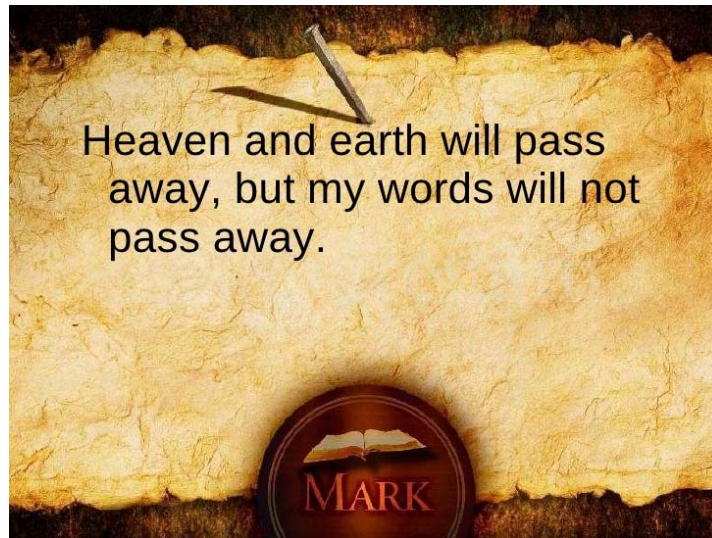




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 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,

How fitting it is that the readings a couple weeks before the end of the liturgical year concern the end times. And it is all much more dramatic than whatever a Hollywood production could put together. Regardless of how advanced we think we are and despite an insatiable and maybe even unhealthy hunger for knowledge, there is nothing that humanity can do to know when exactly is the end of time. However, as people with faith in God, we do not need to know and can be consoled, that, as Jesus says in the Gospel, "my words will not pass away."

Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday. Every time we pray the Our Father, we ask Him to "forgive us our trespasses." Yet this sacrament is scarcely celebrated here at St. Mary and Holy Cross. It is currently offered from 4 to 4:30 PM on Saturday afternoons and by appointment. Please let me know what more I might do including adding times.
~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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>

Masses

Wednesday, November 21

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Dick Dyer*

Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day

9:00am St. Mary †*Roberta Angell*

Saturday, November 24

5:00pm St. Mary †*Robert Richardson*

Sunday, November 25

8:00am Holy Cross †*Bill & Betty Cook*

10:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

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. Join us in the Social Hall after 10:00am Mass today for the final video.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us for Mass at 9:00am at St. Mary, to give thanks to God for all we have been given in His name!

Liturgical Ministers Needed

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

Pictorial Directory!

To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our parish, we welcome you to be part of our upcoming directory. Photography sessions begin on Monday and sessions are still open to reserve! Visit our website for a link, or go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxxt0hxe/> to make an appointment.

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.

Movie Reviews

See www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, December 20, 7:00pm, St. Mary

RCIA Gathering
Sunday, Nov. 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, December 11, 6:00pm, Office Area

Friends of St. Francis
Meeting: date and time to be decided

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

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5
Mary Cory, Kelly Muth, Mary Campbell

Upcoming Events

- †**Clothing Drive:** Month of November, Ed Center
- †**Cornucopia collection:** Bring items to SM this weekend
- †**Scriptural Walk Through the Mass:** Sunday, Nov. 18, 11:00am, Social Hall
- †**Adult Choir practice:** Sundays, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 11:00am-12:30pm, St. Mary Church
- †**Good News Singers practice:** Wednesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 6-6:45pm & Dec. 19, 5:30-6:30pm, SM Church
- †**Work of Our Hands Festival:** Saturday, Dec. 1, 1- 4:45pm & 6 - 7pm, and Sunday, Dec. 2, 11am-12:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Ladies Christmas Party:** Wednesday, Dec. 5 beginning with 6:00pm Mass, St. Mary
- †**Senior Citizen Breakfast:** Friday, Dec. 7 after 9:00am Mass, St. Mary
- †**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Sunday, Dec. 9, 2:00pm, St. Mary

The Parish is closed November 22 & 23

Music News

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

We sure could use an accompanist (or 2) for choir practices and/or for 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass; a stipend is a given. And a percussionists would add so much to our choir. Please contact me with questions or to sign up!

Help Needed with Snow Removal

We are looking for volunteers to do two-week shifts now through mid April at St. Mary. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Drew Hanlon, 515-367-3367 / dhanlon@windstream.net. Thank you.

Work of Our Hands Festival

Enjoy a fun, relaxing time sampling food and finding out more about the goods and services provided by St. Mary-Holy Cross parishioners at the Work of Our Hands Festival, Saturday, December 1, 1:00 - 4:45pm & 6:00 - 7:00pm and Sunday, December 2, 11:00am - 12:30pm. Ethical Trade goods, created by artisans in developing countries, Honduran El Zapote Coffee, and other new products will also be available for purchase. You might find that special Christmas present you've been looking for. There will be wine and cheese on Saturday and coffee and donuts on Sunday. Join us for our Festival!!

In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Grace Holdren, mother of Randy Holdren, who passed away Monday, and for her family that they find comfort during this difficult time.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Dick Dyer, formerly of our parish, who died Tuesday and for Veda and their family as they mourn his passing.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,* ✠
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader

shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

Thank you to all families who have been bringing in clothes for the clothing drive, we have a substantial amount in the Ed Center and we aren't even half way through November yet! Thank you for all of the support.

