



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 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:

Is it time for a change in our Church? No, I'm not talking about anything radical like trying to make changes to the very authentic and vital Mass or the sacraments and such. We're still trying to absorb the changes brought about by Vatican II! What I'm talking about here is changes to the ways WE think and to OUR mindsets and to how WE live our lives.

Last week in his bulletin article Fr. Dan talked about the millennials and why, in growing numbers, they are not participating in the Church. Two of the things mentioned were authenticity and hypocrisy. None of us like to be around a fake or a hypocrite! The millennials do not have the market cornered on lack of interest in the Church. Do we act one way in church and then put on a different face after we go out the door? Are we only welcoming to some in our church and look down upon others not so much like us? I believe we need to make it a point to NOT live as if we are/were members in an exclusive club, because we aren't. The Catholic Church, and all Christian churches, should be welcoming to ALL. Are we living our lives in that mindset?

If you see or think that I am unauthentic or hypocritical, tell me, so that I may contemplate on that/those accusations so as to learn more about myself. Hopefully, I will choose to live and be more Christ-like.

As much as some might like to effect change in the ways and hierarchy of the Catholic Church, those matters are outside of our circle of influence. We only have the ability to try to be responsible in the way we do things personally.

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, November 15

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

Thursday, November 16

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

Saturday, November 18

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, November 19

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis

10:00am St. Mary †Thomas Sutter

- 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!

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.

The Scriptural Walk Through the Mass Series

This Tuesday is the final video. Join us at 7:00pm in the Social Hall for a half-hour video followed by an optional discussion. ~ Deacon Terry

† Pastoral Assistance

Please contact 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. Fr. Dan returns Wednesday.

Parish & Friends Bereavement Group

The "Mourning Coffee Club" continues to meet Mondays at 10:00am in St. Mary's Conference Room.

As we approach the holiday season, we will focus on learning and sharing ways to cope with what can be a bittersweet time when we may WANT to feel joy amid the cheer of the season but we FEEL "alone in the crowd." Grief is always a personal issue, but it's often amazing to find that bereavement can also offer ways we can learn to travel THROUGH life's valleys of shadows that haunt our happiness.

"Mourning Coffee Club" offers a supportive community where we not only share fellowship with others who are in this new stage of life, but also learn about the process of grieving and how to become more comfortable during this difficult period of readjustments.

Come discover where you are in your journey and in your ability to cope ... and ... if you've successfully closed that window, we welcome you to also come and share the tools you've used in times of crisis.

Call or text your interest and questions to Paula Garoutte at 515-306-6633 or email paulasongbird@msn.com.

Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us Wednesday, November 22, 6:30pm at St. Mary, to give thanks to God for all He has given us!

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, Nov. 15, & 29, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, Nov. 18 & 25, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Nov. 16, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Pastoral Council
Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meetings: Sunday, Nov. 19, 6:30pm, with 1st Degree, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1
Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

Coming Events

- †**Month of November:** Clothing Drive for Catholic Charities sponsored by Religious Ed and K of C.
- †**Weekend of Nov. 11/12:** Youth's promotion for Cornucopia collection — K of C Raffle For Life
- †**Sunday, Nov. 12:** Adult Choir practice, 11am-12:30pm, St. Mary Church. Also on Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10 & 17
- †**Monday, Nov. 13:** "Mourning Coffee Club", 10-11am, Conference Room. Meets every Monday, except holidays.
- †**Tuesday, Nov. 14:** A Scriptural Walk Through The Mass (final session), 7:00pm, Social Hall.
- †**Wednesday, Nov. 15:** Children's Choir practice, 6-6:45pm, St. Mary Church. Also on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 17 & 20
- †**Thursday, Nov. 16:** Crafts, games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of Nov. 18/19:** Food Pantry collection for Elkhart Food Pantry, The Blessing Box
- †**Thursday, Nov. 30:** Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Friday, Dec. 1:** Senior Citizen Breakfast after 8am Mass, Social Hall
- †**Wednesday, Dec. 6:** Ladies Party after 6pm Mass, Hall

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
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Is there anyone who'd be willing to play guitar with us on Christmas Eve? It really adds so much to our music. We would LOVE to hear from you. God is calling...! Please respond! Contact me to get details.

Deo Gratias Choir (adult's) practices are Sundays after 10:00am Mass. All 7th grade and older are most welcome! Come raise your voices in praise of our newborn King!

Good News Singers (children's choir) practices on Wednesdays, 6:00pm in the church. We have lots of young voices who will be lifting their enthusiastic praise on Christmas Eve!



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 St. Mary. Take this time to listen in the quiet to what the Lord has to speak to you.



Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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Blessing of the First Reconciliation Students is occurring this weekend at each Mass. The First Reconciliation Service will be held November 18 at St. Mary at 10:00am. Please have the following students in your thoughts and prayers as they receive their First Reconciliation:

<i>Caleb Coffelt</i>	<i>Gus Schaffer</i>	<i>Weston Walmsley</i>
<i>Tenley Fried</i>	<i>Austin Shugar</i>	<i>Tyler Weber</i>
<i>Tanner Heaps</i>	<i>Sydney Veasman</i>	<i>Macey Welch</i>
<i>Jaslyn Rasmussen</i>	<i>Brooklyn Volz</i>	

The kids got to meet Saint Francis, ok so a stand in, as in I was dressed up like Saint Francis, but time was spent on discussing his life. The pictures brought in were collected and hung up for the month of November. Next week all children will be given a paper feather to write down something they are very thankful for and it will be hung on the Wall of Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to the **STAR** students for October. They participated in a game night on Nov. 8 and had a great time!

