



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12/13, 2019

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*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.*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It seems that a fun time was had by all at the Oktoberfest-themed picnic last weekend. Thanks to the stewardship committee et al who labored in putting it together.

Last Monday was the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was instituted as thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother for her intercession that lent to the naval victory in 1571 that kept the Ottoman Empire from expanding into the rest of Europe. The Islamic empire's encroachment was seen by some as a threat to Christianity, which itself at the time was already experiencing the proliferation of denominations. Such a victory is certainly impressive. Then consider that the Blessed Mother seeks to lend even greater victory over sin and death through the prayerful meditation of her son's mysteries of the Rosary. Personally, I have experienced great fruit by praying the Rosary and if it is something that you do not already practice, then start slowly, perhaps with one decade (one Our Father and ten Hail Marys) each day until you are comfortable with moving on. Lastly, remember another opportunity: we as a community offer the prayer before each weekend Mass during the month of October. ~ Fr. Andrew

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## Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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>.

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## Mass and Adoration

### Tuesday, October 15

6:00pm St. Mary †Nydia Claussen  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, October 16

5:30pm Holy Cross †Fr. Gene Koch

### Thursday, October 17

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

*Please pray the Rosary with us  
20 minutes before weekend Masses*

### Saturday, October 19

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

### Sunday, October 20

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen Carpenter  
10:00am St. Mary †Lowell Brendeland

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

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, October 14, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: TBA

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth, Karen Stafford

## 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.

## Praying the Rosary

Please join us 20 minutes before each weekend Mass this month. *If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com.*



## Becoming Catholic!

If you would be interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith through the RCIA process, or if you were baptized Catholic but haven't celebrated First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Andrew at Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org). Participation in RCIA does not require you to commit to joining the Church; we ask only that you be open to learning more about God and the Catholic tradition.

## Thank You!

The Stewardship Committee would like to say thank you to all those that attended the Oktoberfest picnic. We hope that you had a good time eating, judging the beverages, playing games, and socializing. Thank you to everyone who entered the German dessert contest. Congratulations to Rebecca Bates for her winning entry of Black Forrest cake. Mug Root Beer was the preferred root beer amongst the kids and Sam Adams had the greatest number of votes from the adults. Todd Anderson won the home brew contest!

Next year's theme, is *Throw Down Country*. You have plenty of time to dust off those cowboy boots. The committee is always looking for new members; if interested in learning more about this committee, please contact Arlene Anderson (arlene@4andersons.com/515-967-6770) or Tammi McClain (tammimcclain71@gmail.com/515-290-3904).



## Crafts, Games and Conversation!!

Join us for a great time of fellowship, to work on your craft or to play a game, this Thursday, 9:30am in the Social Hall.

## Upcoming Events

†**Weekends in October:** Rosary prayed 20 minutes before each Mass

†**Thursday, October 17:** Crafts, games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Saturday, October 19:** Parish Work Day, 9:00am - Noon

†**Weekend of October 19/20:** Voting for Parish Council members at Mass — Food Pantry Collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny

†**Wednesday, October 23:** Trunk Or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm, hosted by S.T.O.R.M., SM parking lot (Social Hall if raining)

†**Thursday, November 7:** Blood Drive, 3 - 7pm, Social Hall

## Parish

**Saturday, October 19, 9:00 to Noon** at both Churches. If you can't come the entire time; come and help as long as you are able. This is a great opportunity for service hours for our youth! A good turn out will ensure we get all jobs done. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our buildings and grounds all spiffy! Come rain or shine!

## Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation will assist Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny.

## Trunk or Treat!!

*Save the Date - Spread the word!*

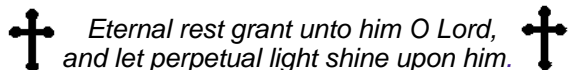
S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE / LIFE TEEN / Confirmation) Youth of our Parish invite you, your family, your friends and those from surrounding communities to Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 23, 6:00 to 7:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary. (If it rains we will be in the Social Hall.) Wear your costume (non-scary 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!

We will be collecting boxes of cereal to donate to local food pantries. We are also asking our parishioners to help with this growing community outreach by donating 1-2 large bags of wrapped candy to hand out to the 200+ trunk or treaters! If you are able to help, there will be a "Trunk or Treat Candy" tub in the Social Hall. We will be collecting candy through October 22.

If you are interested in helping in any way or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lee Hindman, brother of Kris Sexton, who passed Monday, and for his family as they mourn his passing.



## Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

### Coordinators

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Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

We have a regular session this week and then a 2 week break. If our RE families would like to donate candy to the Trunk or Treat on October 23 you may bring that this week. Our S.T.O.R.M. Students appreciate any donation for this great community event. We hope you can all attend.

