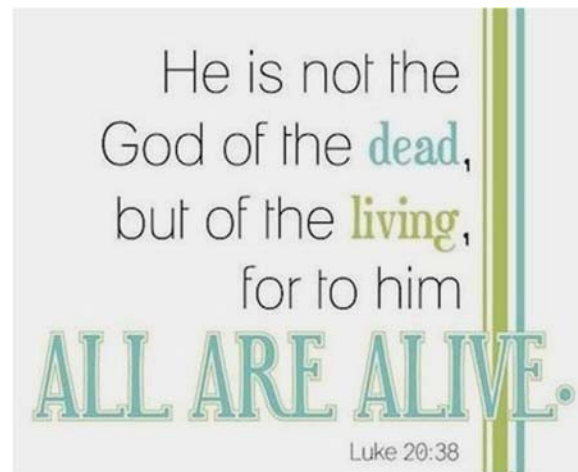




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 9/10, 2019

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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,

As the final weeks of the church calendar are coming to a close, it is not too early to start thinking about the upcoming season of Advent. Through my formation in Catechesis of The Good Shepherd, I have come to a deeper understanding of what this time in the church means. Every Sunday of Advent we are asking the Lord Jesus to come; not just into our hearts anew at Christmas time, but we are also asking Christ to come again, as in the end of time. This moment in salvation history is called the Parousia. It is so wonderful to hear the children reflect on this in the atrium. Instead of hearing rumblings of fear and misgivings, like I have felt in my younger years, we hear exclamations of joy! I am constantly amazed by the children's responses and strive to match my own to theirs.

Over the coming weeks we will be pondering the mystery of the Incarnation beginning first with presentations about where Jesus was born, where he lived, died and ultimately rose from the dead. Then, with the words of the prophets and the scripture passages from Jesus' infancy, we will go deeper into God's plan for salvation through the person of Jesus Christ. As we take this time in class to consider what God has done for us through the birth of his son, we invite you to bring this message into your home and take time to sit with the scriptures and prepare your heart for Jesus. Now is a great time to start thinking about how you will set your home apart this Advent, and to do your best to be ready for Christ; in his coming at Christmas time as well as in the Parousia. ~ Geneveve Loraditch

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## Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	9:00am	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, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

**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 <http://www.vocationsonline.org>.

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## Mass and Adoration

### Tuesday, November 12

6:00pm St. Mary †*Albert & Helen Schmidt*  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, November 13

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Mary Ann Seeberg*

### Thursday, November 14

8:00am St. Mary †*Mary Maxwell*

### Saturday, November 16

5:00pm St. Mary †*Ron Odgaard*

### Sunday, November 17

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, November 11, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Date to be announced

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, November 17, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth, Karen Stafford

## 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. Andrew, 515-367-2685, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

## Book of Remembrance

During November this Book will be in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses.

## Help With Avenue of Flags

We will be retiring the flags on Monday, Nov. 11 at 3:00pm. Please call or text Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147, if you can help in case he needs to recruit additional help or if weather interferes with this schedule. Thank you.

## A Get Together!!



Join us for conversation, playing games or working on crafts on Thursday, Nov. 21, 9:30am in the Social Hall!



## 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.



## Senior Citizen's Breakfast

Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to breakfast on Friday, December 6. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 9:00am Mass. Hope you are able to join us! RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, December 3.

## 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 for the one it is for, to be on our prayer chain.*

## Upcoming Events

- †**This Weekend:** Work of Our Hands Fall Festival: Saturday after Mass until 7:30pm; Sunday, after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Weekends of Nov. 9/10 & 16/17:** "Move the NCYC Bus"
- †**Adult Christmas Choir practice** (6th graders and up): Sundays after 10:00am Mass, Nov. 10, 17, 24, and Dec. 8, 15 & 22
- †**Children's Choir practice** (1st - 5th graders): Sundays 9:25 - 9:55am in the Social Hall, Nov. 17, 24, and Dec. 8, 15 & 22
- †**Saturday, Nov. 16:** *Hall in use 11:30am to 3:30pm*
- †**Weekend of Nov. 16/17:** Food Panty collection for Elkhart's *The Blessing Box*
- †**Thursday, Nov. 21:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

## Music News

**Sue Schmidt, coordinator**

515-689-9949 / [sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org)

Our Children's Choir (1st - 5th graders) will sing at Christmas Eve 5:00pm Mass. Practices are Sundays 9:25 to 9:55am in the Social Hall on Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 8, 15 & 22. Come sing and play the bells!

Our Adult Choir (6th graders to Adults) will also sing at this Mass. Practices are Sundays right after 10:00am Mass for one hour beginning today, through Dec. 22, excluding Dec. 1.

Please contact me if interested or have questions about either of these choirs. Thank you.

## Help Us Move the NCYC Bus!

On November 21, 12 SMHC parishioners will embark on an amazing pilgrimage to Indianapolis to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference, traveling by charter bus for 500+ miles to join 30,000 others! With your generosity we've almost reached our financial goal. Our final fundraiser, "Move the NCYC Bus", will be after Masses this weekend and next. Please consider purchasing \$1 "ticket(s)" to sponsor "miles along the trip to Indianapolis". Stop by our table to learn more! Thank you for your love, prayers and support! God IS good, ALL the time!

