



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 27, 2018

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,

This weekend, Monday specifically, we celebrate Memorial Day. The day started out with widows of Civil War veterans using that day specifically to decorate the graves of their deceased loved ones. Over time, it has grown to include decorating the graves of all deceased. This day has become almost like an additional Veterans Day. Living veterans are frequently told "Thanks for your service." That frequently brings to my mind, and the minds of many combat veterans, the question of, "Did I really do enough? I am among the living, and the people that we honor on Memorial Day are not."

It reminds me of the saying "All gave some; some gave all!" Could I have done more to aid and assist the honorees today while they were still living? It is a haunting question experienced by many combat veterans. It never goes away.

Our parish will show respect for all deceased at Holy Cross with a 10:00 AM Mass on Monday. Within the cemetery will be the very moving Avenue of Flags started by Lynn Schreurs, along with a color guard, and twenty-one gun salute. Very touching!

In conjunction with Memorial Day, the Knights of Columbus will serve a pancake breakfast at Holy Cross after 8:00AM Mass on Sunday. 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

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28

10:00am Holy Cross †*LaMont Schreurs*

Wednesday, May 30

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*

Thursday, May 31

8:00am St. Mary †*Albert & Helen Schmidt*

First Friday, June 1

8:00am St. Mary †*Mary and Mark Ruppert*

Saturday, June 2

5:00pm St. Mary †*Ron Odgaard*

Sunday, June 3

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †*Thomas Sutter*

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study

Wednesdays, May 30 & June 6, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, May 26, June 2, 9, 23 & 30, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Cross Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, June 27, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

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, June 10, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Hantrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

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!

Memorial Day Mass



Join us Monday, 10:00am at Holy Cross Church. The Maxwell Legion Honor Guard Service will be present after Mass.

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.

Celebrate Rick McQuiston

Lori invites you to celebrate Rick's life on Sunday, May 27. At 4:00pm there will be a brief ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Collins and a Joyous Life Party at the Maxwell Community Center from 5:00 to 11:00am with a Remembrance at 7:00pm.

Music, food and beverages all evening.

Still Looking For Some Helping Hands!

Volunteers are needed to sing, serve, lector and greet at the Confirmation Liturgy on Sunday, June 10, 2:30pm. Sign up in the vestibule of St. Mary or contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014 or ncory@saintmaryhc.org. Thank you!!



Give Blood, Give Life!!!

This Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall!!! Cancer patients are the number one recipients of blood and blood products and they can use up to eight units of blood a month and rely on generous, volunteer blood donors for their blood supply. You can join the fight against cancer by donating blood!

High school students are encouraged to donate. An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687/kautza@netins.net to make an appointment or to help the day of the Drive.

When you are willing, GOD is able!

Coming Events

- †**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.
- †**Mourning Coffee:** Meets Monday mornings beginning June 4, 10:00am, Conference Room
- †**Monday, June 4:** Accountability Partners meeting, 6:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Saturday/Sunday, July 7/8:** Farwell reception for Fr. Dan after 5:00pm or 10:00am Mass, Social Hall

Music News

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

We are looking for additional singers and instrumentalists for our Confirmation Liturgy on Sunday, June 10 at 2:30pm. I hope to hear from many musicians!

We plan to have special music for Fr. Dan's 40th anniversary/final Masses here on July 7/8. If interested please contact me soon. Thanks.

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.

... "Mourning Coffee" Is Here For You ...

Grief is unique ... but ... growing through your grief can be eased when it is shared as we learn how to heal. "Mourning Coffee" will resume weekly gatherings on Monday, June 4 at 10:00am in the Conference Room, for our Church family as well as anyone who may like to join in the process of learning skills to cope with a heart that can feel broken days or even years from the loss of a loved one in the journey called bereavement. Questions? Call/text Paula Garoutte, 515-306-6633 or email paulasongbird@msn.com.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Chris Culp, sister of Bridget Smith, who died last Tuesday, and for her family during this time of great sorrow.

