



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 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,

Why do we pray the rosary before Masses in October? October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church chose that day and the month of October to honor Our Lady of the Rosary because a great victory took place on October 7. In October 1571, the Church in Europe faced a seemingly hopeless challenge. The Muslim Turks had already conquered the Middle East, slaughtering millions and forcing the survivors to convert to Islam. They set their sights on the Christian kingdoms of the central Mediterranean, threatening Sicily, Venice, and even Rome herself.

The Christian fleet was far outnumbered and appeared to have no *human* hope of winning. The Christian fleet met the invading Muslims off the coast of Greece in the Gulf of Lepanto. As Christians all over Europe prayed for Our Lady's intercession, the Turks surrounded the Christian ships. By day's end, almost all of the Turks were driven to shore or drowned. Europe was saved.

In honor of the victory, Pope Pius V instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, which is still celebrated today as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). And, in 1883, when Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary, he made reference to the battle and the feast.

Some attribute the association between October and Mary to the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. On October 13, 1917, in Cova de Iria outside of Fatima, Portugal, the last of six monthly Marian apparitions to three shepherd children is said to have taken place. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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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, October 17

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Rick McQuiston*

Thursday, October 18

8:00am St. Mary †*Rev. Anthony Nguyen Hong Cam*

Rosary prayed 20 min. before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 20

5:00pm St. Mary *For the Parish*

Sunday, October 21

8:00am Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*

10:00am St. Mary †*Mike Lacey*

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!



Praying the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass this month.

Pastoral Assistance †

Please contact Fr. Andrew Windschitl, 515-367-2685, 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.

Our Liturgy Committee is Back!!

It would be beneficial though, to have more members contributing to this group! Our goal is to discuss, evaluate, plan and carry out ideas for our liturgies. Much of our planning will be done via email with minimal meetings. We pray you'll open your heart to the Holy Spirit and take an enthusiastic role in this vital ministry! For more information or to join, contact Fr. Andrew, fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org or Celeste Muehlenthaler, celestemu@msn.com.

Be Part of Our New Photo Directory!

Our last directory was in 2013. As you look around you today, you see new families, there's been weddings, babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new directory will help us capture these changes. Visit the parish website for an online link, or go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxxt0hxe/>, or you may call the parish office to schedule your appointment.

*If you don't want your name and contact information included in the directory, you **MUST** contact the Parish Office.*



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you know of anyone who has expressed interest or curiosity about the Catholic faith, invite them to join YOU and the RCIA team as we begin this journey. We meet Tuesday in the social hall at 7:00pm. Contact me, 515-669-6158/tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org. Blessings! - *Deacon Terry*

Enjoy Bluegrass Music!

Come to listen, or join in to play along with Ron Stafford and group, on Sunday, October 28, 1- 4:00pm in the Social Hall.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, October 18, 7:00pm, St. Mary

RCIA Gathering

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 6:30-8:00pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 6:30pm, Conference Rm

Knights of Columbus

Meetings: Sunday, Oct. 21: 2nd & 3rd Degree at 1:00pm and monthly meeting at 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Huntrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

Parish Office is closed Monday, October 15

Upcoming Events

- †**Thursday, Oct. 18:** Crafts/games/social time, 9:30am, Hall
- †**Weekend of Oct. 20/21:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny
- †**Saturday, Oct. 20:** Pasta Dinner after 5:00pm Mass.
- †**Wednesday, Oct. 24:** Trunk or Treat sponsored by S.T.O.R.M., 6:00-7:30pm, St. Mary

Music News

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

We are looking for children and adults for our Christmas Eve choir, as well as musicians and accompanists. Call me!

Enjoy a Pasta Dinner!!

Our Confirmation Classes and the K of C offer you a night of no cooking! Join us next Saturday, October 20 after 5:00pm Mass for a delicious meal! Tickets available at the door. Proceeds go toward building a wall to lessen noise between the Religious Ed classrooms and youth area. We are extremely grateful to the Building & Grounds Committee, the K of C, and all who support this fundraiser. See you there!

SMHC Job Opening

Our parish bookkeeper, Peter Relyea, has informed Father Andrew and the Finance Council that he will be retiring after the first of the year. If you or someone you know would be interested in a part-time bookkeeping position (10-15 hours per week), please send a cover letter and resume to Father Andrew. Qualifications include: bookkeeping skills (3-5 years' experience), computer skills (Microsoft Office, Excel, Word, Publisher]), and organizational skills. Familiarity with ParishSoft Accounting & Family Suite software is a plus.

Save The Date, Spread The Word!

On Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6:00-7:30pm our S.T.O.R.M. youth will host this fun event in St. Mary's parking lot for all 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 interested in helping or hosting a trunk, contact Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830.



Religious Education PreK-6

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

Thank you to all who attended the Children's Mass last week; it was great to see the children participate in Mass.

We planned to have class next week in the Ed Center but unfortunately it will not be ready. We don't have a committed time when supplies and furniture will be brought back. We were glad to be able to focus on the meaning of Mass and the children participating in a Mass, versus completely delaying classes until November.

2nd Grade Parents: A change for the Reconciliation Self Guided Learning Centers scheduled Oct. 19 & 20: with all materials in storage, I will instead electronically send out the information to be covered at home to be turned in with the Reconciliation books in November.

