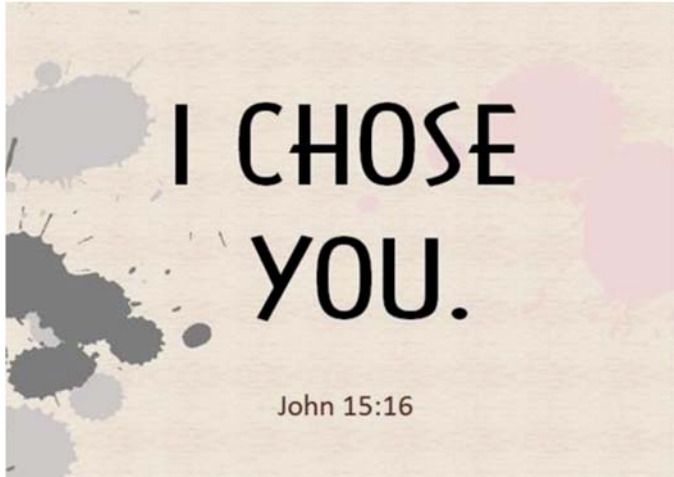




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018



Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 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,

I am writing this on a day, May 1, 2018, that SEEMS to be a national emergency. I hear people shouting out "May day! May day!"

On a very serious note, this is another invitation to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the third Thursday of the month at either St. Mary or Holy Cross on a monthly alternating basis. When I came to our parish, there were a group of people carpooling to St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames and I was asked why we didn't have Adoration in our own parish? That was a huge hint to me, but after starting our own Adoration there has never been a car full of people attending. Is it my breath? Too much incense? Why almost zero attendance? You are all invited to attend. Our new pastor, Fr. Andrew Windschitl, is deeply committed to Adoration so come join us in this very sacred liturgy.

Adoration is a time of meditation and contemplation so this would be a good time to gaze on the Blessed Sacrament and ponder the great "I AM". What did that mean to God who said it, to Jesus who also said it, and to us?

What are we called to be, and become, in our merely human lives? What does "I AM" mean to us individually?

Sooooo, to you that carpooled to Ames, and to all who didn't, please join us soon in the silent presence of God.

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

Wednesday, May 9

5:30pm Holy Cross †LaMont Schreurs

Thursday, May 10

8:00am St. Mary †Mike Lacey

Saturday, May 12

5:00pm St. Mary †Gerald Adams

Sunday, May 13

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Wednesday, May 16

5:30pm Holy Cross †William & Kathryn Shaw

Thursday, May 17

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

Saturday, May 19

5:00pm St. Mary †Emily Badek

Sunday, May 20

8:00am Holy Cross †John Iliff
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

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

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, May 9, 23 & 30, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, May 12, 19 & 26, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, May 17, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Cross Ministry Meeting
Next meeting date to be decided.

Finance Council
Meeting: Wednesday, May 16, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 6:00pm, Office Area

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

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

*Parish Office Hours: Closed Monday, May 7
Closes at Noon Tuesday & Wednesday, May 8 & 9*

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into the Faith these little ones who have been baptized:



Winston James

Son and Ben and Andrea Johnson

Madison Ann

Daughter of Nick and Mollie McCoun

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!

The Little White Book...the Easter Season

These books are available in the vestibule to help you enjoy six minutes a day in quiet prayer for the next two weeks in this Easter Season. Let God speak to you through these words of Scripture!

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.

Holy Cross Cemetery Avenue of Flags



We will be flying the flags again for Memorial Day Weekend. **If you wish to purchase a flag please find an order form in the vestibule or on the parish website and turn it in by Sunday, May 6 in the collection basket or mail to Lynn Schreurs.** Flags will also be flown on the Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day. Cost per flag is \$!50, the same as last year! If you have questions please call Lynn at 515-577-8147.

Coming Events

- †**Weekend of May 12/13:** Blessing of Mothers-To-Be during Masses
- †**Tuesday, May 15:** Let's Chat!, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Wednesday, May 16:** Friends of St. Francis gathering, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, May 17:** Crafts, games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, May 19:** Work Day at Holy Cross, 9:00am to Noon — Social Hall in use, 10:00am to 3:00pm
- †**Weekend of May 19/20:** Collection for the Elkhart Food Pantry, *The Blessing Box*
- †**Sunday, May 20:** Planning meeting for our Parish's participation in the Elkhart Parade, 11:00am, Social Hall
- †**Sunday, May 27:** KC Pancake Breakfast after 8am Mass
- †**Memorial Day Mass, May 28:** 10:00am at Holy Cross
- †**Blood Drive:** Thursday, May 31, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

Music News

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

At 10:00am Mass on Mother's Day we are having some special music! We would love to have young people join us in the final song, "Go Out, Go Out" by Steve Angrisano. We'll meet at 9:45 that morning and run through the song. If you'd like to join us, please email me so I can have music ready.

