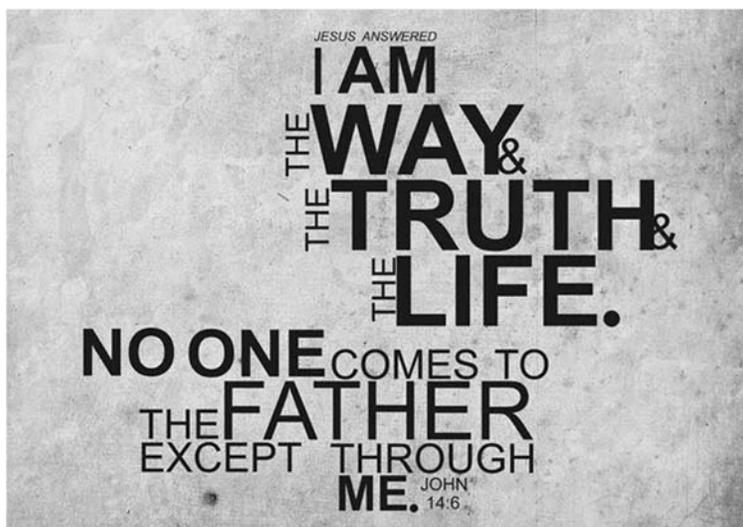




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 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:

*May is Mary's month.* A bit of history... Though the exact origin of the observance of May devotions in honor of Mary is relatively unknown, a number of traditions link the month of May to Mary. One Spanish King wrote about the special honoring of Mary already in the 13th century. An historian of spirituality identifies the 17th century as when the custom of consecrating May to her by special observances began to spread. It is certain that this form of Marian devotion began in Italy, and in 1747 the Archbishop of Genoa recommended the May devotion as a devotion for the home, with specific prayers for them published in Rome in 1838. Another scholar of Catholic religious history notes that May devotions in their present form originated at Rome to counteract the "flowering of immorality" the return of spring stirred among students there. (*Ah springtime!*) May devotional practices spread from Rome to nearly every other Catholic Church in Europe, and by the 19th century the tradition of honoring Mary in month-long May devotions had spread around the Roman Catholic world, together with a month-long devotion to Jesus in June and the Rosary in October.

Fr. Dan

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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, May 17

5:30pm Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter

### Thursday, May 18

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

### Saturday, May 20

5:00pm St. Mary †Rita Mae Staber

### Sunday, May 21

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Mike Lacey

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!



## Hey Graduating Seniors!

Our parish is pleased to announce a scholarship to be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education! Money used to fund the scholarship was donated by the RE bake sale and the Women's Altar and Rosary Society. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact Tammi McClain, [tmccclain@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmccclain@saintmaryhc.org).

*If you are interested in donating money for future scholarship opportunities, please contact Tammi as well.*

## Let's Chat!

What's on your mind? Bring it for discussion to "Let's Chat" this Tuesday, 7:00pm in the Social Hall. The topics open for discussion are endless. Have a question about anything Catholic, anything liturgical, or anything affecting our world today? Who knows where the discussion will go!! As for past meetings, free popcorn for the first 300 folks through the door.

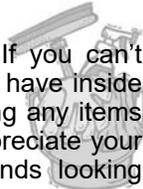
## This Thursday!

Gather with us at 9:30am in the Social Hall if you have a craft to work on or if you enjoy playing board games or cards! There's good conversation, fellowship, laughter, and sharing of stories. Please join us (including guys!) 



Also join us for Adoration of the Blessed, 7:00pm at Holy Cross, to spend quiet time with the Lord. This hour devoted to Jesus can be spent any way you wish; just enjoy the peace that comes from attending Adoration.

## Parish Work Day!!

Our Work Day is this Saturday at both sites. If you can't come the entire time - come when you can! We have inside and outside work to be done. Please bring along any items that would assist with outside clean-up. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our buildings and grounds looking good! Many hands make light work! 