Key Dates: Oct. 17 - No Class
Oct. 24 - Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:30pm, St. Mary
Oct. 31 - No Class
Nov. 7 & 14 - Class

Altar Server Training will be in November, a firm date to be provided soon. Training will be during each session. We hope to have a lot of 4th graders volunteer for this training!!!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*
Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

EDGE (7th & 8th Grades)

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

Oct. 17: *The Rosary in Action*

Oct. 24: We host TRUNK or TREAT from 6:00-7:30pm in St. Mary's parking lot for all the kids of SMHC and surrounding communities. If it's raining/adverse weather we'll move to the Social Hall. If you would like to help or host a trunk, please contact Melissa. To help this be successful, we ask each EDGE student to bring 1 or 2 LARGE bags of wrapped candies; we provide candy to 200+ Trunk or Treaters!! We appreciate your help with this and your generosity! Please bring your bags of candy by Wednesday, Oct. 17. Thanks!

C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grade s) Sessions 6:00-7:30pm

-Sunday, Oct. 14: 9th Gr. - *Lesson 3* 10th Gr. - *Lesson 15* -
Parents please attend with your 10th grader.

-Saturday, Oct. 20: - Confirmation Community Service Day
8:00am - 12:00 Noon

-Saturday, Oct. 20 - KofC Pasta Dinner in the Social Hall
after 5:00pm Mass

-Sunday, Oct. 28: 9th Gr. - *Lesson 4* 10th Gr. - *Lesson 16*

10th-12th graders Bible Study

Sundays 4:30-5:30pm, October 14, 28, Nov. 4, 11 & 18

We meet in the cry room until the youth area is ready. Questions, call or text Andrea 515-240-5059.

We Would Like to Know....

Do you have a family member currently serving in the military? Please send us their address so we can thank them for their service.

Are you a Veteran? Please send us information about your time served. We would like to honor you for your service! Information can be sent to tammimclain71@gmail.com or you may contact the parish office.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Oct 6/7 Week 15

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 3,471	\$5,157

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$75,049	\$77,351	\$75,536

Seminarian Collection: \$190

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	\$46,175	\$42,988.50	\$10,817.50

Tithing

Thank you to those who have recently signed up for ACH and to those who have increased their monthly amount. If you don't use this type of tithing, please consider it. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. Questions? Contact Peter Relyea, prelyea@saintmaryhc.org/515-367-2685.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 20, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Cory Schoening
Lector	John Zidon
Cup Bearers	Lisa Jones, Di Schleisman
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Bennett Bruns, Jessica Schoening, Daniel Schoening
Ushers	Doug, Patrick, Thomas Jones, Tom Bowman

Sunday, October 21, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shed
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Sandra Hunter, Tracy Irwin

Sunday, October 21, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Tracy Kangas
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Garrett McClain, Matt Miller
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Andrew Ausman
Ushers	Dennis Schmidt, Thom Hamm, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Jerry McClain

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Money Counters

Oct. 14: Kathy Daup, Carol Weber

Oct. 21: Lisa Kautza, Sue White

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Teams of Our Lady

This group is an international lay movement in the Catholic Church, designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. Teams provide a proven method of increasing and improving prayer life, which will help couples grow closer to God and each other. At the same time, their family will reap the benefits as well.

A team is comprised of five to seven couples whose marriage is recognized in the eyes of the Catholic Church. The team meets one time per month, rotating from one home to another. If a couple's home cannot accommodate the entire team, the group can meet in a church meeting room or outside, if possible. Some teams might have a spiritual counselor or Priest Spiritual Counselor as part of their team. The Priest Spiritual Counselor comes to the meeting to provide his theological knowledge and expertise. The team shares a simple meal, prayer, sharing on the endeavors, and a study topic. The endeavors are the heart of the spirit of Teams. The team becomes a close community that can inspire one another through their living examples of faith, and share with one another their struggles and successes on their way to holiness.

"The Teams of our Lady, a gift of the Holy Spirit, is offered to couples throughout the world in order to help them live out their married spirituality." (The Guide of the Teams of Our Lady). Couples from all stages of life (newly married, child rearing and empty nesters) can be part of Teams. It is not parish based, but it is advisable for couples to live in the same geographic vicinity. Since this is a lay association, lay couples hold all positions of responsibility.

If you're interested in learning more and possibly joining a team, please contact Fr. Andrew.



Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.

Thank You!

Thanks to the Friends of St. Francis and our entire parish community for making "An evening with one of the Lost Boys of Sudan" such a success. Over 150 people listened to Dhoal Larjin share his experiences. A special thanks to Fr. Dan for recording Dhoal's presentation. The thoughtful questions from the EDGE students were welcomed. The free will donations totaled \$426 to be used towards transportation and housing.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Huxley food Pantry, I thank you for your generous donations of \$685.25. We get food donations all the time, but with the money we can buy food from the Food Bank of Iowa for 14 cents per pound! Your donation will go a long way in providing needed items to our clients. Again, thank you for your generosity. Sincerely,

Jackie Rasmussen, Director

Free For the Taking!!

We have a sofa sleeper and two floor lamps from the old rectory; please contact the parish office if interested.

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.*

Learn More About a Vocation to the Priesthood

Men aged 16 and older are invited to join Bishop Pates, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker, and other priests from the area at an *Andrew Dinner* on Tuesday, October 23 at St. Augustin Parish in Des Moines at 6:00pm. This is an evening of prayer, good food and fun for young men interested in learning more about the vocation of priesthood. For more information please visit vocationsonline.org or contact the Diocesan Vocations Office at vocations@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5014.

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

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 14

Theme: Making God a priority in your life.

Reading I: Wisdom 7:7-11 • Prudence was given to me.

Reading II: Hebrews 4:12-13 • God's word is living.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 • Come, follow me.

For Children: How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

For Youth: What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

For Adults: How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?