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest - Posters will be handed out on November 28 and due back December 12. The theme is *Keep Christ in Christmas*. Awards will be granted to the winners of each grade.

Key Up Coming Dates

Nov. 21 - No Class
Nov. 28 - Class - *4th grade Server Training at each session*
Dec. 5 - No Class
Dec. 12 - Class
Dec. 19 - Birthday Party for Jesus, 6:30-7:30pm, with EDGE
Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 - No Class

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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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. 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

NO Confirmation session on November 25.


Next session will be a movie night on Sunday, December 9 at 6:00pm.

Please watch your email for makeup dates and updated schedule.

10th-12th Graders Bible Study

Sunday, 4:30-5:30pm, Nov. 18 in the Youth Area. Questions, call or text Andrea 515-240-5059.

Ladies Christmas Party

 We 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 to come.

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.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Nov. 10/11 Week 20

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 2,927	\$5,157

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$104,210	\$103,135	\$99,206

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.

Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$53,806	\$46,275	\$43,849.25	\$9,956.75

Diocesan Collection

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development was founded to end the cycle of poverty by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. Please return the donation envelope included in this bulletin next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Jesus Is The Only Reason For Every Season!

Monthly Financial Update



Recycling one ton of paper saves 682.5 gallons of oil, 7,000 gallons of water and 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.

	October, 2018			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 27,350	\$ 25,228	\$ 36,026	\$ 108,157	\$ 102,183	\$ 109,988
Operating Expenses	\$ 28,660	\$ 26,665	\$ 28,667	\$ 111,984	\$ 117,735	\$ 118,259
Net operating income (expense)	\$ (1,310)	\$ (1,437)	\$ 7,359	\$ (3,827)	\$ (15,552)	\$ (8,271)
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 185,384	N/A	\$ 108,327			

Liturgical Ministers

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, 6:30pm, St. Mary

Volunteers needed: Altar Servers, 2 Ushers

Lector Kris Sexton
Cup Bearer Bill Sexton

Saturday, November 24, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Volunteers needed: Announcer, Lector, Host Distributor, 3 Altar Servers, 4 Ushers

Cup Bearers JoAnn Meusburger, Delila Roberts

Sunday, November 25, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Volunteer needed: Cup Bearer

Announcer Lynn Schreurs
Lector Jeff Ruden
Altar Server Aiden Phelan-Ruden
Ushers Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, November 25, 10:00am, St. Mary

Volunteers needed: Announcer, 1 Cup Bearer, Host Distributor, 1 Usher

Lector Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearer Marion Panyan
Altar Servers Peyton, Felicity & Veronica Loraditch
Ushers Jackson & Tammi McClain
Bill & Kelly Dunbar

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Money Counters

Nov. 25: Dona Cowman, Sharon White

Dec. 2: Kathy Daup, Dawn Reynolds

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Thank You

The family of Margaret Shaw would like to thank all of our family and friends for their outpouring of love, prayers, floral tributes, cards and the many memorial donations to the Cemetery. Special thanks to the men and women who prepared and served the lovely luncheon; Mom would have been so happy. ~ *The Shaw Family*

Thank you to those who braved the weather to raise and lower our flags for Veteran's day. It was very much appreciated! ~ *Lynn Schreurs*

Blood Drive Update

Thank you to all who came to contributed or helped with the Blood Drive last week. A special thank you to Nancy Hora who was a first time donor with LifeServe Blood Center. We had 47 donors register to donate, a total of 46 units were collected, resulting in up to 138 lives saved or sustained!

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

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.*

Advent Reconciliation Service

You are invited to celebrate God's love and forgiveness at our Advent Reconciliation Service on Sunday, December 9, 2:00pm at St. Mary. We will have additional priests here to assist with individual confession.



Advent Reflection Resources

You have various booklets to choose from! Determine ahead of time which might be best for you or your family by reading the following brief descriptions. Booklets will be available next weekend.

Prepare the Way of the Lord: The author beautifully explains that Advent isn't an isolated season, but a time to realize that God is with us 365 days a year.

Peace on Earth: Guide your family through a peace-filled Advent, fostering love for one another and encouraging peace in the world. Let us look to Jesus in the manger and open our hearts to receive the peace that only He can give.

Jesus, Open Our Hearts! Children can prepare for Jesus' coming by coloring ornaments on a Christmas tree as they complete the prayerful and caring activities each day.

Little Blue Book: Six-minute reflections from the Gospel of Luke, a little bit at a time and a variety of thoughts about the Advent and Christmas seasons, feasts, and various traditions and customs.

The Word Among Us: Offers daily meditations and inspirational stories with the theme "Journeying Through Advent With Mary" and special features about John the Baptist and St. Francis of Assisi.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 18

Theme: Jesus will come again.

Reading I: Daniel 12: 1-3 • Those who lead others to justice shall be like stars!

Reading II: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 • Christ takes away our sins.

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32 • Jesus will come again, and the believer must be ready.

For Children: If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would say? How would you act?

For Youth: If today was your last day, what would you be most thankful for? What would you regret?

For Adults: If today's your last, what would you do with it?