



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Pentecost**  
**May 20, 2018**

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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:

The Parish Finance Council met for their regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, and it was an enjoyable and exciting meeting indeed! Yes, you read that right, a Finance Council meeting was exciting and enjoyable! In addition to the regular interesting and enjoyable Council members, Cory Schoening from our Parish Pastoral Council, Angela Hilbert and Laura Hofstrand also participated in the meeting. Angela is the Director of the Diocese's Office of Stewardship, Laura the Manager of Accounting Services in the Diocese's Finance Office. They came at the invitation of the Council to address specific questions about parish and diocesan finances, as well as to discuss other ideas about how the Council can better serve the Parish, and foster a greater sense of community and belonging among all in the Parish Community. The workings of the Pastoral Council and Stewardship Committees were part of the far ranging discussion, and many notes were taken regarding how to act on the information provided and ideas generated. I write about this exciting and enjoyable Finance Council meeting simply to share such good news, and to encourage your reflection on how you might also better serve the life and ministry of the Parish, either by service on one of our various councils and committees, or in one of the many ministries serving the people of the Parish. Give it some thought and prayer, it can be exciting and enjoyable!

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)

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## Masses

### Wednesday, May 23

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mickey & Will Carpenter

### Thursday, May 24

8:00am St. Mary Nina Gower

### Saturday, May 26

5:00pm St. Mary †Jack & Tom Kovacevich  
and Katie Greene

### Sunday, May 27

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am St. Mary †Ron Koepfel

### Memorial Day, Monday, May 28

10:00am Holy Cross †LaMont Schreurs

## 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 Schleisman, 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.



## Congratulations....

Did you know that High School graduates who are active in our Parish are eligible to apply for our Parish Scholarship? Funds for the St. Mary-Holy Cross Scholarship started last school year with a Religious Ed bake sale. The Altar and Rosary Society also contributed money to get the scholarship up and running. It is our hope that we can continue to offer this to our seniors as a thank you for all they have done in support of our Parish. **Congratulations to Natalie Smith...**our first ever St. Mary Holy Cross Scholarship recipient. Natalie has helped with EDGE on Wednesday nights, was a member of the 8th grade retreat planning committee for the past three years, helped with the parish garage sale, and assisted with Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need in the community. Natalie's leadership in the Parish will be missed. We wish Natalie the best of luck at Grand View University and hope that she continues to nurture her faith in all that she does. Congratulations, Natalie!

## Have Some Fun This Summer!

Summer parade planning meeting Sunday, May 20 in the Social Hall after 10:00am Mass. If interested in participating please join us or contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014 or ncory@saintmaryhc.org.

## Liturgical Ministers Needed!

You are invited to volunteer for our Masses next weekend and for Memorial Day. A list of needed ministers is on the back page. Thank you!!

## Help with Avenue of Flags for Memorial Day!

Could you assist with the raising of flags on Saturday, May 26 at 9:00am and/or retiring the flags on Monday the 28th at 5:00pm? Each session lasts about an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147/lischreurs@msn.com, to volunteer or for more information.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, May 23 & 30, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time  
Saturday, May 26, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Cross Ministry Meeting  
Next meeting date to be decided.

Finance Council  
Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus  
Meeting: Sunday, May 20, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2  
Tara Huntrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

## Coming Events

†**Sunday, May 20:** Planning meeting for our Parish's participation in the Elkhart Parade, 11:00am, Social Hall

†**Saturday, May 26:** *Hall in use*

†**Sunday, May 27:** KC Pancake Breakfast after 8am Mass

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, May 31, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Weekend of June 2 & 3:** Rock Painting Party during wine & cheese and coffee & donuts.

†**Monday, June 4:** Accountability Partners meeting, 6:00pm, Social Hall

## Music News

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

Music for the Confirmation Liturgy has been picked out! We are in need of singers and instrumentalists for this liturgy on Sunday, June 10 at 2:30pm. Confirmation is at St. Mary's...so the location is convenient! I hope to hear from many musicians!

## Holy Cross Cemetery Collection

During our Masses next weekend and at our Memorial Day Mass, a second collection will be taken up on behalf of Holy Cross Cemetery. The funds will be used for maintenance of the grounds. Thank you in advance for your support to assure Holy Cross Cemetery remains a beautiful resting place.  
~ Cemetery Committee

## Memorial Day Mass

Join us for this Mass Monday, May 28, 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.*

## Can You Help Out?

We are in need of volunteers for our Confirmation Liturgy. If you or a member of your family are interested in helping with being a greeter, Altar server, singer or lector, please contact Nicole Cory at 515-313-3014 or ncory@saintmaryhc.org. Thank you!!

## Religious Education

**PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader**  
*shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876*

We are in pretty good shape for catechist next year for K-6th but **we are still in need of 6 more volunteers** (we had a total of 25 last year). Please contact me if you are interested in being a catechist. It is a very rewarding experience that benefits not only the children, but the volunteer as well in further growing their faith.

