



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 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,

The timing of James' and John's question couldn't have been much worse. Jesus has just predicted his Passion for the third time and they're more concerned about the glory in which they might get to revel. Instead of getting angry or sad, Jesus explains that despite his glorification being imminent, the path to it will involve a great deal of suffering. Their affirmative response to his question about drinking the cup and being baptized indicates that they seem to think this suffering is something they can endure. Traditionally, James indeed suffered a martyr's death and it's likely that John also suffered, though not in the exact same way, having lived longer and thought to have died of natural causes. *Jesus teaches that regardless of the glory that awaits a faithful Christian after death, the path to it is encumbered with suffering.* In other words, if even Jesus himself suffered, then we shouldn't expect anything different for ourselves. Thankfully, we don't need to suffer on our own. Jesus gave us the sacraments, particularly baptism and the Eucharist, as alluded to in this gospel. Baptism initiates us into his Church and enables us to more easily receive the grace that God offers us. The Eucharist helps us become more like Jesus in anticipation of the glory to come. Obviously suffering isn't pleasant, but we have a choice to make: do we shy away from it, seeking earthly pleasures as a distraction, or do we humbly receive everything he offers us to abide until it's our time to enter into that glory? ~ Father Andrew

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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 24

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

Thursday, October 25

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

Rosary prayed 20 min. before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 27

5:00pm St. Mary †Ira Cory

Sunday, October 28

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis

10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

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, 515-367-2685, or 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you have an interest or curiosity about the Catholic faith, or know someone who does? You are invited to join the RCIA team as we begin this journey. We meet today (Sunday) in the Social Hall after 10:00am Mass. Contact me, 515-669-6158/tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org. - Deacon Terry

Be Part of Our New Photo Directory!

Our parish is changing, and our new directory will help us capture these changes. Visit the parish website for an online link, go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxxt0hxe/>, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Photo dates: Nov. 19, 20, 23, 24, 29, 30 and Dec. 1. If you would like to help with check-in on any of these dates, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/JvvcKGv>.

If you do not wish your contact information included in the directory, you MUST contact the Parish Office.



This Wednesday 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 there's adverse weather we'll move to the Social Hall. Join us for all the fun!! **Children are invited to bring a healthy snack option to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House.**

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, November 1 is All Saints' Day. Our vigil Mass is Wednesday, October 31, 5:30pm at Holy Cross and Masses on the Holy Day are 8:00am and 6:30pm at St. Mary.

Liturgical ministers are needed for these Masses.

A sign up is at Holy Cross and in the vestibule at St. Mary.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, November 15, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

RCIA Gathering
Sunday, October 21, 11:00am, Social Hall

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

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 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 Huntruds, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

Upcoming Events

†Wednesday, Oct. 24: Trunk or Treat sponsored by S.T.O.R.M., 6:00-7:30pm, St. Mary — Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Conference Room

†Sunday, Oct. 28: Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass — Blue Grass music, 1:00-4:00pm, Social Hall

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 Some Bluegrass Music!

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

Thank You!

A small but mighty group took time out of their busy schedule to spruce up our Church buildings and grounds at our Work Day! Holy Cross: Pat Phelan, Mike Phelan, Jeff Ruden and Aiden and Brock, Char and Dave McHone, Dona Cowman and Mike and Mary Winders. Note: *the average age of the cleaners at Holy Cross was well north of 60; some youthful help would be good for an hour or so next time!* 😊 St. Mary: Drew Hanlon, Mary Thomas, Kathy Petersen, Karen Stafford, Bill Dunbar, Margaret Cleverley and Randy Holdren.

Our Liturgy Committee is Back!!

It would be beneficial though, to have more members! We will discuss, evaluate, plan and carry out ideas for our liturgies, with minimal meetings. Please consider joining us in this vital ministry! Questions, contact Fr. Andrew, fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org or Celeste Muehlenthaler, celestemu@msn.com.

SMHC Job Opening for Bookkeeper

Peter Relyea will be retiring after the first of the year. If you would be interested in this part-time 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.