## We Are In Need of Your Assistance

We are looking for volunteers to do one or two-week shifts of snow removal at St. Mary through mid April. Many hands make light work! For more information or to volunteer, please email Drew Hanlon at [dlhanlon@windstream.net](mailto:dlhanlon@windstream.net). Thank you!

## Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

### Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150  
Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

If you have a child who is preparing for their First Communion, please note in your calendar the upcoming mandatory parent meeting January 8, 6:00 - 7:00pm.

**Nov. 12: Regular Session; Reconciliation from 5:15-5:45**

**Nov. 13: Regular Sessions**

**Nov. 19/20 Regular Sessions**

**Nov. 26/27 Break - Happy Thanksgiving**

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org), 515-240-5059

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

### Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

**10th Grade Students & Sponsors only:** Prayer Stations, Sunday, November 10, 11:00am - 2:00pm in the Ed Center  
**Confirmation Session:** Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:00-8:00pm in the Social Hall

### EDGE, Grades 7 & 8

**Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall**

**Nov. 13:** *Pray for Enemies* - The Conversion of Heart

**Nov. 20 & Nov 27:** No EDGE

## Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter

### "Thank You!" - Parish Volunteers Needed

Thank you so much for your gift of the creative meals you have provided each month for our guests over the past twenty years. You help make our guests feel cared for and you also take a burden off of staff who would be cooking if the meal weren't provided. This saves us several thousands of dollars each year. We cannot thank you enough.

~ Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter

Members of our parish provide one meal for guests at Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter on the second Sunday of each month. We currently need volunteers for January through July, September, and December 2020. One or more families can volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal, although the shelter prefers that no more than five people actually be present at the house at a time. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt that you can use for a tax deduction. To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687.

We are grateful to the following parishioners who prepared meals in 2019: Cross Ministry Team, Arlene and Todd Anderson family, Sheri Olson and family, Tammi and Garrett McClain, Stacie and Joel Hergenreter, JoAnn Meusburger, Sharon Adams, Lisa Pritchard, Kathy and Rick Daup, Knights of Columbus, Angie and Matt Miller family, and the Finance Council.

## Cleaning Holy Cross Church

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to clean our beautiful little church in the country! We still have a few openings available. Please call Chris Schreurs, 515-681-1351, if interested in helping out.

## PARISH COUNCIL / CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

Our new Parish Council replaces the Cross Ministry Team, which was an interim group consisting of members from each ministry as well as others from the parish. Check back for more information about our Council and its members.

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Doug Jones - 515-367-4402 - [djones@bossard.com](mailto:djones@bossard.com)

### PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Seeking a volunteer; contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

### November 3, Budget Week 18

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$9,100	\$5,730

### Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$105,824	\$103,140	\$105,521

World Mission Collection to date: \$42.00

## 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$35,915	\$34,723	<b>\$14,049</b>

**Pledge cards are available at each Church.** Please consider making a pledge if you haven't done so. Any amount will be gratefully received and appreciated. Please return to the parish office or place in the offertory basket at Mass. Or donate online at [dmidiocese.thankyou4caring.org/](http://dmidiocese.thankyou4caring.org/). Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

## Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Please contact Sarah Baumberger, parish bookkeeper, for more information ([sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org)).

## Hello from Me and My House!

Greetings SMHC! What better way to protect the dignity of life and participate in our families and communities is there than to be responsible in safeguarding the basic rights we are all entitled to as human beings? The next social teaching in the spotlight is rights and responsibilities.

When you think about your rights, what comes to mind? As an American people we tend to go straight to the Constitution. We have the right to free speech, to practice our religion without fear of persecution, to bear arms, to vote etc. But try and go a little deeper.

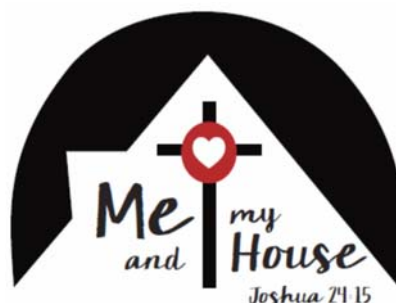
Our basic rights are pretty simple. We have the right to having sufficient development of life. We have the right to have adequate food, clothing, shelter. It's a basic human right to have access to things like decent medical care, education and social services. This all seems like it would be common sense, and that in this day and age we could manage a world where everyone has proper access. But there are still so many people in the world who go without these very basic things.

The problem begins right in our own neighborhoods. In Iowa in 2018 there were an estimated 2,749 people experiencing homelessness on any given day. Of that total number 325 were family households, 196 were veterans, 209 were young adults (18-24) and 270 were individuals experiencing chronic homelessness. Check out <https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/ia/> for these stats and so many more. More than 11 million children in the United States live in "food insecure" homes. This means that these households do not have enough food for every member of their family. And as much as we would like to believe that everyone has access to the same education in our great nation, it is sadly untrue. The fact is, schools located in a wealthier area have access to private funding that public schools in lower income neighborhoods would never receive. Only 10% of students in the best 146 universities in the U.S. were from lower - or middle - class income households according to a 2015 study. The Obama Administration worked hard to make changes in funding and access, but we still aren't to a point of equality.