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

Religious Education

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

We are looking for six more catechists for our program in the fall. Please contact me if you are interested or would like more information. 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. It's not too late to register your children! Forms are in the vestibule and on our website. Our theme is *Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus!* Please let me know if you would like to help. It's FUN!

Please register your children now 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 me 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.

Recycling Drop Off

Stuff Etc. on First Street in Ankeny (behind Wells Fargo) accepts the following items for recycling: small electronic items, cords, wires, straighteners, hair dryers, small radios, cell phones, Christmas lights, MP3 players, iPods and tablets and chargers, headphones, vacuums, tube TVs, computers and larger electronics. For more information call the store, 515- 964-4444.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 20 Week 47

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$2,313	\$5,234

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$244,461	\$245,982	\$237,225
Food Pantry Collection:	\$761.05		

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.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$53,806	\$36,150	\$31,593.75	\$22,212.25

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Peter Relyea in the office for more information, 515-367-2685 or prelyea@saintmaryhc.org.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, June 2, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Tim Kautza
Cup Bearers	Patty & Mike Devereux
Host Distributor	Jerry Barnwell
Altar Servers	Emily, Abigail, Joseph Devereux,
Ushers	Dawn & Mason Reynolds,
	Mike Devereux, Drew Hanlon

Sunday, June 3, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Kathy Daup
Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer	Tony Kuehn
Altar Server	Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Dave & Char McHone

Sunday, June 3, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Matt Miller
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Garrett McClain
Host Distributor	Mike Nehring
Altar Servers	Sawyer Smeltzer
Ushers	Tom, Jacki & Andrew Ausman,
	Andrew Cory, Thom Hamm

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Money Counters

May 27: Dawn Reynolds, Sue White

June 3: Carol Weber, Sharon Morris

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Accountability Partners

Do you have goals you would like to achieve and need some motivation to help you get there? Spiritual, emotional, religious, or physical goals? Try an accountability partner! Sometimes all we need is a little support! We will meet as a large group on Monday, June 4, 6:00pm at St. Mary. If you've already chosen a partner, that's great! Please attend the meeting together. If you haven't, please come to the meeting and be paired up with someone. Please contact Nicole Cory with any questions, ncory@saintmaryhc.org or 515-313-3014.

**What's
That
Funny
Look
On
Your
Faith?**



Church's approach to migration according to the U.S.C.C.B.: The human dignity and human rights of undocumented immigrants should be respected.



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.*

Cleaning The Rectory

We will be needing assistance in cleaning the rectory. Tentative time frame is July 6 - 11. We will be asking for one or two people to sign up per room to do a deep clean. This can be done during the day or in the evening. A sign up will be available in June.

Volunteer Needs with Catholic Charities

Can you assist with any of the following?

Hygiene Training – help teach refugees proper hygiene cleaning to keep their apartments nice and clean. (Tuesday, Friday 1:00 – 3:00pm.)

Apartment Setup – help set up refugees' apartments by moving around furniture and putting dishware and cleaning supplies in the correct places. (Thursday, Friday 1:00-3:00pm)

Financial Literacy – help teach financial literacy at our Outreach Center with Shontrelle Johnson (3rd Tuesday each month, 10:30 – 11:30am)

To start volunteering with Catholic Charities of Des Moines or if you have questions, contact Kaitlin Damerval 515-237-5091 or volunteer@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

This is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Join couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend one of the upcoming Weekends: September 7-9 in Cedar Falls or Nov 2-4 in Coralville. It is highly recommended to register early. For more information visit iowa-wwme.org, call 563-608-3305 or email JLJwwme08@gmail.com.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27

Theme: The Trinity

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 • The Lord is God and there is no other.

Reading II: Romans 8:14-17 • You have received the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 • Go!

For Children: Why do you think Catholics make "The Sign of the Cross" when we pray?

For Youth: How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

For Adults: As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?