## Food Pantry

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend for the Elkhart Food Pantry, *The Blessing Box*. We will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, May 17, 24 & 31, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, May 20 & 27, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, May 18, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Pastoral Council

Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, May 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

## Coming Events

†**Tuesday, May 16:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Thursday, May 18:** Crafts, games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Parish Work Day:** Saturday, May 20, 9am - Noon

†**Weekend of May 20/21:** Elkhart Food Pantry Collection

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, June 1, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Parish Picnic:** Saturday, June 10 after 5:00pm Mass

## Community Garden? Share Your Thoughts!

We'll gather after all Masses next weekend, May 20 & 21 to share thoughts about a community vegetable garden on our parish grounds. Some parishioners have suggested we consider establishing and maintaining a garden of some sort at St. Mary. We want to determine the amount of interest in such an undertaking. The garden could be for use by parishioners, by members of the Elkhart community, for the Blessing Box or other food pantries we support, parish meals, religious education, etc. Nothing is decided. We want your ideas and thoughts. We'll meet for 10-15 minutes after each Mass to hear from you and to learn how you might be willing to help IF we go ahead with something. If you are not able to stay after Mass, please share your thoughts and ideas with Tim Kautza at [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687 before May 22.

## Church Picnic: June 10 following 5:00 Mass

A Mexican Fiesta theme was chosen by parishioners for this year's picnic. Highlights include a salsa contest (more info to come), bingo, trivia fun, a cake walk, piñatas, table decorating, music, and bonfire (weather permitting). Be sure to RSVP by completing the food preference form in the pews and return it by June 4. All food is being provided. Lemonade, tea, water and coffee provided but you are welcome to bring other beverages. Come join the fun! Ole' 

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donna Archer, grandmother of Sheri Olson, who passed away Wednesday, and for her family as they mourn her passing.

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

## Religious Education

### PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

Tammi McClain, [tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org), 515-290-3904  
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**VBS...**it takes a village and it cannot happen without help from all of you. Please look over volunteer opportunities below and let us know which one fits your talents. You will be contacted after registration is complete with more details.

*Supper prep*    *Pre-VBS prep*    *Crew leader*    *Theater*  
*Supper server*    *Music*    *Storyteller*    *Snacks*  
*Supper clean up*    *Games*    *Imagination Station*

VBS is June 19-22, meal begins at 5:30pm and the fun learning begins each evening at 6:00pm! Registration forms were sent home and are available on the website.

Would you like to help out with VBS, but can't be there? Here's a list of supplies that we need. Please leave in the Ed Center and marked "VBS". Thanks so much!

*glue dots, polyester fiberfill, red or purple yarn, colored cellophane, butcher paper, re-sealable plastic gallon bags (250 total), spray bottles (2-3), large paintbrush, plungers (10), straws (75), electric leaf blower (just to borrow), small colored pompoms, small stickers, bath tissue rolls*

**Catechists (teachers)** are volunteers who share their time and faith stories with our children. Each year new volunteers are needed as catechists/substitute catechists. If you would like to learn more, please contact one of us.

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

Our Confirmation Liturgy was awesome! I would like to say a BIG thank you to all of our leaders and volunteers that helped throughout the year!!

We are still looking for members for the Confirmation Core Team!! Please let me know if you are interested.

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

**Summer Life Nights:** May 17, 7:00-9:00pm, Youth Area. Current 8 - 12th graders are invited and encouraged to attend these Summer Life Nights! Bring a friend and have some fun!

## Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Father Dan, 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.

## Thank You

The Family of Roberta Angell deeply appreciates and gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for thinking about Roberta. The family was very pleased. Everyone did an excellent job.

~ Kenny Angell

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 7 Week 45

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$3,198	\$5,469

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$226,489	\$246,115	\$248,206

Rice Bowl Total: \$232.76

## 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and return a pledge card in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the Parish Office. Pledge cards are available in the pews. Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 56,442	\$ 41,056.64	\$ 34,838.34	\$ 21,603.66

## Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, contact the Parish Office so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact Barb at 515-367-2685 or [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org).

