



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 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,

"Back in the day," when the Church was first beginning, the Mass was said in the catacombs and homes of secret Christians. The sign designating those of Christian belief was the two lines that crossed at one end symbolizing a fish. People secretly gathered at such places to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Since the worship took place in private homes, it's safe to assume the entire family was involved in some way. Everyone in the family had something to contribute to the Eucharistic celebration.

Today I'm seeing a resurgence of such family participation in the liturgy. I have recently noticed a strong family participation in our Masses at St. Mary-Holy Cross. I have seen instances of children acting as altar servers at the same Mass that their parents were Eucharistic Ministers. I have seen instances of a parent being announcer and cantor while their son was an altar server. Another example is of a mother being cantor while her daughter was lector and her husband and sons were ushers. Total family participation in the liturgy!

Since I've been assigned to SMHC parish, I have seen ministers "step up" to serve Christ in various liturgical ways. It has always been on a volunteer basis. Now is a good time to consider in what way you can serve with other family members in celebrating our liturgies. Make it a family approach to worship and leading worship.

Fr. Andrew is leading our newly revived Liturgy committee. Please consider speaking with him about ways that your family can more actively worship Christ in the liturgies. The list of possible ways to serve is seemingly endless. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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### Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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

**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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## Masses

### Wednesday, November 14

5:30pm Holy Cross †Margaret Shaw

### Thursday, November 15

8:00am St. Mary †Ina Dittmer

### Saturday, November 17

5:00pm St. Mary †Brad West

### Sunday, November 18

8:00am Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

## 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, or Deacon Terry, 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.

## Book of Remembrance †

This month our Book of Remembrance will be in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses.

## A Scriptural Walk Through the Mass

This video series is a thorough and interesting way to explain what takes place at Mass and should be a "must-see" for every Catholic. Join us in the Social Hall after 10:00am Mass today and next Sunday.

## Help With Avenue of Flags for Veteran's Day

Could you assist with retiring the flags today (Sunday) at 4:00pm? It will take about an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147, with questions. Thank you!

## This Thursday!



Let's get together for conversation, playing games or working on crafts at 9:30am in the Social Hall!

and.....

Come experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Take this time to listen to God in the quiet.



## Say "Cheese" For Your Family Picture!

We'd like every family to have their picture taken; the directory will be a great way connect names and faces! **Sign up today!** Visit our website for a link, or go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxxt0hxe/>, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Photo dates: Nov. 19, 20, 23, 24, 29, 30 & Dec. 1. If you would like to assist with check-in on any of these dates, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/JvvckGv>.

**If you do not wish your contact information included, you MUST contact the Parish Office.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, November 15, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

RCIA Gathering  
Sundays, Nov. 11 & 18, 11:00am, Social Hall

Cross Ministry  
Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 25, 11:00am-12:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council  
Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 6:00pm, Office Area

Friends of St. Francis  
Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:30pm, Conference Room

Knights of Columbus  
Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 18 with First Degree, 6:30pm,  
Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 3  
Ginger Geren, Christine Sauer, Lisa Schoening

## Upcoming Events

- †**Clothing Drive:** Month of November, Ed Center
- †**Cornucopia collection:** Nov. 10/11 & 17/18
- †**Scriptural Walk Through the Mass:** Sundays, Nov. 11 & 18, 11:00am, Social Hall
- †**Adult Choir practice:** Sundays, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 11:00am-12:30pm, St. Mary Church
- †**Good News Singers practice:** Wednesdays, Nov. 14, 28, Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 6:00-6:45pm, St. Mary Church
- †**Crafts, Games & Social Time:** Thursday, Nov. 15, Hall
- †**Work of Our Hands Festival:** Saturday, Dec. 1, 1- 4:45pm & 6 - 7pm, and Sunday, Dec. 2, 11am-12:30pm, Social Hall

## Music News

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

**Children's Choir:** The Good News Singers meet Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45pm in the Church to practice for 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Space in the choir loft is limited to 20 children in grades 2nd through 6th.

**Adult Choir:** Our rehearsals for 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass are Sundays starting today. We meet in the Church right after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm. Please join us in singing praise for the birth of our Savior!