<i>Finley Muth</i>	<i>Evelyn Smith</i>
<i>Kiernan Heaps</i>	<i>Jayson Floyd</i>
<i>Jaslyn Rasmussen</i>	<i>Macey Welch</i>
<i>Kaden Gilligan</i>	<i>Caleb Coffelt</i>
<i>Rylie Campbell</i>	<i>Molly Princehouse</i>
<i>Lucas Robinson</i>	<i>Jenna Volz</i>
<i>Daniel Schoening</i>	<i>Hunter Halligan</i>

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

Sunday, November 12, 11:00am - 2:00pm, **Student/Sponsor Prayer stations** will be set up in the Ed Center. 10th graders being confirmed this year and their sponsors will need to attend. Please feel free to come whenever you would like within those hours.

Confirmation 1 & 2 Sessions

Sunday, November 26: 6:00 - 7:30pm

9th Grade - Lesson 4 in student workbooks
 10th Grade - Lesson 15 in student workbooks

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

EDGE 7th & 8th graders, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Nov. 15: Session: *A Servant's Heart: An evening of service*
 Nov. 22: NO EDGE - Thanksgiving Break
 Nov. 29: Session

S.T.O.R.M. 9th-12th graders, 7:45-9:00pm, Youth Room

Nov. 15 & 22: NO Youth Group Gathering
 Nov. 29: Youth Group gathering

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.

Dear GOD,

In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation?
 ~ Jane

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

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	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$3,929	\$5,234

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$96,732	\$99,439	\$98,583

Hurricane Maria Relief Collection: \$1277.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Pledge cards are available in the vestibule or donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>. Thanks to those who have pledged!

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 56,442	49,771.64	\$ 48,121.64	\$ 8,320.36

Liturgical Ministers Needed

We invite you to assist with ministries at our Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 22, and also for our weekend Masses November 25/26. A sign up sheet is at each Church or contact the Parish Office to volunteer; 515-367-2685/bliske@saintmaryhc.org. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, November 18, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer John Zidon
 Lector John Roberts
 Cup Bearers Mike & Patty Devereux
 Host Distributor Deacon Terry
 Altar Servers Jace, Luke & Blake Huntrods
 Ushers Mark Lengel, Tom Bowman,
 Mark Birchmier, Jim Hudson

Sunday, November 19, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer Celia Shedd
 Lector Stacey Rooney
 Cup Bearer Deacon Terry
 Altar Server Kelcie Shedd
 Ushers Mike Veasman, Mike Phelan

Sunday, November 19, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Kris Sturtz
 Lector Matt Miller
 Cup Bearers Carol Weber, Matt Miller
 Host Distributor Deacon Terry
 Altar Server Cael Tollefson
 Ushers Tom, Jacki, & Andrew Ausman,
 Bill & Kelly Dunbar

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Money Counters

Nov. 12: Sue White, Dawn Reynolds

Nov. 19: Brenda Nehring, Kathy Daup

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Cornucopia Collection



There's still time to help our Youth Group provide families with a basket of food items to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Our poster with food items still needed is in the vestibule. Please take a food card(s) and return the actual food item(s) next weekend, Nov. 18/19. If you know of a family in your community that can benefit by receiving a food basket, please contact Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830, to arrange delivery options. We will also donate baskets to *The Blessing Box Food Pantry* and to other surrounding communities.

Feed The Hungry

Members of our Parish provide one meal for guests at the Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter on the second Sunday of each month. **We currently need volunteers** for March through July, September, and December 2018. 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 or 515-964-7687.

Raffle for Life: Dorothy's House

Dorothy's House is a program that assists victims of human sex trafficking here in Iowa. Raffle ticket sales continue throughout November. Ticket cost is \$50. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Ladies Christmas Party!

ALL ladies of the parish are invited to our party on Wednesday, December 6; we gather for 6:00pm Mass and then share a meal and time together. Join us!



More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars end up in landfills every year -- that is the equivalent of filling up two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.

A HUGE Thank You To All!

We wanted to thank our parish family for so generously supporting 14 of our youth and 5 adults on our pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference this year. We had six fundraisers and raised a total amount of \$4850.98! It has been blessing to be part of such a supportive parish family. One of our favorite parts of fundraising for this NCCYC is was the opportunity we had to pass along the blessings to others. When our garage sale was complete we opened our doors for a "Free" garage sale and there were 33 families from our surrounding communities who benefited! Your support and generosity has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We look forward to sharing our experience and extend our thankfulness to you all at our Appreciation Brunch on January 14 following 10:00am Mass.



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 their permission to be on our prayer chain.*



Senior Citizen's Breakfast

Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to breakfast on Friday, December 1. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 8:00am Mass. RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, November 28 if you are able to join us.

Prayer & Spirituality: Preparing for Advent

Participate in an evening of learning and prayer with Cindy Shaw, Director of the Emmaus House, as we prepare for the joyful season of Advent. Cindy will share practical ways to grow in your prayer life, as well as provide time for personal reflection. Join us Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. Register at saintfrancischurch.

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 12

Theme: We must always be ready.

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16 • Wisdom seeks those who seek her.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • The dead will participate in Jesus' return.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 • Readiness is essential for the end time.

For Children: If Jesus came to your house today, what would you do to get ready for him?

For Youth: Even though you are still young, what strategy do you have to make sure you are "ready" for the inevitable moment when you will die?

For Adults: How are you preparing to be ready for that moment that no one escapes, the moment when you come to the end of your life as you know it now?