Garage Sale July 19 & 20. Got Stuff? Need to declutter? S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry needs your gently used items! Collections begin May 28 and end July 7. Proceeds to help students fund this Conference in November. More details to follow!



Ordination Anniversary

Please join us as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of **Father Eugene Koch** on Sunday, June 2, 3:00 – 6:00pm. at Sacred Heart Church. There will be a Prayer Service followed by open house in their Parish Center.

The Third Option

It can be a challenge to keep a marriage strong when you're juggling a demanding job, kids' activities and more. You're not alone. Both couples that are hurting and couples that want to make a good thing better, get together the first and third Monday each month at Mercy College in Des Moines for The Third Option. Each time they meet, they talk about a different skill that will help their marriages thrive. Questions? Contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmdioocese.org or call him at 515-237-5056.

Counseling Available

Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by emailing sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org or calling 515-237-5045.

St. Luke's Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, May 19, 7:45-10:30am. We welcome neighboring parishes to come and meet new friends and socialize. Free will offering. Menu: biscuits and gravy, egg bake, cereal for the kids, juice and coffee.

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

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 12

Theme: Jesus knows us and calls us.

Reading I: Acts 13:14, 43-52 • Many became believers.

Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 • The Lamb at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Gospel: John 10:27-30 • I give my sheep eternal life.

Question for Children: Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

Question for Youth: Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

Questions for Adults: What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?