## Cornucopia Collection

Our Youth Group's goal is to provide 6-10 families with a basket full of food items so they can prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Find our Cornucopia poster in the vestibule at St. Mary and also one at Holy Cross, with various food items pinned on it. You indicate your commitment to help by taking a card from this poster with the picture of the food item/items that you are willing to donate and return the actual food item next weekend to St. Mary. If you know of a family in your community that can benefit from receiving a food basket, please contact Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830 or Andrea Fisher 515-240-5059 to arrange delivery options. Thank you!

## Liturgical Ministers Needed

We invite you to assist with ministries for our Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00am at St. Mary, and also for our weekend Masses November 24/25. A sign up sheet is available at each Church or contact the Parish Office to volunteer; 515-367-2685 / [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org). Thank you.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cecelia Morton who passed away Thursday, and for Don and their family as they mourn her passing.

✠ *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*

Classes have began and it was nice being back in the Ed Center. A lot of work remains to be done to get things all back in order but we are well on our way to doing so. A huge thank you to all of you who have already donated clothing to the clothing drive; we have gotten a lot of items!!!

**Key Up Coming Dates:** Class on November 14 & 28  
No class on November 21

#### First Reconciliation Key Dates:

November 10 & 11 - Blessing of First Reconciliation  
Students at all Masses

November 17 - First Reconciliation Service at St. Mary,  
10:00am

**Service Project for November** - Clothing Drive (boxes are located downstairs in the Educational Center)

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

#### Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*

Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

#### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, *ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014*

#### EDGE (7th/8th) Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Nov. 14: *Everlasting- One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic*

Nov. 21: NO EDGE- Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 28: *Life In The Fire- Structure of the Church*

Dec. 5: NO EDGE

#### C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades) Sessions 6:00-7:30pm

- Sunday, Nov. 11: 9th Gr. - *Lesson 5* 10th Gr. - *Lesson 17*

- *10th Grade Students and Sponsor Prayer Stations:* Sunday

November 11: 11:00am - 3:00pm in the Ed Center

NO SESSION Nov. 25,

the Sunday directly following Thanksgiving

#### 10th-12th Graders Bible Study

Sundays, 4:30-5:30pm, Nov. 11 & 18 in the Youth Area.

Questions, call or text Andrea 515-240-5059.

### 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.

### Trunk or Treat: What a Success!

We give a huge "thank you" to those that attended, decorated a trunk, provided candy or volunteered your time at this years trunk or treat. Once again, we are shown how generous and loving our parish is. We had a record number of volunteers and attendees. Here are the winners of the trunk contest: 1st place: Sonya Staudt (Pac-Man) 2nd place: Nicole Cory (Harry Potter) and 3rd place: Kelly Hoffmeier (50's diner). Please see Melissa for your prize.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### Weekly Collection Financial Update

Nov. 4/5 Week 19

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 4,227	\$5,157

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$101,283	\$97,978	\$96,732

### Annual Diocesan Appeal

Pledge cards are in the vestibule and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass, to the Parish Office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: [www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm](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	\$46,275	\$43,849.25	\$9,956.75

### Auto Debit for Tithing

You are encouraged to use the convenient service of automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing; You designate a dollar amount to be automatically withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis on a pre-determined date. Sign up forms are available in the vestibule. Please contact Peter Relyea at [prelyea@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:prelyea@saintmaryhc.org).



## **Our Military Families**

**Andrew Cory, United States Marine Corps Veteran September 10, 1979 to September 9, 1985. He enlisted while a senior in high school and was active duty from July 1980 to July 1984. He went to boot camp in San Diego, CA. I was the catholic lay leader for the other recruits while in boot camp. His job title was aviation ordnance specializing aircraft armament maintenance and the buildup of munitions deployed from attack aircraft.**

**During his active duty time he was stationed in Iwakuni Japan for a year, then his permanent base was in Beaufort South Carolina. He was deployed out of Beaufort for nearly 80% of the time he was stationed there.**

