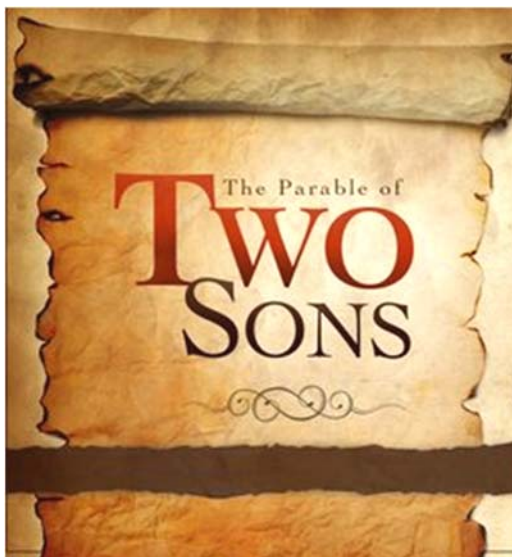




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 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:

Where's Father Dan? Last week I was at a Beginning Experience Weekend at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora; this weekend I am in Missouri for the wedding of a friend whom I first met twenty five years ago, when he was six months old and I was the new pastor of his parish. As I've written before, Beginning Experience is a program for the divorced, widowed, and separated to help them deal with the loss of their marriage. I've been involved with B.E. since 1981, and have found it to be a powerful help for those who participate. Though I've never been divorced, widowed, or separated, what I have learned and experienced about feelings, emotions, and grief through B.E. has been extremely important in my own life. There are members of our Parish who have been involved in B.E., and I invite anyone who might benefit from it to seriously consider getting involved. I would be more than happy to visit personally with anyone interested - for yourself or someone you know - as well. And, **thank you** to the anonymous donor of our new logo and directional signage in the entrance to St. Mary's. Now I shouldn't get lost so often when I come into the building!

Fr. Dan

Parish Information

Parish Phone	515-367-2685
Fr. Dan Krettek	515-423-2888
Deacon Terry Schleisman	515-669-6158
Parish General Email	smhc@saintmaryhc.org
Parish Fax	515-367-7028
Parish Web Site	www.saintmaryhc.org
Parish Facebook Site	St. Mary's Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart
Fr. Dan Krettek	dkrettek@saintmaryhc.org
Deacon Terry Schleisman	tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org
Adult Faith Sharing	
Nicole Cory - Confirmation	ncory@saintmaryhc.org
Stacie Hergenreter - PreK-6	shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org
Melissa Kahler - RE, 7th-12th	mkahler@saintmaryhc.org
Barb Liske - Secretary	bliske@saintmaryhc.org
Celeste Muehlenthaler - Music	cmuehlenthaler@saintmaryhc.org
Peter Relyea - Bookkeeper	prelyea@saintmaryhc.org

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 4

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ray Schreurs

Thursday, October 5

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

First Friday, October 6

5:00pm St. Mary †Roberta Angell

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 7

5:00pm St. Mary †Ron Odgaard

Sunday, October 8

8:00am Holy Cross †Bob and Doris Canney
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18 & 25, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm.

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Pastoral Council
Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meetings: Monday, October 4, 4th Degree, 7pm, Social Hall
Sunday, October 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

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

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 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. Fr. Dan will be at the Priests Workshop, returning on Thursday.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass during the month of October.

- please contact Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com, if you would like to lead the Rosary for us.

Blessing of Pets

To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a blessing for pets and animals today, Sunday, at 1:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary.



Come For Dinner!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a family style pasta dinner Saturday, October 7 after 5:00pm Mass. Proceeds will be used to purchase material for our Confirmation Program. *Get your tickets after Mass this weekend to reserve your seat!* Advanced prices: Adult (ages 13 & up) \$10 / Child (ages 6-12) \$5 / Child (5 & under) FREE!

Thank you for your support of our youth at SMHC!

Our Catholic Faith!

How might you personally be involved in our RCIA process? I am now calling out to each of you to invite anyone who may have a curiosity about the Catholic faith. If you recall having a conversation with anyone about religion, invite that person to inquire about the Catholic faith through RCIA. There is no commitment by inquiring! Come yourself to learn more about your faith, especially the way that things have come about due to the Second Vatican Council. For more information, contact me at tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org / 515-669-6158.
~ Deacon Terry

God is bigger than any problem you have.

Coming Events

- †**Sunday, Oct. 1:** "Everybody In' with Pope Francis", TED Talk, after Mass at Holy Cross — Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass, Social Hall — Blessing of Pets, 1:00pm, St. Mary parking lot — Life Chain, 2:00pm, Des Moines
- †**Saturday, Oct. 7:** Pasta Dinner hosted by Confirmation students & KofC, after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall
- †**Tuesday, Oct. 10:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Sunday, Oct. 15:** Movie Afternoon, *The Shack*, 3:30pm, Social Hall, Potluck snack at 3:00pm
- †**Monday, Oct. 16:** Friends of St. Francis mtg, 6:30pm, Hall
- †**Thursday, Oct. 26:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, Oct. 28:** Parish Workday, 9:00am to Noon

Music News

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

We have lots of opportunities to make music for Christmas; singers, instrumentalists, accompanists (guitar, organ, piano, etc.)! If you would like to get a head start on the music, contact me and we'll set up a time to look at it. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone that would like to participate!!