*If the request is not for you, please ask their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

## Monthly Financial Update

	April, 2017			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 38,423	\$ 31,289	\$ 24,602	\$ 283,385	\$ 283,067	\$ 306,346
Operating Expenses	\$ 29,577	\$ 29,504	\$ 35,801	\$ 288,907	\$ 294,744	\$ 290,677
Net operating income (expense)	\$ 8,846	\$ 1,785	\$ (11,199)	\$ (5,522)	\$ (11,677)	\$ 15,669
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 98,521	N/A	\$ 113,124			

### Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

#### Saturday, May 20, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer: Di Schleisman  
 Lector: Tim Kautza  
 Cup Bearers: Debi Stokka, Susan Stillmunkes  
 Host Distributor: Deacon Terry  
 Altar Servers: Jace, Blake & Luke Huntrods  
 Ushers: Jim Hudson, Mike Devereux, Drew Hanlon, Mark Birchmier

#### Sunday, May 21, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer: Celia Shedd  
 Lector: Sheri Fogarty  
 Cup Bearer: Deacon Terry  
 Altar Server: Kelcie Shedd  
 Ushers: Bill & Shirley Jorgensen

#### Sunday, May 21, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer: Kris Sturtz  
 Lector: Tracy Kangas  
 Cup Bearers: Joe & Lori Dunham  
 Host Distributor: Deacon Terry  
 Altar Server: Christianne Ledet, Cale Tollefson  
 Ushers: Andrew Cory, Merle Olberding, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Dennis Schmidt, Doug Zehr

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### Money Counters

**May 14:** Dona Cowman, Sue White  
**May 21:** Carol Weber, Sharon Morris

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### Memorial Day Mass

Join us for this Mass Monday, May 29, 10:00am at Holy Cross Church. Come see our Avenue of Flags. The Maxwell Legion Honor Guard Service will be present after Mass.

### Liturgical Ministers Needed

You are invited to volunteer for ministries needed for Masses Memorial Day weekend; May 27, 28, and 29. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule at St. Mary and Holy Cross, or contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, May 30 to volunteer. Thank you.

### Step Away From the Busyness of Life!

Emmaus House, located in the heart of Des Moines, offers spiritual direction, a quiet chapel for daily prayer and twice weekly Eucharistic celebration, or just a place to enjoy an opportunity for silence and solitude. To reserve a room for a day, overnight, weekend or longer stay, or to schedule a private or staff retreat, please call Cindy Shaw at 515-282-4839 or see [www.emmaushousedm.com](http://www.emmaushousedm.com). *Fr. Dan is at Emmaus House on Tuesdays and Fridays.*



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### We Want Your Blood!!!

Our blood drive is Thursday, June 1, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. **May we count on you to donate blood?** An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) to make an appointment. Please give your email address as well so a reminder can be sent. Also contact them if you can help the day of the Drive.

### Women's Day Out!!

The second annual *Summer at The Well* women's gathering takes place on Saturday, June 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Indianola. It's a day full of faith, fellowship, and fun with inspirational talks, uplifting praise and worship music, individual prayer in our Adoration chapel as well as communal worship at Saturday evening Vigil Mass. A box lunch, afternoon snack break, and buffet dinner are all included with registration. Early bird registration rate is \$60 through May 22; \$65 after. Scholarships are available for those in need. Attendees must pre-register prior to June 9. For more info and to purchase tickets, visit [www.thewelldesmoines.com](http://www.thewelldesmoines.com).

Check out Diocesan events by visiting [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org).  
 Visit [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org) for opportunities sponsored by St. Joseph Educational Center

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14

*Theme: Jesus, our cornerstone.*

- Reading I: Acts 6:1-7 • They chose leaders to care for the poor.  
 Reading II: 1 Peter 2:4-9 • Come to the Lord, a living stone.  
 Gospel: John 14:1-12 • If you know me, you know my Father also.

- Question for Children:* What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if he were in your situation?  
*Question for Youth:* Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life" and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to follow Jesus' way?  
*Question for Adults:* How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?