



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 2/3, 2019

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,

Having experienced some snow earlier this week, please be aware of our winter weather policy. It can be found on the parish calendar during the winter months, periodically in the bulletin, as well as on the website. In the meantime, it would not hurt to pray that we have a milder winter than the last!

~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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>.

Mass and Adoration

Tuesday, November 5

6:00pm St. Mary †*Roberta Angell*
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, November 6

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Joe Shaw*

Thursday, November 7

8:00am St. Mary †*Dorene Hanlon*

Saturday, November 9

5:00pm St. Mary †*Colleen Hindman and son Lee Hindman*

Sunday, November 10

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*
10:00am St. Mary †*Don Murphy*

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

Parish Council

Meeting: Date to be announced

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

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome to our Parish family Joseph and Ashley Schierbrock and children Scottie and Stella, who live in Huxley.

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.



"Faithful Citizenship" Presentation

Catholic lay people are called to carry the values of the Gospel into the public square. With the approach of the 2020 elections, now is an important time to address the role of Catholics in the political process. You are invited to this non-partisan informational presentation this Monday, November 4, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. The presenter is Tom Chapman, Executive Director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, which is the public policy and lobbying voice of the Catholic bishops in Iowa. Tom will discuss Catholic Social Teaching and how to inform your conscience on Catholic moral principles before taking action in the political arena.

Blood Drive



This Thursday, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Give a pint and enjoy homemade soup at the canteen!

We have numerous appointment times available to fit your schedule! A sign up is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net / 515-964-7687 to make an appointment. Please also contact Tim and Lisa if you are able to assist with unloading supplies (about 2:00pm), or returning the supplies (about 7:45pm). Light lifting. Volunteers are also needed to assist during the drive.

Please donate and help save lives!!

Upcoming Events

- †**Monday, Nov. 4:** "Faithful Citizenship" Presentation, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, Nov. 7:** Blood Drive, 3:00 - 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Nov. 9 & 10:** Work of Our Hands Fall Festival: Saturday 3:00-4:45pm and after Mass until 7:30pm; Sunday, after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Nov. 9/10 & 16/17:** "Move the NCYC Bus" Fundraiser
- †**Nov. 16/17:** *The Blessing Box* Food Pantry collection
- †**Adult Christmas Choir practice** (6th grade and up): Sundays after 10:00am Mass, Nov. 10, 17, 24, and Dec. 8, 15 & 22

The Office is closed Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 4 & 5 and opens afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Fr. Andrew will be available and in the office off and on, except for Monday the 4th, so please call or email first.

Music News



Sue Schmidt, coordinator

515-689-9949 / sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org

We are forming a children's choir (1st – 5th graders) to sing at Christmas Eve 5:00pm Mass. Our Adult Choir (6th graders to Adults) will also sing at this Mass. Adult Choir practices are Sundays right after 10:00am Mass for one hour beginning next week, through December 22, excluding Dec. 1. Please contact me if interested or have questions. Thank you.



Work Of Our Hands Fall 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 our Fall Festival next weekend: Saturday 3:00 - 4:45pm and after Mass until 7:30pm and Sunday, after 10:00 Mass until 12:30pm. Ethical Trade goods, created by artisans in developing countries, coffee, and other new products will also be available for purchase.

Service To Others!

Last Saturday our Confirmation students teamed up with the Knights of Columbus for our 2nd annual Fall Work Day. We assisted four of our parishioners with yard work varying from raking and bagging leaves to cleaning up brush and trimming bushes and branches. Everyone worked very hard, and we are proud to have such a great group of teens and adults. We will have another work day in the Spring, watch the bulletin if you or someone you know might need some help with Winter cleanup.

Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

Classes resume this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope you had a nice fall break! We look forward to meditating with your children on the Mystery of the Incarnation as we prepare our hearts for Christmas! We will have normal sessions for three weeks and then we will have a break right before Thanksgiving. Let us know if you have any questions! Thank you for the opportunity to serve your children; it is such a blessing!

Sessions: November 5/6, 12/13 & 19/20

R.E. Fees: If you signed up to pay your fees with installments, please send your payment to the Parish Office this week. Thank you.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830
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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

Sponsor & 10th Grade Student Prayer Stations

These self lead Stations are available in the Ed Center
Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1:00 - 4:00pm and
Sunday, Nov. 10 from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

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 6: *Protect Life* - 5th Commandment

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

Nov 20 & Nov 27: No EDGE

We Are Going On a Pilgrimage!