Work Of Our Hands

Members of the Parish who are service providers, hobbyists, or willing to provide their services or goods for a fee or barter are welcomed to join Work Of Our Hands (WOOH). Our WOOH Festival is scheduled for November 4 & 5. Please contact Lisa Kautza at kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687 if you are interested in joining us or if you want more information. To be added to the new directory of WOOH participants, please contact Lisa by **October 2**.

Movie Afternoon



We will be showing *The Shack* on Sunday, October 15 at 3:30pm in the Social Hall, with pot-luck snacks at 3:30pm. It is about a grieving man who receives a mysterious personal invitation to meet with God at a place called "The Shack". Author of the book, William P. Young, says the title of the book is a metaphor for "the house you build out of your own pain", and the "places you get stuck, you get hurt, you get damaged...the thing where shame or hurt is centered."

Be open minded about who you might think God to be!

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

During the kick-off for each session we started off with a prayer for a safe harvest for farmers, machine operators, safe transport of equipment, grain and a strong yield.

We spent some time talking about this weekend's Gospel, the parable of the two sons. The students got to select various scenarios to then talk about if the action stated was a good choice or not such a good choice. Emphasis was placed on how bad choices can be made but can be followed up with making a better choice. We must seek forgiveness as well as forgive others wrong doings and pray for better choices to be made next time around.

A meeting for parents of First Reconciliation students will be held October 11 at 6:00pm in St. Mary Church.

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

Confirmation 1 & 2 Sessions for October
 Sunday, October 1, 6:00 - 7:30pm
 Sunday, October 8, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

We will be having a **Homelessness Awareness** event on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29. Details will be passed out at our session on Sunday October 1st.

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

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

October 4: #WORD OF THE LORD. By the end of this session the EDGE youth will have a better understanding of how Scripture relates to their everyday lives. They will be equipped with tools to help them utilize the Word in their everyday lives.

October 11: Bible Timeline- *The best selling book of all time.* Youth will understand how the Bible was put together and that the Word is living today as it was in the days of the biblical writers over 2,000 years ago.

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

October 4: Prayer Walk through our Community and Church. Dress according to the weather. We will meet in the Youth Area and proceed to have guided prayer through our community of Elkhart and then return to the Church. If raining we will postpone this activity and gather in the Youth Area for Guided Meditative Prayer. *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people"* - Ephesians 6:18

October 11: Movie Night (may be later than 9pm due to movie length). Please bring a favorite movie snack to share; popcorn will be provided. Text your "church friendly" movie suggestions to Melissa.

Trunk Or Treat

Save The Date, Spread The Word!

On Wednesday, October 25, 6:00-7:30pm our S.T.O.R.M. youth will host this fun event in St. Mary's parking lot for all the kids of SMHC and surrounding communities. If it's raining or adverse weather we'll move to the Social Hall. Join us for all the fun!! *If you are interested in helping or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830.*

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Garrett McClain - 515-685-2314 -Alleman- gmcclain@iowatelecom.net
 Lori McQuiston - 515-249-7663 - Maxwell - mcquiston@midiaowa.net
 Sheri Olson - 515-967-5663 - Bondurant - lowasheri@gmail.com
 Cory Schoening - 515-964-7403 - Ankeny-cschoeni@nationwide.com
 Mark Schmidt -515-402-9949-Ankeny-mark1.schmidt@centurylink.net

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shaun Magill, *Co-President*-515-205-3934-shaunkrismagill@gmail.com
 Dave Pottebaum, *Co-President*-515-710-8932-pottebaum5@msn.com
 Karen Bellis - 515-360-1465 - Ankeny - puzzlenuts@aol.com
 Doug Jones - 515-367-4402 - Elkhart - djones@bossard.com
 Laurie Phelan - 515-201-6111- Maxwell - Laurie.c.Phelan@gmail.com
 Rita McClain - 515-249-6841 - Bondurant - mcclainrj@hotmail.com
 Sue Tollefson - 515 208-0536 - Cambridge - suet@iowacubs.com

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Arlene Anderson - 515-967-6770 - arlene@4andersons.com
 Nicole Cory - 515-313-3014 - ncory@saintmaryhc.org
 Paula Garoutte - 515-306-6633 - paulasongbird@msn.com
 Beth Hart - 515-515-306-4916 - mrrsmatthart@gmail.com
 Kelly Hoffmeier - 515-975-7865 - nkhoff@msn.com
 Tammi McClain - 515-290-3904 - tammimccain71@gmail.com
 Bill Sexton - 515-829-8995 - billsxtn@gmail.com
 Sue White - 515-967-2996 - charylmyron@q.com
 John Zidon - 515-967-3367 - jzidon@msn.com