**Classes: Oct. 15/16 & Nov. 5 /6**

**No Class Oct. 22/23:** Attend Trunk or Treat on Oct. 23, 6:00-7:00pm.

**No class Oct. 29/30:** Nov. 1 is the Holy Day of Obligation of All Saints Day. Please attend Mass Thursday, Oct. 31, 6:00pm at Holy Cross or Friday, Nov. 1, 9:00am at St. Mary

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org), 515-240-5059

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

### S.T.O.R.M. Teens (7th-2th)

Please join us for a **bonfire and s'mores** Sunday, October 20, 6:00-9:00pm outside the Ed Center at St. Mary.

**After Party!** Join us Sunday's after Mass from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Youth Room. Come play games, watch a movie, have a snack or just hang out. Bring a friend, all are welcome! **Upcoming dates:** Oct. 13, 27 & Nov. 3

(no After Party on Oct. 20 due to S.T.O.R.M. bonfire)

### Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

Please register for Confirmation if you haven't already done so. Watch the bulletin and emails for upcoming events.

### EDGE, Grades 7 & 8

**Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall**

**Oct. 16 Session: Be Rooted: 4th Commandment**

— Please bring your 1-2 LARGE bags of candy for Trunk or Treat to this session!

**Oct. 23:** Trunk or Treat. Weather permitting we will set up outside in St. Mary's parking lot. EDGE families are asked to host trunks, bring 1-2 large bags of candy to hand out (bring to Oct. 16 session!), help setup/clean up, lead the games, and serve snacks and hot chocolate.

**Oct. 30:** No EDGE



## Work Of Our Hands

Parishioners 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 Festival is November 9 & 10. Contact Lisa at [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687, if you are interested in joining us or if you would like more information. To be added to the new directory of WOOH participants or to make changes from the previous years, please contact Lisa by October 23.

## CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

This team functions as the Pastoral Council for the parish. It consists of members from each ministry (e.g. RE, Stewardship, K of C, Liturgy, Finance Council, etc.), as well as others from the parish. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew.

## 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

### Sept. 29, Budget Week 13

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$4,862	\$5,730

### Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$77,349	\$80,220	\$75,894

## 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$34,915	\$33,423	<b>\$15,374</b>

Each family's help is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and appreciated. **Pledge cards are available at each Church.** Please return to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Or donate online at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/>. Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

## 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](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org)).

# Confirmation / KOC Parish Work Day

The St. Mary/Holy Cross Confirmation Students and the Knights of Columbus are partnering up on Saturday, October 26th to provide a parish wide service day and we need your help finding some projects! If you or someone you know in your community needs a little extra help with anything from yard work to cleaning out the basement, please fill out the form below and drop it in the box in the vestibule. This is a great opportunity for all those involved, so please sign up and get some help with your fall chores!

## *Examples of projects:*

- Raking leaves/general yardwork
- Moving furniture
- Cleaning
- Winterizing
- Pulling weeds
- Garden clean-up
- Light tree trimming (from the ground)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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You will be contacted prior to the work day to confirm our visit on 10/26.  
Rain date is Saturday 11/02. Feel free to contact Nicole Cory 515-313-3014 or  
Doug Jones 515-238-4745 with questions.

# THANK YOU!



## Hello from Me and My House!

Happy Fall from Me & My House. Remember, if you don't like the weather here in Iowa just wait 5 minutes! If you read my last article, you will remember that I plan to take a deep dive into the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching, beginning with Life and Dignity of the Human Person.

When's the last time you either heard, thought or maybe even said one of these things: "Wow, you look exactly you're your mom! You're a spitting image of your dad! It's easy to tell who your parents are!" I'm used to hearing this. I look a lot like my dad, and my own children resemble their dad so much that I hear others calling them his mini's or juniors all the time. It's pretty typical for children to look like their parents, act like their parents, even talk like their parents. This just makes sense and most people wouldn't think to question it. And just like we bear so many similarities to our parents on earth, we were also created in the likeness of God.

In Genesis 1:26-27 it says: "Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." And even though we know this to be true the world seems to be at odds.

No one is expendable, everyone is worthy of becoming what God intended them to be from conception to natural death. We all have a purpose and are part of the plan, but it is still so common to hear of people being spoken of like they are objects, like human life is not sacred in all cases. When a child is in the womb, when a person is suffering of an illness or a disability. Even when someone is sitting on death row in prison- their lives are sacred, and we are called to protect them. There are things that no one seems to question such as acts of war, poverty, and the safety we deserve just doing our everyday jobs. But there are things that continue to be a debate with no end in sight.