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! We plan to participate in daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, worship, music and attend sessions that feature incredible Catholic speakers, dynamic story tellers, fantastic musicians and lovers of faith.

We have been blessed with support; with your generosity we've almost reached our financial goal. Our final fundraiser, "Move the NCYC Bus" will be after Masses November 9/10 and 16/17. We ask that you prayerfully consider purchasing \$1 "ticket(s)" to sponsor "miles along the trip to Indianapolis". Stop by our tables after Mass to learn more! Thank you for your love, prayers and support! God IS good, ALL the time!

The First Snow Has Come and Gone...

Thank goodness! But its time to think about snow removal at St. Mary. We are looking for volunteers to do one or two-week shifts through mid April. Many hands make light work! For more information or to volunteer, please email Drew Hanlon at dlhanlon@windstream.net. Thank you!

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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PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 27, Budget Week 17

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$3,194	\$5,730

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$96,724	\$97,410	\$98,286

Food Pantry Collection: \$611.25

World Mission Collection: \$27.00

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	\$14,049

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 dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/.

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 9, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Kris Sexton
Cup Bearers	Diane Cronk, Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Bill Sexton
Altar Servers	Daniel & Jessica Schoening, Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Tom Bowman, Bill Schmitt Jim Hudson, Joe Rumbaugh
Cantor	Keaton Denker
Accompanist	Celeste Muehlenthaler

Sunday, November 10, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Heidi Ackerman
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Dave & Char McHone

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

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Garrett McClain, Carol Weber
Host Distributor	Julia Fisher
Altar Servers	Lauren Feldmann, Sawyer Smeltzer
Ushers	Jerry McClain, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Dennis Schmidt, Doug Zehr
Cantors	Beth Hart, Garrett McClain
Accompanist	Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

Nov. 3 Carol Weber, Kathy Daup

Nov. 11 Lisa Kautza, Sue White

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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.*

Help With Avenue of Flags for Veteran's Day



We will be raising the flags on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11:00am and retiring them on Monday, Nov. 11 at 3:00pm. Please call or text Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147, if you can help with the flags either time in case he needs to recruit additional help or if rain interferes with this schedule. Thank you.

Prayer Shawls

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.

Update of Information

Please contact the Parish Office if you have moved, dropped your land line, etc., so our information is current. Thank you!



It requires 95% less energy and water to recycle a can than it does to create a can from virgin materials.

Thank You

To my Church Family:

A great big "THANK YOU" for all your Prayers, Cards, Concerns and Meals brought to my home. They were all very appreciated. *Love, Delila*

Trunk or Treat — What a Success!

Thank you to all who came out to our S.T.O.R.M sponsored Trunk or Treat on October 23! We moved our fun inside due to the weather not cooperating that evening. We had a great turnout and tons of fun and we ended up with 14 decorated tables in place of the traditional trunks. We are grateful to those who set up those creative tables and passed out candy and other treats. Special thanks to the S.T.O.R.M. teens and adults who helped lead the games and carried out the other behind the scene tasks. Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the trunk or treaters as well. We collected many boxes of cereal to be delivered to The Blessing Box and Maxwell Food Pantry, we also had monetary donations that we will give to the pantries. Thank you for your support and generosity! This event was a wonderful way to showcase our church facility and our spirit of giving back to our community.

Catholic Schools Open House For Prospective Students

Dowling Catholic High School: Today, Sunday November 3, 11:00am until 2:00pm. Student Ambassadors will take you for a tour of the school; you will meet the teachers and coaches and learn about tuition assistance. There are games to play and prizes to win!

St. Luke the Evangelist Grade School: Visit our 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.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 2/3

Theme: Jesus' love transforms all people and all things!

Reading I: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 • To God, the universe is a drop of morning dew.

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 • We pray for you always.

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 • Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus.

Question for Children: Jesus showed that he loved Zacchaeus by having supper with him. How does Jesus show his love for you?

Question for Youth: Jesus saw Zacchaeus as he was – mistakes and all. What masks, if any, do you hide behind so others won't see who you really are? Who do you trust to see your true self?

Question for Adults: Why do you suppose Jesus was so kind to Zacchaeus? What lesson do you draw from this reading regarding those who are considered "public sinners" today?