I could talk about proper access to medical for days. If you don't have assistance from your employer for insurance coverage it can be difficult and expensive to get coverage at all. And employee health insurance isn't all created equal either. If you or someone you know has a condition that requires medication or supplies, then you know the struggle with cost. In 2017 1 in 10 adults reported that they delayed or did not get care at some point due to costs.

There is so much work to be done in order to ensure that we all have equal access to the things we need right here and across the world. Pope Francis has covered this topic extensively through *On Care for our Common Home*. I know that sometimes it seems like there is very little that you can do to help. But even a little goes a long way. Donate to a local food pantry like The Blessing Box right down the road! Our parish also has our Friends of St. Francis group who work to provide education and practical things we can do that align with Pope Francis and caring for our common home. If a certain illness or ailment is important to you, research ways that you can help. My family and I enjoy participating in the JDRF Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes. It's the responsibility of all people to protect, promote and support the rights we have as human beings.

Email [joshua2415smhc@gmail.com](mailto:joshua2415smhc@gmail.com) with any thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have.





## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, November 16, 5:00pm, St. Mary**

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Jack McDermott
Cup Bearers	John Zidon, Patty Devereux
Host Distributor	Mike Devereux
Altar Servers	Bennett Bruns, Abigail Devereux, Emily Devereux
Ushers	Drew Hanlon, Mark Birchmier, Dawn & Mason Reynolds
Cantor	Lisa Jones
Accompanist	Mary Schmelzer

**Sunday, November 17, 8:00am, Holy Cross**

Announcer	Sheri Fogarty
Lector	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Server	Jill Beukema
Ushers	Tracy Irwin Family

**Sunday, November 17, 10:00am, St. Mary**

Announcer	Joe Dunham
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Nicole Cory, Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Jacki Ausman
Altar Servers	Griffen & Leah Muth
Ushers	Andrew Cory, Merle Olberding, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum
Cantors	Jen Linderblood
Accompanist	Mary Schmelzer

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# Money Counters

**Nov. 11** Lisa Kautza, Sue White

**Nov. 17** Dona Cowman, Sharon Morris

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## Be of Service To Those in Need

Catholic Charities is looking for assistance in handing out Thanksgiving meal boxes on November 20, 21 and 22 at their food bank at 1815 Hubbell Avenue in Des Moines. There are two shifts available: 9:00am – 12:30pm and 12:30 to 3:45pm. If you are able to help or would like additional information, please contact Holly at 515-237-5027 or [hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org). Thank you!

## St. Luke's Catholic Grade School Open House

Visit this Open House on Sunday, November 17, from 11:30am to 1:00pm after our student led Mass at 10:30am. We will have open enrollment for grades K-8 for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Meet our teachers and staff, tour the classrooms, meet current families, view uniform examples and receive admissions and financial aid information. Register between November 17 and December 20 for a \$25 discount. For more information please call 515-985-7074.

## Want to Strengthen Your Marriage?

It can be a challenge to keep a marriage strong when you're juggling a demanding job, kids' activities and more. You're not alone. Both couples that are hurting and couples that want to make a good thing better, get together the first and third Monday each month, 7:00-9:00pm at Mercy College in Des Moines to talk about a different skill that will help their marriages thrive. Questions, visit [dmdiocese.org](http://dmdiocese.org); click on Marriage and Family Life or contact Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or [astorey@dmdiocese.org](mailto:astorey@dmdiocese.org).

# VETERANS DAY

On Veterans Day we honor all,  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who,  
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights,  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank ALL veterans just the same.



By Cheryl Dyson

## Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria

**Join Father Andrew for this incredible  
Journey of Faith and Adventure  
*July 24 - August 2, 2020.***

Some of the things we will do: *In Germany*, watch the world-renowned “Passion Play”, explore historic Munich city center, visit Dachau Concentration Camp, tour Neuschwanstein Castle and experience famous Hofbrauhaus. *In Austria*: Eucharistic Miracle location in Seefeld, ride to majestic alps mountaintop, explore gorgeous resort town of Seefeld, exciting tour of Salzburg salt mine, nostalgic Sound of Music tour and discover the unique and beautiful Salzburg. This trip includes daily Mass, confession and time for shopping and relaxation! Cost is \$4,699. Includes round-trip coach airfare, transportation in Europe, breakfast, lunch and dinner, museum fees and local guides. Sign up by December 31 for \$100 discount. View [www.CollinsTravel.biz](http://www.CollinsTravel.biz) for full itinerary. Questions? Email [Jason@CollinsTravel.biz](mailto:Jason@CollinsTravel.biz) or call 515-850-6133.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 9/10**

*Theme: God strengthens us and we live with him forever.*

*Reading 1:* 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 • They marveled at his courage.

*Reading II:* 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 • May God console your heart.

*Gospel:* Luke 20:27-38 • God is not a God of the dead but of the living.

**Question for Children:** God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?

**Question for Youth:** Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn't the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

**Question for Adults:** Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?