Blessing For Mothers-To-Be †

At Masses the weekend of May 12 & 13, we will have a blessing for all who are pregnant; that they may know God's presence and strength as they await the birth of their child, have a safe delivery and a healthy baby.

Let's Chat

Join us Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall to chat about what's on your mind or what's going on around us. ALL are invited to join us. Hope to see you there! And yes, we will have popcorn!

A Note from the Cemetery Committee

You are asked to please remove your grave flowers, etc, by Saturday, May 19. Thank you.

Congratulations to our students graduating from high school! We pray that they call on God for guidance in their future endeavors.

Caleb Barnett	Sabrina Kerr
Broc Bohning	Susanne Kerr
Katelyn Camp	Cody Lenz
Dana Edleman	Grace Leonard
Carter Fricke	Tyler Maire
Maria McCright	Allison McClain
Callie Hauptert	Nathan Montgomery
Matthew Hines	Brandon Schilling
Gavin Hobbs	Natalie Smith
Dylan Hockey	Brock Staudt
Nolan Johnson	William Stolte
Brandon Jones	Miranda Sturtz
Olivia Jones	Benjamin Wong
Bradley Kernan	Hunter Wright

Religious Education

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

Vacation Bible School (PreK-4th): June 18-21. Please let me know if anyone would like to help with VBS this summer. It is such a fun experience to be part of with the kids. Sign up forms can be found in the vestibule and on the website for those that have not signed their children up yet.

Registration for classes: We have received forms for about half of the families that are expected to register. Please send in registration form, along with \$50 minimum payment, as soon as you get a chance. Extra forms can be found in the vestibule and on the website. Simply knowing how many kids will be in class and preferred times allows us to do the appropriate planning for volunteers and supplies.

If you have a child who is four by September 15, they can be enrolled in the PreK-K class. The children love attending and classes are filled with teachings as well as a lot of hands on activities for the younger children.

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

Sunday, May 6 - Final session, 11:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, June 9 - Confirmation Liturgy Rehearsal and Dinner, 6:00pm at St. Mary

Sunday, June 10 - Confirmation Liturgy at 2:30pm.
 Students to be there by 2:00pm.

We are in need of volunteers for our Confirmation Liturgy. Please contact me if you or a member of your family are interested in helping with the following: Greeters, Altar Servers, Singers or being a Lector.

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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

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

We are hosting an overnight lock-In at St. Mary on Friday

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 29 Week 44

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 5,717	\$ 5,234

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$229,377	\$230,281	\$223,291

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	\$ 31,350	\$ 26,393.75	\$ 27,412.25

S.T.O.R.M. continued

June 15, 9:00pm to 7:30am Saturday June 16. Any teen 7th thru 12th grade is invited. Cost is \$5 per attendee. Permission slips will be available later this month. This will be a 10 person minimum event. Please contact Andrea Fisher for more information (contact info to the left).

Share Your Ideas May 16

Friends of St. Francis will meet at 6:30pm, Wednesday, May 16 in the Social Hall. We will consider What Next? as we continue to follow the leadership of Pope Francis and Bishop Pates on their *Share the Journey* campaign regarding refugee, migrant and immigrant issues (see www.sharejourney.org). We'll also reconsider how to better attain the vision of Pope Francis' encyclical *On Care for Our Common Home* (see www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home). Come join us and share your ideas and questions.

A Get Together!



Join us for conversation, fellowship, playing games and/or working on crafts on Thursday, May 17, 9:30am in the Hall.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament



We extend an invitation to all to attend Adoration on Thursday, May 17, 7:00pm at St. Mary. Spend an hour in silent meditation or prayer and experience the peace of Adoration!

Work Day at Holy Cross

Come lend a hand on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00am to Noon to spruce up Holy Cross. 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. Many hands make light work!!!

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of May 19 & 20; 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 the Elkhart Food Pantry, *The Blessing Box*.

It's A Parade!

Summer parade planning meeting on Sunday, May 20 after Mass at St. Mary. If you are interested in some fun this summer, please contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014 or ncory@saintmaryhc.org. If you want to help, but can't attend this meeting, please also let Nicole know that.

Help with Avenue of Flags for Memorial Day!



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

Are You Able To Help Out?



We are in need of volunteers for our Confirmation Liturgy on Sunday, June 10, 2:30pm at St. Mary. Please contact Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org or 515-313-3014, if you or a member of your family are interested in helping with the following: greeters, servers, singers or being a lector.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the *Altaration* workshops. The conversation, fellowship and education was fun and fulfilling to many! Please watch the bulletin for more opportunities to gather with other members of your Parish!

Dear GOD,

Of all the people who work for You I like Noah and David the best. ~ Rob

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.*

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 of Columbus.



The Gift of Life!!

Our Blood Drive is Thursday, May 31, 3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. Bring your friends!! Each donation saves up to three lives!! An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net/515-964-7687, for an appointment. Please give your email address so a reminder can be sent. Also let them know if you are able to assist with set up, tear down and/or help during the drive.

... "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 in June 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.

What's That Funny Look On Your Faith?