If you are one of those people who struggle to understand the dignity of life under all circumstances, I implore you to educate yourself. Don't take my word for it because there is no need to. There are cold hard facts and evidence to support it. Take the death penalty for example. True crime has become a popular topic over the past few years through documentaries, podcasts and even fictional works. You might be surprised to see how many people have been wrongfully convicted in the United States. Check out [www.innocenceproject.org](http://www.innocenceproject.org) if you're interested in learning more about those statistics.

"When we speak of mankind, we must never forget the various attacks on the sacredness of human life. The plague of abortion is an attack on life. Allowing our brothers and sisters to die on boats in the Strait of Sicily is an attack on life. Dying on the job because the minimum safety standards are not respected is an attack on life. Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and respecting her transcendent dignity." – Pope Francis, Address to Meeting of the Science and Life Association

We can't all attend the March for Life in Washington DC, but there are still things we can do. We can support lawmakers, corporations, and organizations with the same goals. And most importantly, we can be kind. We don't always have to agree, we don't have to be friends with or even like everyone we meet. But we are called to be uphold the dignity of human life and the very root of that is to simply be kind because we were all created equally in the likeness of God, our Father.

Email [joshua2415smhc@gmail.com](mailto:joshua2415smhc@gmail.com) with any thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have.



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, October 19, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Tim Kautza
Cup Bearers	Mike & Patty Devereux
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Emily Devereux, Isabella Kuehn, Abigail Devereux
Ushers	Jim Hudson, Joe Rumbaugh, Drew Hanlon, Mark Birchmier
Cantor	Lisa Jones
Accompanist	Mary Schmelzer

### Sunday, October 20, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Anne Davis
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Server	Jill Beukema
Ushers	Brett Beukema & Sandra Hunter

### Sunday, October 20, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Mike Nehring
Host Distributor	Julia Fisher
Altar Servers	Caleb Coffelt, Lauren Feldmann
Ushers	Thom Hamm, Gregg Richwine, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Dennis Schmidt
Cantors	Christine Muehlenthaler & Shirley Robertson
Accompanist	Celeste Muehlenthaler

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## Money Counters

**Oct. 13:** Dona Cowman, Carol Weber

**Oct. 20:** Sue White, Dona Cowman

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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](mailto: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.*

## Cleaning Holy Cross Church

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to clean our beautiful little church in the country! We still have three openings available. Please call Chris Schreurs, 515-681-1351, if interested in helping out.

## Dowling Catholic's Open House for Prospective Students

Join us Sunday, November 3, 11:00am to 2:00pm. Families will tour the school, meet the teachers, moderators, and coaches and learn about tuition assistance. There are prizes to win and games to play! It's a fun time for the whole family!

See Diocesan events and job openings at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)



Every three months, Americans throw enough aluminum in the landfills to build our nation's entire commercial air fleet.

## Blood Drive



Every 3 seconds someone needs blood. It could be needed as a result of a scheduled or an emergency surgery which could require 1-50 units of blood, an auto accident requiring up to 50 units, or an organ transplant which could require up to 100 units of blood. Nine out of ten people who live to the age of 70 will need blood during their lifetime, yet in Iowa only 5% eligible to donate blood actually do!

Our Blood Drive is Tuesday, November 7, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. We're promoting "a pint for a pint" so come donate a pint and enjoy homemade soups at the canteen!

Give the gift of life and please encourage others to also do so! (Sixteen and seventeen year olds are eligible to donate with a signed parental consent form.) Make it a family thing! If you have young ones, please feel free to bring them along; they can spend time with us at the canteen.

## Thinking of Priesthood Day of Discernment

Men between 16 and 40 years old who are interested in priesthood should consider coming to an informal discernment day in Ames on Saturday, October 26 from 9:30am to 5:00pm. Contact Father Ross Parker, 515-237-5050 or [vocations@dmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdiocese.org), for more information.

## Young Catholic Leaders

Looking for a way to dive into leadership in the Church? Or for service hours and/or a college application booster? YCL will focus on empowering teens to be the change they wish to see in the world. Be a messenger of the Gospel to your peers. We will meet on a handful of Saturdays throughout the calendar year. Registration for the year is \$60, and the form can be found at [www.dmdiocese.org/ycl](http://www.dmdiocese.org/ycl). Email Justin White at [jwhite@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jwhite@dmdiocese.org) with any questions.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend November 1-3 at Coralville. For information or to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 12/13

*Theme: We are Eucharistic people.*

*We live in praise and thanksgiving.*

**Reading I:** 2 Kings 5:14-17 • Thank God for the good things he does for you.

**Reading II:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13 • There is no chaining the word of God!

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19 • Be grateful.

**Question for Children:** Make a prayer of thanks to God for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

**Question for Youth:** Only one leper returned to give thanks. When have you stopped to thank someone for something they've done for you? When have you thanked God?

**Question for Adults:** What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.