



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 19/20, 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,

Over the last few weeks we have had the privilege of initiating members into the Church by baptizing them during Mass. It is a moment of great joy that the families of the children and the larger parish deserve to mutually celebrate. Baptism during Mass also foreshadows what we pray to be the child's eventual entrance into the heavenly banquet of heaven whenever his or her time comes.

Your generosity in prayerfully and financially supporting Haleigh, daughter of Nicole Cory, is greatly appreciated. Details about her ordeal can be found further on in the bulletin, including how you may donate online. Otherwise, donations can be made through the parish for the next week. Mail them into the office or drop them off during open hours.

It has come to my attention that someone continues to use my name to obtain money. In the past, they have created an e-mail address that looks like mine and they sent text messages. I am unsure how to stop it. Please disregard such messages and I apologize for the trouble. ~ Fr. Andrew

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## Parish Information

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| <b>Parish Phone</b>                       | 515-367-2685                         |
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| <b>Sue Schmidt - Music</b>                | sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org             |

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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 22

6:00pm St. Mary †Jim & Margaret Shaw  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, October 23

5:30pm Holy Cross †Francis Hanlon

### Thursday, October 24

8:00am St. Mary †Joe Rubendall

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

### Saturday, October 26

5:00pm St. Mary †Ira Cory

### Sunday, October 27

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Ron Hamm

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, November 19, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, November 11, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Date to be announced

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, November 17, 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 Masses next weekend.

*If you would like to lead the Rosary before 10am Mass  
next Sunday, please contact the Parish Office.*



S.T.O.R.M. Youth of our Parish invite you, your family, your friends and those from surrounding communities to Trunk or Treat this 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 are 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.

## 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 Nov. 9 before and after 5:00pm Mass and Nov. 10 after 10:00am Mass. Contact Lisa at 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 previous years, please contact Lisa by this Wednesday, Oct. 23.**

## Upcoming Events

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

†**Next Weekend:** Rosary prayed 20 minutes before Masses

†**Sunday, Oct. 27:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass — Blue Grass music, 2:00-4:00pm, Social Hall

†**Monday, Nov. 4:** Social Teaching Presentation "Faithful Citizenship", 6:30pm, Social Hall

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

## Music News

**Music Coordinator: Sue Schmidt**

515-689-9949 / [sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org)

We are forming a children's choir to sing at our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass. This choir is open to children in 1st - 5th grades. Older children and young adults are welcome to sing with the adult choir. Please contact me for more information.

## Haleigh's Helpers

One of our S.T.O.R.M. youth, 17 year old Haleigh Penton suddenly became ill last week and was hospitalized in Iowa City. She is currently undergoing extensive medical testing and treatments. Haleigh is the daughter of Nicole and John Cory of our parish and Brett and Leah Penton of Bondurant. It is quite possible Haleigh will be in the hospital for the next 2 weeks and that will be followed by extensive outpatient visits. Although Haleigh has medical insurance that we anticipate covering a portion of the medical bills there is a need for assistance with medical copays, travel expenses for her family, loss of income for her parents, and other expenses normally incurred during an unexpected extended hospital stay. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this young family during our second collection today or by sending a donation to the Parish Office this week. There has also been a GoFundMe Campaign set up for Haleigh at [gf.me/u/v2jzb9](https://gf.me/u/v2jzb9). This link is also on the Youth Ministry page of our website, and on our S.T.O.R.M. Facebook page. Your continued prayers for healing and answers are greatly appreciated!

## Enjoy Some Bluegrass Music!

Come to listen, or join in to play some bluegrass along with Ron Stafford and group, next Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Social Hall.

## Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

### Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150  
Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

**No sessions this week** in order to celebrate and support our S.T.O.R.M. students at Trunk or Treat. The event goes from 6:00-7:00pm! We look forward to seeing you there.

**No Sessions October 29/30:** Please observe the Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints Day with Mass on Thursday, Oct. 31, 5:30pm at Holy Cross or Friday, Nov. 1, 9:00am at St. Mary.

**Sessions: November 5/6, 12/13 & 19/20**

**R.E. Fees:** If you signed up to pay your fees by installments, please send your October payment to the Parish Office by the end of the month. Thank you.

## 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)

**No After Party!** October 20 & 27.

**The bonfire and s'mores for this Sunday, October 20, has been postponed.** More information at a later date.

### 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. 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 by Oct. 22, help setup/clean up, lead the games, and serve snacks and hot chocolate.

**Oct. 30:** No EDGE

## All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation

Our Vigil Mass is Thursday, October 31, 6:00pm at Holy Cross and Mass on Friday, Nov. 1 is 9:00am at St. Mary.

**All Souls Day** is Saturday, November 2; our Mass is 10:00am at St. Mary.

*Liturgical ministers are needed for these Masses.  
A sign up is at Holy Cross and in the vestibule at St. Mary.*

## Social Teaching Presentation



Catholic lay people are called to carry the values of the Gospel into the public square. With the approach of the 2020 elections, now is an important time to address Catholic Social Teaching and the role of Catholics in the political process. You are invited to a "Faithful Citizenship" non-partisan informational presentation on Monday, November 4, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. The presenter will be Tom Chapman, executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference. The ICC is the public policy and lobbying voice of the Catholic bishops in Iowa. Tom will discuss Catholic Social Teaching and how to inform your conscience on Catholic moral principles before taking action in the political arena.