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Laurie Phelan - *Chair* - 515-201-6111 - Laurie.c.Phelan@gmail.com
 Karen Bellis - 515-360-1465 - puzzlenuts@aol.com
 Pat Bishop - 515-387-1391 - pjbishop@midiaowa.net
 Lowell Crouse - 515-387-9530 - l3jl@windstream.net
 John Freeman - 641-363-4462 - johnfmingo@hotmail.com
 Tracy Irwin - 515-771-3071 - sammyjack@partnercom.net
 Lynn Schreurs - 515-577-8147 - lschreurs@msn.com
 Larry Shaw - 515-720-3587 - lshaw@tru-test.com
 Mike and Mary Winders - 641-227-3346 - Mwinde59@yahoo.com

PARISH TRUSTEES

Anne Davis - 515-967-7477 - annedavis06@gmail.com
 Joe Dunham - 515-967-5118 - joedunham11@msn.com

PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Anne Davis - 515-967-7477 - annedavis06@gmail.com

Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 23/24 Week 13

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$2,410	\$5,234

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$65,736	\$68,038	\$71,919

Collection for Hurricane Relief: \$550

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	\$ 47,171.64	\$ 9,270.36

Life Chain

Pro-lifers in the Des Moines area join to form a "Life Chain" this Sunday, October 1, from 2:00-3:30pm, for a visible, prayerful stand for life! Please meet in the parking lot on

Liturgical Ministers

The new schedule begins this weekend. It has been emailed to you and is also on the website. *Thank you!*

Saturday, October 7, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Jerry Barnwell
Lector	Peter Relyea
Cup Bearers	Bill & Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Isabella Kuehn, Bennett Bruns Mason Reynolds
Ushers	Dawn Reynolds, Jim Hudson, Bill Schmitt, <i>volunteer needed</i>

Sunday, October 8, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer	Karen Bellis
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Server	Brett Beukema
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, October 8, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Lisa Gonnerman
Cup Bearers	Joe & Lori Dunham
Host Distributor	Dan Gonnerman
Altar Server	Griffen Muth
Ushers	Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine, Merle Olberding, Doug Zehr, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum

+ +

Money Counters

Oct. 1: Kathy Daup, Lisa Kautza
Oct. 8: Dona Cowman, Brenda Nehring

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~



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.*



Blood Drive

Thursday, October 26, 3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. It's not too early to sign up to donate! An appointment sign up is in the vestibule at St. Mary or contact Tim & Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 / kautza@netins.net, to donate or help at the drive.



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!

Divorced?

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week group begins November 7, 6:00pm at St Catherine of Siena Parish, 1150 28th St, Des Moines. Cost is \$30 per person and includes all material. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Contact Bill Moore, 515-480-3314, or Ann Moore, 641-425-0109, or email them, moorefamilysm@gmail.com, for more information or to register.



Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.

Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two person household for one year.

Date Change for Widows & Widowers Meeting

We will meet weekly beginning Monday, **November 6** at 10:00am in the Conference Room. We are a new group where those who have lost a beloved partner may come together in a friendly, healing atmosphere to help one another as we cope with this new chapter of our lives. Bring your tears, fears, and memories to share with others who are also facing the challenges of coping with grief. We will informally explore and deal with the stages of grief. Please call or text Paula Garoutte, 515-306-6633, or email her at paulasongbird@msn.com for more information and to RSVP.

Stranger Danger and Fire Safety

Telling our kids not to talk to a stranger is not enough anymore. They have a difficult time understanding who a stranger is and what a stranger may look like. Join the Elkhart Community Betterment Committee (ECBC) for a presentation by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Elkhart Fire Department/EMS that will cover what to say to a stranger as well as address fire safety. The Elkhart Volunteer Firemen will show some of the gear that they wear to help them stay safe. Join us Sunday, October 8, 5:00pm at Elkhart Veteran's Memorial Community Center (264 NW Garfield Ave). It's for kids of any age (program geared to 4 year olds & up) and their parents. Refreshments will be available. Contact the ECBC at ecbc.iowa@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/ECBCIowa with questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: "God reveals Himself through the love of a couple" Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming dates are October 27-29 in Cedar Falls and November 10-12 in Iowa City. For more information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email JLJwwme08@gmail.com.

For movie reviews by the Catholic News Service, go to www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

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

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 1

Theme: It's not enough to merely say you believe. You must also live your faith.

Reading I: Ezekiel 18:25-28 • Turn from what is sinful to what is just and right.

Reading II: Philippians 2:1-11 • Make my joy complete.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 • Many will enter the reign of God before you if you do not repent.

For Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

For Youth: Today's parable reminds us that it isn't what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

For Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?