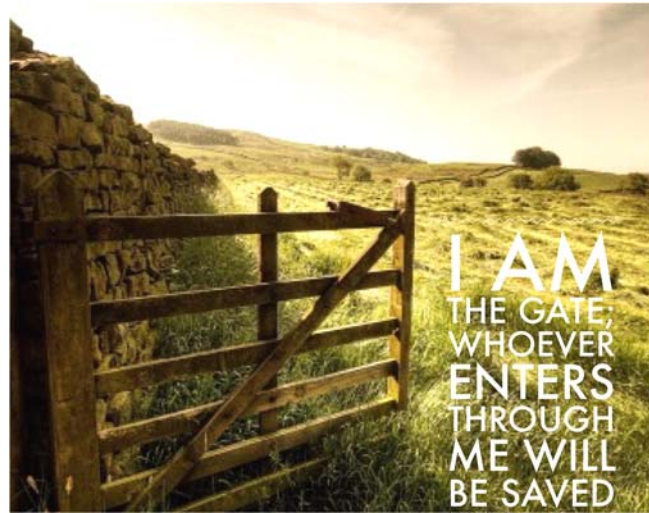




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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,

This weekend 20 young men and young women will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which, along with Baptism and Eucharist, completes the Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmation is a sealing and strengthening of the initial Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism, performed with water, symbolizes salvation. Confirmation, performed by the laying on of hands and anointing with chrism, symbolizes the receiving of the Holy Spirit. These actions will be done by Bishop Pates. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church declares (para. 1294), they "share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off 'the aroma of Christ,'" which the scent of the balsam signifies. Congratulations young people of our joint parish!

Now the bad news! Unfortunately, many, young and old alike, believe that the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation through Confirmation also completes the need for ongoing faith formation. Not so! Just as in many occupations ongoing training is needed for a full and updated understanding of the matter at hand, in this case, it is our Catholic faith. For instance, the understanding of so much pertaining to our faith changed with the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, yet many people are unknowing of what the church teaches and practices since that era. Our freshly confirmed young people and older ones continue the need to grow in their understanding of the faith. Adult faith formation sessions have been conducted in the past and will continue to be conducted if we know what kind of information you hunger for. Make your requests known to me, or any of the parish staff, and we will work at getting something going in that direction. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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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 10

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

### Thursday, May 11

8:00am St. Mary †Norma Pins

### Saturday, May 13

5:00pm St. Mary †Gerald Adams

### Sunday, May 14

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

## Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome to our Parish family *Doug and Katie Akins and daughter Addison*, who live in Bondurant.

## New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith



### Bentley Christopher

Son of Rob and Christina Wright

who will be baptized this weekend.

## 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!

## This Sunday, May 7

### National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) meeting:

Parents of Teens currently in grades 8-12th: If you think your child might like to attend NCYC, please join us today, in the Youth Room after 10:00am Mass. All commitment letters/registration deposits are due by May 15 to Melissa Kahler. Questions? Call/text her at 515-290-2830.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Join us after 10:00am Mass for a pancake breakfast to benefit a mission trip to Beverly, Kentucky this June that parishioner Andrew Cory is going on, along with 30 other people. Come and support the good works of these people who will be traveling to help those in need.



## 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, [tmclain@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmclain@saintmaryhc.org).

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

## 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.*

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, May 10, 17, 24 & 31, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, May 13, 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: Tuesday, May 9, 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

*The Office is closed Monday May 8,  
and closes at Noon on Tuesday, May 9.*

## Coming Events

†**Weekend of May 6/7:** After 5:00pm Mass: Wine & cheese and Blessing of motorcycles and riders — After 10:00am Mass: Pancake Breakfast (Hall) and NCYC Informational meeting (Youth Room)

†**Weekend of May 13/14:** Blessing of Mothers-to-be and Mothers at Masses

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Music News



**Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler**  
515-577-9394 or [celestemu@msn.com](mailto:celestemu@msn.com)

We will resume "Singing From the Rafters" this summer. Watch the bulletin for future dates! If you'd like me to send info directly to you, please send your name & email, or text number, and I'll get it to you! All ages are welcome! We love to have a mix of young people and adults. Please join us, it's a great time and a fun service to our parish!



