



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 15, 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,

The topic of this year's priests' Fall Workshop (Oct. 1-5) was *Reaching Catholic Millennials*. Millennials, or the Millennial Generation, are those born between 1982 and approximately 2000, roughly 18-35 year olds. The faith of these younger adults will also be the focus of a meeting of the world's bishops in Rome in October 2018, called for by Pope Francis. The concern of both gatherings is how best to share the gospel and our Catholic faith with those who are both part of the Church today and the future of the Church. Studies find that only about 20% of Catholics in this age group participate in the life of the Church, with that number steadily declining. For those concerned with passing on the faith and the future of the Church the stark but simple issue is that *at the end of the day, if you don't have Millennials, you don't have anyone to hand-off the church to*. And the question to ask is *what is our Church doing now to ensure it thrives for generations to come?* Our Workshop presented information about the personal characteristics of Millennials, and ways we might more effectively share our Catholic faith and Parish life with them.

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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 18

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*

Thursday, October 19

8:00am St. Mary †*Theresa Kaltenheuser*

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 21

5:00pm St. Mary †*Jerry Hohn*

Sunday, October 22

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †*Ron Koepfel*

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!

Movie Afternoon



Join us for *The Shack* today, Sunday, at 3:30pm in the Social Hall. Come at 3:00pm and bring along a snack to share. The movie is about a grieving man who receives a mysterious personal invitation to meet with God at *The Shack*.

The Scriptural Walk Through the Mass

This Tuesday, October 17, we will start a five-session series on *The Scriptural Walk Through the Mass*. 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. It is very informative and will leave many saying, "Wow, I didn't know that." It 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.

We're Not That Much Different

We might feel uncomfortable pondering migrants and refugees though many of us are only a generation or two from being among them ... Irish ... German ... Italian ... Latino ... east European ... escaping religious persecution, fear, poverty, unemployment and seeking freedom, safety, stability, and new opportunities decades ago. Bishop Pates, with Pope Francis and in Christ, reminds us to love our neighbors; the migrants and refugees sadly and desperately fleeing their homelands today not unlike many of our grandparents or great-grandparents. St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish will begin a conversation to *Share the Journey* and better understand the plight of those in flight today and to envision how we can help bring them peace. We will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, October 16 in the Social Hall. Come, share, listen, question, just be present. For more about *Share the Journey*, visit www.sharejourney.org.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, October 18 & 25, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, October 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, November 14, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meetings: Sunday, October 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

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

Coming Events

- †**Sunday, Oct. 15:** Movie Afternoon, *The Shack*, 3:30pm, Social Hall, Potluck snack at 3:00pm
- †**Monday, Oct. 16:** Conversation around "*Share the Journey – Love Your Neighbor*", 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Tuesday, Oct. 17:** "*Scriptural Walk Through the Mass*", 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, Oct. 19:** Crafts, games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of Oct. 21/22:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action in Ankeny
- †**Sunday, Oct. 22:** DCYC for 6th-12th graders, 9:00am-4:00pm, Iowa Events Center — Bluegrass/County music LIVE, 1:30-4:30pm, Social Hall
- †**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:** Homeless Awareness for 7th-12th Graders, St. Mary
- †**Weekend of Nov. 4/5:** Work of Our Hands Festival, before and after 5pm Mass and after 10am Mass, St. Mary

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
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Please contact me if you would you be willing to provide accompaniment for our Masses at St. Mary or if you know anyone who would. Training available. Share your God-given talents with us! Also contact me if you would like to sing with us at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass. Praise God!



Our S.T.O.R.M. Youth (7th-12th graders) invite you and your family to TRUNK or TREAT on Wednesday, October 25 from 6:00 to 7:30pm in the parking lot at St. Mary. (If it rains we will be in the Social Hall.) **Please bring new socks and underwear to be donated to local charities.** 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! 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.*

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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Thanks to all parents who attended the meeting for First Reconciliation as we prepare the children for this very important sacrament.

We covered the third parable, the Wedding Feast with the children and did so with a small skit. The main take away we wanted the children to have is the gates of heaven are wide open and it is up to us to decide to do the right things like being kind, showing forgiveness, having loving hearts and being respectful. These are some of the things that allow us to enter those gates and to partake in the feast that God has for us in his Kingdom of Heaven!

Reminder that we are collecting items for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa during the month of October. A table is set up downstairs where donations can be placed. The ARL Fetch list states the following items are needed: dry dog and cat food, kitten food must be Purina Kitten Chow, small stainless steel bowls, canned tuna, Easy Cheese in can, small soft dog treats, cat treats, clay litter (scoop-able or non-scoop-able). Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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

Grades 7-12, October 25:

Trunk or Treat. Weather permitting we will set up outside in the parking lot at St. Mary. EDGE families and Youth Group teens are asked to host trunks, bring large bags of candy to hand out, help setup/clean up, lead the games, and serve snacks and hot chocolate. Contact me with questions.

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

October 18: *The Rosary.* Come prepared to pray and meditate on a "life size" Rosary.

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

October 18: *Kindness Rocks Project.* "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Saint Mother Teresa

Homelessness Awareness

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 & 29, our Parish will host a Homelessness Awareness project. This is open to 7th-12th graders. We will gather at St. Mary at 4:30pm and attend 5:00pm Mass together. After Mass we will have a meal and participate in discussions and activities. Following that we will have a Reggie's Sleepout right here at our church! If you've never heard of this, it's an event that started 2001 right here in Iowa. People gather to sleep outside in boxes, tents and sleeping bags to raise awareness and funds for homeless youth in Iowa. Anyone interested can pick up a pledge form at St. Mary on the table in the vestibule. Also, please RSVP to Nicole Cory at ncory@saintmaryhc.org or 515-313-3014.

Month of the Rosary

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

- contact Anne Davis (annedavis06@gmail.com) to lead the Rosary

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Oct. 7/8 Week 15

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$3,347	\$5,234

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$75,536	\$78,505	\$79,103

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

Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your timely payments for this Campaign.

Pledged	Payments	Balance Due	SMHC Rec'd
\$443,909.35	\$379,571.20	\$64,338.15	\$183,785.60

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