



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 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,

Doctors and lawyers must participate in annual or biannual ongoing training to maintain their certification in their profession. So do teachers, beauty stylists, engineers (train and building), priests and deacons, skilled tradespersons and on and on and on. This is done so those people can keep up to date on the changes in their line of work; it is a changing world out there! So why do we as Catholic Christians ignore this process of "keeping up?" It seems that once a person is Confirmed as a teenager, the lessons end there.

There is a lot more to be learned than can be taught in Religious Education one hour a week for eight months and going on for maybe ten years. And things change! Many would be surprised to learn that some of the Church teachings they learned as a child are no longer the way the Church teaches and believes. Granted, the basics such as the Trinity, Christ's death and resurrection, the role of Mary, and Christ's invitations to all of us DO NOT CHANGE.

Remember the Second Vatican Council? Are you aware of all, or even most, of the changes made in the Church teachings and practices? Probably because most of the stuff you know or believe happened before that time, or those beliefs, however untrue, continue to be passed down through the family.

It's time we all got caught up on what we as Church do believe and why we believe. It can be done in a more structured setting such as an adult faith session or series, or as laid back as a few people gathered in a home to discuss "church stuff!" Sitting in on RCIA teaching also brings people up to date. You can't believe how many times I heard, "I didn't know that!" during the sessions.

All are invited to our RCIA teaching on Tuesday evenings, or at any other faith sharing group. See ya there?

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, October 25

5:30pm Holy Cross †Muriel Schreurs

Thursday, October 26

8:00am St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 28

5:00pm St. Mary †Ira Cory

Sunday, October 29

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary †For the Parish

Wednesday, November 1

Feast of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation

6:30pm St. Mary †Michael Carpenter

Thursday, November 2 All Souls Day

8:00am St. Mary †Mike Lacey

First Friday, November 3

8:00am St. Mary †Ken Cowman & Dorothy Smith

Saturday, November 4

5:00pm St. Mary †Jim Campbell

Sunday, November 5

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Ron Hamm

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!

The Scriptural Walk Through the Mass Series

Tuesdays, October 24, 31, November 7 & 14. This is being presented primarily for our RCIA inquirers, but it is an excellent opportunity for all to learn more about how the Mass really is based on Scripture. It brings joy and excitement to the Mass and will break open the meaning of the Mass and how it started that way. We will begin at 7:00pm in the Social Hall with a half-hour video. There will be an optional open discussion following. Please join us!

~ Deacon Terry

Pastoral Assistance †

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or 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.



Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 to 7:30pm in the parking lot at St. Mary. (If it rains we will be in the Social Hall.) Wear your costume (non-scary please) and "trunk or treat" at the different cars. Be sure to vote for your favorite decorated car or costume. Games,

candy, popcorn and hot cocoa will all be FREE! **Please bring new socks and underwear to be donated to local charities.** All Parish families, friends and surrounding community members are welcome to attend! *If you are interested in helping or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830.*

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study

Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, & 29, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 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

- †**Sunday, Oct. 22:** Bluegrass/County music LIVE, 1:30-4:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Tuesday, Oct. 24:** Scriptural Walk Through The Mass, 7:00pm, Social Hall. Additional dates, Oct. 31, Nov. 7 & 14
- †**Wednesday, Oct. 25:** *Trunk or Treat*, 6:00-7:30pm, St. Mary parking lot
- †**Thursday, Oct. 26:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, Oct. 28:** Parish Workday, 9:00am to Noon
- †**Weekend of Oct. 28/29:** NCYC Move the Bus fundraiser — K of C Tootsie Roll Drive, benefits those with intellectual disabilities — coffee & donuts after 8am Mass
- †**Weekend of Nov. 4/5:** Work of Our Hands Festival (with Ethical Trade Sale of world products), before and after 5pm Mass (and wine & cheese); and after 10am Mass (and coffee & donuts), St. Mary — NCYC Move the Bus fundraiser — Promotion for Cornucopia collection
- †**Sunday, Nov. 5:** Adult Choir practice, 11am-12:30pm, St. Mary Church. Also on Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17
- †**Monday, Nov. 6:** *Mourning Coffee*, 10:00-11:00am, Conference Room. Meets every Monday, except holidays.
- †**Wednesday, Nov. 8:** Children's Choir practice, 6-6:45pm, St. Mary Church. Also on Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 17 & 20

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler

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— 5:00pm Christmas Eve Choirs: **Our adult choir** (*Deo Gratias*) begins to meet after 10:00am Mass on Nov. 5. Come and join us! Raise your voice to praise our Lord! **Our children's choir** (*Good News Singers*) begins practice Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6:00-6:45pm. Please be prompt. This is an incredibly important ministry to involve our young people in to share their talents with their church family.

— Cantor training online. The dates available are Nov. 6, 13, and 20. If you would consider sharing your talent with our parish - we would pay the cost to attend these. Please pray about giving back to the parish. If you are interested at all, please contact me for more information.

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 26, 3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. You can be a life saver by donating your blood!! The need is always great. Sign up in the vestibule at St. Mary or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 / kautza@netins.net, to donate or help the day of the drive.

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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Trunk or Treat: October 25 from 6:00-7:30. If the weather is good it's in St. Mary's parking lot but if it is raining it will be held in the Social Hall. We are seeking donations of new underwear and socks for local charities. Please no scary costumes, thanks. There will be no classes held downstairs.

No class November 1 as it is All Saints Day and Mass will be held at St. Mary at 6:30pm. Hope to see all of the kids in Mass to celebrate All Saints!