## 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

### October 13, Budget Week 15

|                               | <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$6,914         | \$5,730       |

### Year-to-Date

|                           | <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests | \$84,163        | \$85,950      | \$78,861         |

## 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

| <u>Parish Goal</u> | <u>Pledge Total</u> | <u>Payments</u> | <u>Amt. Due</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| \$48,797           | \$35,915            | \$34,723        | <b>\$14,049</b> |

**Pledge cards are available at each Church.** Any amount will be gratefully received and appreciated. Please return your gift to the parish office or place in the offertory basket at Mass. You may also donate online at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/>. Thank you.

## Diocesan Collection For Mission Sunday

Your donation assists in sharing our faith with those around the world as well as mission parishes here in our own country. Please also join in prayer for our missionaries who deliver Jesus' message to others. *Please return the attached envelope next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.*



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, October 26, 5:00pm, St. Mary

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Announcer        | Lisa Schoening                            |
| Lector           | Lorrie Lengel                             |
| Cup Bearers      | Lisa Jones, JoAnn Meusburger              |
| Host Distributor | Cory Schoening                            |
| Altar Servers    | Daniel & Jessica Schoening                |
| Ushers           | Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Mark Lengel |
| Cantor           | Drew Hanlon                               |
| Accompanist      | Lorrie Hanlon                             |

### Sunday, October 27, 8:00am, Holy Cross

|              |                               |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Announcer    | Kathy Daup                    |
| Lector       | Sheri Fogarty                 |
| Cup Bearer   | Laurie Phelan                 |
| Altar Server | Kaden Gilligan                |
| Ushers       | Brodie, Angie & Drew Gilligan |

### Sunday, October 27, 10:00am, St. Mary

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Announcer        | Kris Sturtz   |
| Lector           | Garrett McClain                                     |
| Cup Bearers      | Julia Fisher, Jacki Ausman                          |
| Host Distributor | Tom Ausman  |
| Altar Servers    | Griffen & Leah Muth                                 |
| Ushers           | Doug Zehr, Andrew Cory, Thom Hamm, Merle Olberding, |
| Cantor           | Keaton Denker                                       |
| Accompanist      | Mary Ortmann  |

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## Money Counters

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

**Oct. 27:** Sharon Morris, Dawn Reynolds

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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.*

## Blood Drive



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 soup 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.

An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net), to make an appointment.

## Auto Debit for 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 our parish bookkeeper at [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org).



The average person has the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 cans in a lifetime.

## Vocation to the Priesthood

Men aged 16 and older who are interested in a vocation to the Priesthood are invited to join Bishop Joensen, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker and other priests from the area at the Andrew Dinner. This is an evening of prayer, good food and fun on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at St. Theresa Parish in Des Moines, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information visit [vocationsonline.org](http://vocationsonline.org), or contact the Vocations Office at 515-237- 5014.

## Faith, Science and Climate Change

Called to Climate Action, the largest faith-based climate action in Iowa history, invites you to a presentation by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, globally renowned atmospheric scientist and evangelical Christian. She will challenge us to consider how faith and science are calling us to respond to the challenges of climate change. Join us Saturday, Oct 26, 9:00am to Noon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish, 1350 Lyndhurst Drive in Hiawatha, IA. The event is free and open to the public. Please register at [iowaip.org](http://iowaip.org).

## Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria

**Join Father Andrew for this incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure July 24 - August 2, 2020.** Some of the things we will do: *In Germany*, watch the world-renowned "Passion Play", explore historic Munich city center, visit Dachau Concentration Camp, tour Neuschwanstein Castle and experience famous Hofbrauhaus. *In Austria*: Eucharistic Miracle location in Seefeld, ride to majestic alps mountaintop, explore gorgeous resort town of Seefeld, exciting tour of Salzburg salt mine, nostalgic Sound of Music tour and discover the unique and beautiful Salzburg. This trip includes daily Mass, confession and time for shopping and relaxation! Cost is \$4,699. Includes round-trip coach airfare, transportation in Europe, breakfast, lunch and dinner, museum fees and local guides. Sign up by December 31 for \$100 discount. View [www.CollinsTravel.biz](http://www.CollinsTravel.biz) for full itinerary. Questions? Email [Jason@CollinsTravel.biz](mailto:Jason@CollinsTravel.biz) or call 515-850-6133.

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)

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 19/20

*Theme: Never stop praying. Have faith and never give up!*

*Reading I:* Exodus 17:8-13 • God is with us, even when the going is tough.

*Reading II:* 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 • Be faithful to what you have learned.

*Gospel:* Luke 18:1-8 • Pray always and never lose heart.

*Question for Children:* Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

*Question for Adults:* When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?