**VBS (Vacation Bible School) - June 18 - 21.** Please let me know if you would like to help with VBS this summer. It is such a fun experience to be part of with the kids.

**Please remember to register your children for classes next Fall.** If you have a child who is four by September 15, they can be enrolled in our PreK-K class. Forms are in the vestibule and on our website. Please return completed form and \$50 minimum payment to the Office. Thank you!

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

Confirmation Liturgy rehearsal and dinner for sponsors and students is Saturday, June 9 following 5:00pm Mass at St Mary.

Confirmation Liturgy is Sunday, June 10, 2:30pm. Students being confirmed should be there by 2:00pm.

**We are still looking for volunteers to sing, serve, lector and greet at the Confirmation Liturgy. Please let Nicole Cory know if someone in your family would like to help!**

### Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*  
Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

### Save the Date!! S.T.O.R.M. Summer Kick Off

We are hosting an overnight lock-In at St. Mary on Friday June 15, 9:00pm to 7:30am Saturday June 16. Any SMHC teen 7th thru 12th grade is invited! Friends are welcome as well! Cost is \$5 per attendee. Permission slips are in the vestibule and on the SMHC website. This will be a 10 person minimum event. Return the signed and completed permission form to the box labeled "S.T.O.R.M." in the vestibule at St. Mary by June 10! Payment can be submitted the night of the event. Please contact Andrea Fisher for more information or questions.

### Outdoor Pancakes at Holy Cross

Please join us for pancakes outside after the 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, May 27, hosted by the Knights.

### A ROCK PAINTING Party!

You are invited to this party during wine & cheese on Saturday, June 2 and during coffee & donuts on Sunday, June 3. Your family will select a rock and paint a picture on it, write your favorite bible verse, or just paint your name on it. The rocks will be used to beautify the border around our trees, and along our newly planted community garden. If you cannot attend that weekend, you are welcome to take a rock home and send it back with your wonderful creation on it! Please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee with questions.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$4,218	\$5,234	<b>May 6</b>
Youth/Guests	\$8,554	\$5,234	<b>May 13</b>
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$242,148	\$240,748	\$223,708

### 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are in the pews and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>.

Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 53,806	\$ 32,675	\$ 29,768.75	\$ 24,037.25

### Communications Campaign Collection

Through Internet, social networks, TV, radio, and print, this collection helps the Church spread the Gospel message. Half of all donations collected in our diocese stay here to support our radio and TV programming our publications. Help keep the 'good news' coming! Please return the envelope in this bulletin next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

## Thoughts from Me & My House

Change is inevitable. Both welcome and unwelcome changes shape who we are and where we are to go. The Catholic Church is no stranger to changes. Some have been drastic and quick, others slow and steady.

Think about Vatican II. It was a shock to many when Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council, which sought to renew and revitalize many aspects of the Catholic Church. Some have welcomed and encouraged it, while others have reacted with confusion and worry about the direction Catholics were to go.

Changes are coming again. It doesn't take much more than the evening news to see it. Pope Francis has said, "We are not living in an era of change, but a change of era." The line between the critics of Pope Francis and his adversaries is thin, but his stance on Pastoral change seems to be moving in the same direction our society is. The challenges that we face today are very different than they have been in the past. In 60 years will we be talking about today the same way we talk about Vatican II?

The age of technology is upon us. The latest news is a notification away on our handheld devices. Social media is constantly pushing and pulling our attention. This can be seen in different lights. On one hand, the access that we have now is vast and it's easy to educate ourselves and stay in touch with what is happening all around us. On the other hand, is this a threat to the family unit? Kids are not just learning from their parents and teachers anymore, but from everything they see on the screen. People of all ages can be swayed by a piece of false information on the internet. Our country is at a point of distress and separation, and the headlines being pushed to everyone instantly don't seem to be helping. "The internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow." – Bill Gates

Is there a way to embrace the change and make it work to help our future generations? Families are much busier now than they ever used to be. We can't just rely on Catechists to teach our youth, there is a vast pool of information online that is available at the click of a button. Hey Google....

Closer to home, our own Parish can see the effects of the change of era we are facing. Our pews are not so full on Sundays. The traditions that shaped the Baby Boomers and Generation X are changing. Many children come to religious education classes but that is the extent of their involvement in the Church. This can work for a while, but eventually not just the programs, but the whole community will suffer.

How do we respond? How do we move into a modern era that embraces the family unit of today and keeps our Parish moving? What are YOUR ideas SMHC? Child care during Mass? Different Mass times or days? What are your thoughts on filling up the pews? What are YOU seeking from our Parish? Joshua 24:15 wants to hear from you!

~ [Joshua2415smhc@gmail.com](mailto:Joshua2415smhc@gmail.com)