**Deployments sent him unit all over the United States to other Marine air stations along with Navy and Air force bases. One of the most memorable deployments was being deployed to Norway for 30 days where he spent that time living in a tent above the Arctic Circle in February. Cold weather training.**

**He still keep in contact with a number of the men and women he served with. "It is a special bond when we reconnect and talk as though we had just seen each other recently."**

**Bill Jorgensen was a corpsman in the Navy from January, 1954 to November, 1957.**

**Bill Dunbar served in the USAF from 1962-1966. He attended Electronics school at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi for a year. I was then stationed on Kadena AFB in Okinawa, Japan working on communications equipment for 18 months. I was then transferred to a Radar site located in Gettysburg, South Dakota site for 18 months.**

**Terry Schleisman was drafted into military service in 1967. He graduated from Airborne training and served in the Army as a paratrooper. He served in Vietnam from June of 1968 to June of 1969.**

**Marion Nehring served from 1957-1970 in the Air National Guard, Reserves, and as a Master Sergeant in the Air Force.**

**Parishioners that are currently enlisted:**

**Hannah Nehring - Manhattan Kansas**

**Grant Nehring - Alaska**

**Austin Smith - Stationed in Texas, currently in Afghanistan**

**WE thank you for your service!!**

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, November 17, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Olivia Jones
Cup Bearers	Susan Stillmunkes, Tony Kuehn
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Jack & Tommy Selby, Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Doug, Patrick, Thomas Jones, Drew Hanlon

### Sunday, November 18, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Sheri Fogarty
Lector	Jeff Ruden
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Aiden Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Brody Gilligan Family

### Sunday, November 18, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Marion Panyan, Carol Weber
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Griffen Muth
Ushers	Tom & Jacki Ausman, Doug Zehr, Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine

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## Money Counters

**Nov. 11:** Carol Weber, Lisa Kautza

**Nov. 18:** Sue White, Dawn Reynolds

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## Senior Citizen's Breakfast



Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to breakfast on Friday, December 7. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 9:00am Mass. RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, December 4 if you are able to join us.

## Ladies Christmas Party



Our gather on Wednesday, Dec. 5 following 6:00pm Mass and then share a meal and time together. Join us!! We will be collecting personal care items to donate to our three community Food Pantries.

More information coming soon.

## Sponsor Couple Training

Any married couples from our parish who have considered leading engaged couples through the FOCUS program in preparation for their upcoming marriage, are invited to attend a Diocesan conducted sponsor couple training day. This training is Saturday, December 1, at the Catholic Pastoral Center, and will run from 1:00-5:00pm. Couples can register for this training by calling Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or by email [atastorey@dmdioocese.org](mailto:atastorey@dmdioocese.org).

## St. Luke's Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, November 18, 7:45am to Noon. We welcome all neighboring parishes to come and meet new friends. Menu: Eggnog french toast, sausage, juice and coffee. Free will offering.

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



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 2 hours.

## Thank You

A big thank you to the Confirmation Class members and K of C members who helped me trim trees and do yard cleanup at the home of a relative and fellow SMHC member. Your help was greatly appreciated. Blessings,

~ Joe Rumbaugh

## 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](mailto: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.*

## "Thank You!" from Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter (formerly St. Joe's)

### – 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 nearly 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, March through July, September, and December 2019. 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 this past year: RE children, Confirmation class, Pastoral Council, Arlene and Todd Anderson family, Sonya and Phil Staudt family, Lori McQuiston, Stacey and Tom Rooney, JoAnn Meusburger, Sharon Adams, Lisa Pritchard, Knights of Columbus, the Alleman Neighborhood, Angie and Matt Miller family, and the Finance Council.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 11

*Theme: We must give to God until we have given enough.*

*Reading I:* 1 Kings 17:10-16 • The jar of flour shall not go empty.

*Reading II:* Hebrews 9:24-28 • Christ takes away our sins.

*Gospel:* Mark 12:38-44 • She gave from her want.

*For Children:* What part of your own possessions are you called on to share?

*For Youth:* When you think of your own life, do you consider yourself to be rich or poor? How do you spend your money? Is there anything you should be doing differently?

*For Adults:* When do you know that you have given away enough?