2nd Graders & Parents: Self guided First Reconciliation Learning Centers are Friday, Nov. 3 (12-8pm) and Saturday, Nov. 4 (8am-5pm) in the Ed Center.

Next class will be November 8. Students have been asked to bring in pictures they have drawn or printed out of their favorite Saint, which will be displayed downstairs.

We will be collecting food donations for *The Blessing Box* during November. In addition, we will be holding a clothing drive with the Knights of Columbus with donations going to Catholic Charities.

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

Confirmation 1 & 2 Sessions
 Sunday, November 5, 6:00 - 7:30pm.

Student and Sponsor Prayer Stations will be held November 11 and 12. This will be for 10th graders only and their sponsors. Please watch your emails for further communication.

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

Grades 7-12, October 25:

Trunk or Treat. Weather permitting we'll set up in St. Mary's parking lot; if not, we'll be in the Hall. 7th-12th graders are asked to host trunks, bring large bags of candy, help setup/clean up, lead games, serve snacks and hot chocolate.

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

Oct. 25 : Help with Trunk or Treat
 Nov. 1: NO EDGE - Attend Mass with your family, All Saints Day, 6:30pm at St. Mary
 Nov. 8: Session: *We Are Family: Adam & Eve*
 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

Oct. 25: Help with Trunk or Treat, 6:00pm-7:30pm
 Nov. 1: NO Youth Group Gathering - Attend Mass with your family, All Saints Day, 6:30pm at St. Mary
 Nov. 8: Youth Group Gathering
 Nov. 15 & 22: NO Youth Group Gathering
 Nov. 29: Youth Group gathering



Our work day is Saturday, October 28, 9:00 to Noon at both Churches. Can't come the entire time; come and help as long as you can! Teens will get service hours. Come rain or shine! We appreciate your assistance!

Is temptation knocking? Let Jesus answer the door.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Oct. 14/15 Week 16

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$9,321	\$5,234

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$84,857	\$83,738	\$86,778

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!

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

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. Contact Peter Relyea, prelyea@saintmaryhc.org, with questions.

The Blessing Box Needs

The Blessing Box provides food to more than 30 families monthly and is open three times each month, 9:30–10:30am on the first Saturday; and 6:00–7:00pm on the second and fourth Thursdays. On-going food needs are canned meats, breakfast cereals, low sodium canned vegetables and soups, and low sugar canned fruits. Consider holiday meal foods, too. Food donations can be delivered to the Pantry when open at the Elkhart Christian Church or be placed in the collection box near our Parish Office. Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to The Blessing Box, c/o Elkhart Christian Church, P.O. Box 97, Elkhart, IA 50073.

Diocesan Collection For World Missions

Pope Francis reminds us that we are all challenged to awaken “in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security to proclaim the Gospel to all”. Your contribution to this collection is a sign to our brothers and sisters throughout the world of our solidarity with them in their great need. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity! *Please return the envelope in this bulletin next weekend.*

We Are Going On a Pilgrimage!

On November 16, 18 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 October 28/29 and November 4/5. We ask that you prayerfully consider purchasing \$1 "ticket(s)" to sponsor “miles along the trip to Indianapolis”. Stop by our tables after those Masses to learn more! Thank you for your love, prayers and support! God IS good, ALL the time!

A Note From Our Cemetery Committee

Please remove all decorations from the graves of your loved ones by Saturday, October 28. Any items not removed will be discarded. Thank you.

All Saints Day

Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation will be Wednesday, November 1, 6:30pm at St. Mary.

Liturgical ministers are needed; please sign up in the vestibule or contact the Parish Office volunteer. Thank you.

Fall Back!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 5
— turn your clocks back one hour!



The Homeless Awareness Weekend scheduled for Saturday and Sunday October 28/29 will be **POSTPONED** until Spring. Please spread the word.

Mourning Coffee

Please come and share a morning cup with your fellow grievers. This is a time to informally connect with others who are also mourning the loss of a loved partner. We meet from 10:00-11:00am on Mondays (except holidays) beginning November 6, in the Conference Room in the Parish Office. If you have questions or know someone who could benefit from this group, call/text Paula Garoutte at 515-306-6633 and leave a message or email paulasongbird@msn.com.



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.*

Cornucopia Collection

Our Youth Group's goal is to provide 6-10 deserving families with a basket full of food items, enabling them to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for their family. We ask that you and your family prayerfully consider donating to this project. Beginning the weekend of Nov. 4/5 we will have our Cornucopia Poster hung in the vestibule with various food items pinned on it. You will indicate your commitment to help by taking a card with a picture of the food item/items that you are willing to donate from this poster and return the actual food item on the weekend of 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 in Elkhart and to other surrounding communities. *Most of the adult leaders that collect the food items and place them away for safe keeping will be at NCYC. We are asking for a couple of families to help us ensure the food collected the weekend of November 18/19 will be placed in the freezers and refrigerators at St. Mary for safe keeping. Please contact Melissa if you are willing to help with this awesome service opportunity. Thank you!*

Book of Remembrance

During November 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.

Ladies, Mark Your Calendar!

Our Christmas party is Wednesday, December 6; we will gather for 6:00pm Mass and then share a meal and time together. Plan to join us!

Monthly Financial Update

	September, 2017			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 23,575	\$ 27,396	\$ 26,561	\$ 73,962	\$ 82,274	\$ 83,723
Operating Expenses	\$ 30,296	\$ 27,142	\$ 35,106	\$ 89,591	\$ 96,890	\$ 87,589
Net operating income (expense)	\$ (6,720)	\$ 254	\$ (8,545)	\$ (15,629)	\$ (14,616)	\$ (3,867)
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 106,502	N/A	\$ 110,993			