## Blessing For Mothers-To-Be

At Masses next weekend, 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.

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



As a result of parishioner input, a Mexican Fiesta theme was chosen for this year's parish picnic. Highlights include a salsa contest (more info to come), bingo, trivia fun, a cake walk, piñatas, table decorating, music, and bonfire (weather permitting). All food is being provided. Lemonade, tea, water and coffee provided but you are welcome to bring other beverages. Look for picnic RSVP's in the pews in future weeks. Ole'.

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

Aubrey Bartleson	Samantha Koehn
John Breen	Lucas Nehring
Lesli Carney	Taylor Penton
Maggi Carney	Derek Pottebaum
Lukas De Costa	Madison Reynolds
Noah Fisher	Jamie Rooney
Kassidee Golwitzer	Elizabeth Schmeiser
Abigail Kahler	Lawton Wright

## Religious Education

### PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

Tammi McClain, [tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org), 515-290-3904  
 Sonya Staudt, [sstaudt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sstaudt@saintmaryhc.org), 515-710-4583

**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 preparation has come to an end for this year!! THANK YOU to all of our program volunteers: Doug Jones, Garrett McClain, Kirsten Smith, Andrea Fisher, Susy Aschoff, Jill Sullivan and Kristi Krafka. Also a huge thanks to all the parents who volunteered their time and prepared food for our program this year!

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

Please be watching the bulletin this summer for news and events. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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

**Current 6th Graders:** We welcome you to EDGE this fall! We meet most Wednesday evenings during the school year.

**Summer Life Nights:** May 10 & 17, 7:00-9:00pm in the Youth Area. Current 8-12th graders are invited *continued...*

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 30 Week 44

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$2,564	\$5,469	
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$223,291	\$240,646	\$243,187

Food Pantry total: \$667.40

## 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.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 56,442	\$ 38,671.64	\$ 32,303.34	\$ 24,138.66

....and encouraged to attend! Bring a friend and have some fun as we plan our activities and summer gatherings!

## Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Father Dan, 515-423-2888 or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, if a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.



## Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

### Saturday, May 13, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Sonya Staudt  
 Lector Lorrie Hanlon  
 Cup Bearers Drew Hanlon, JoAnn Meusburger  
 Host Distributor John Zidon  
 Altar Servers Riley & Justin Anderson, Mary Staudt  
 Ushers Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Mark Lengel

### Sunday, May 14, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer Lynn Schreurs  
 Lector Stacey Rooney  
 Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema  
 Altar Server Brett Beukema  
 Ushers Dave & Char McHone

### Sunday, May 14, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Susan Genalo  
 Lector Lisa Gonnerman  
 Cup Bearers Dan Gonnerman, Garrett McClain  
 Host Distributor Matt Miller  
 Altar Server Griffen Muth, Andrew Ausman  
 Ushers Tammi & Jackson McClain, Jacki & Tom Ausman, Gregg Richwine

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### Money Counters

May 7: Dawn Reynolds, Lisa Kautza  
 May 14: Dona Cowman, Sue White

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### Parish **WORK DAY**

Our Work Day is Saturday, May 20 at both sites. If you can't come the entire time—come as long as you can! We appreciate your assistance in keeping our buildings and grounds looking good! Many hands make light work!

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



**SAYWHAT?** Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles per hour. Each one takes 500 years to decompose.

90% of plastic bags in the U.S. are not recycled.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today (Sunday) is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Words from Pope Francis: "I ask parish communities, associations, and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers into his harvest. May he give us priests and religious enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters living signs of God's merciful love."



### Give The Gift of Life!!

By donating blood at our Drive on Thursday, June 1, you can save the lives of others! If you have been thinking about donating blood, maybe this is the time for you!! Let's save even more lives by filling up our schedule! Our High school students are also encourage to donate blood.

An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim & Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net / 515-964-7687 to make an appointment. Please give your email address as well so a reminder can be sent to you. Also contact them if you can help the day of the Drive.

### Summer at The Well

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).

See Diocesan events at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7

Theme: *We enter life to the full through Christ.*

Reading I: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • You must reform and be baptized.

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20b-25 • By his wounds you were healed.

Gospel: John 10:1-10 • I am the gate.

*Question for Children:* How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

*Question for Youth:* Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

*Question for Adults:* In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?