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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In the absence of class due to the RE Center not being available, then Trunk or Treat and Halloween the following weeks, here are some suggestions of things to do with your children over these weeks prior to our next class on November 7:

- 1) Pray the Rosary once (modify length according to the child's age). This could be done before Mass or set up a special place at home (candles, etc.) and have the child decide who or what the Rosary is being prayed for.
- 2) For 3rd-6th, attend Sacrament of Reconciliation once prior to November 7. Reconciliation is available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30pm at St. Mary.
- 3) Attend Mass as a family and have the children either write or draw a picture that represents that experience; these can be brought back November 7.

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

First Reconciliation Key Dates:

Nov. 10 & 11 - Blessing of First Reconciliation Students at all Masses
Nov. 17 - First Reconciliation Service, 10:00am at St. Mary

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

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 adverse weather we'll move to the Social Hall. If you would like to help or host a trunk, please contact Melissa. Each EDGE student is asked to bring 1 or 2 LARGE bags of wrapped candies.

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

-Sunday, Oct. 28: 9th Gr. - Lesson 4 10th Gr. - Lesson 16
-Sunday, Nov. 11: 9th Gr. - Lesson 5 10th Gr. - Lesson 17

Sponsor/Student Prayer Stations — *10th Grade Students & Sponsors only*. The stations will be set up in the Ed Center at St. Mary. They are self lead; students and their sponsors can come anytime during the following hours:

Saturday, November 10: 1:00 - 4:00pm
Sunday, November 11: 11:00am - 3:00pm

10th-12th Graders Bible Study

Sundays 4:30-5:30pm, October 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.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 13/14 Week 16

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 8,847	\$5,157

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$83,896	\$82,508	\$84,857

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

Diocesan Collection For Mission Sunday

Your contribution to this collection will share our faith with those who take part in the Church's mission to the world as well as assisting mission parishes here in our country which cannot maintain essential ministries on their own. Please also join in prayer for those missionaries who deliver Jesus' message of unconditional love. *Please return the attached envelope next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.*



WOOH (Work of Our Hands) Directory

Last call for changes, updates, additions or to be removed from our directory! Please contact Lisa Kautza by October 29 at kautza@netins.net. Please leave email address and phone number. Promotional posters of participants will be made soon, if you want to be included let Lisa know by October 29 as well.

Join us for our Festival!!

Saturday, December 1, 1:00 - 4:45pm & 6:00 - 7:00pm
Sunday, December 2, 11:00am - 12:30pm.

Monthly Financial Update

	September, 2018			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 26,616	\$ 25,623	\$ 23,575	\$ 80,807	\$ 76,955	\$ 73,962
Operating Expenses	\$ 21,019	\$ 26,423	\$ 30,295	\$ 81,143	\$ 89,070	\$ 89,591
Net operating income (expense)	\$ 5,597	\$ (800)	\$ (6,720)	\$ (336)	\$ (12,115)	\$ (15,629)
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 88,151	N/A	\$ 106,502			



Over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 27, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer: Arlene Anderson
 Lector: Lorrie Hanlon
 Cup Bearers: JoAnn Meusburger, Diane Cronk
 Host Distributor: Drew Hanlon
 Altar Servers: Justin Anderson, Tommy Selby, Jack Selby
 Ushers: Brody Gilligan Family, Joe Rumbaugh

Sunday, October 28, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer: Heidi Ackerman
 Lector: Anne Davis
 Cup Bearer: Tony Kuehn
 Altar Server: Isabella Kuehn
 Ushers: Chris & Lynn Schreurs

Sunday, October 28, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer: Susan Genalo
 Lector: Tim Loraditch
 Cup Bearers: Jacki Ausman, Marion Panyan
 Host Distributor: Tom Ausman
 Altar Server: Felicity, Veronica, Peyton Loraditch
 Ushers: Jacki & Tom Ausman, Andrew Cory, Gregg Richwine, Doug Zehr

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Money Counters

Oct. 21: Lisa Kautza, Sue White
Oct. 28: Dona Cowman, Lisa Kautza

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It's a Pint for a Pint!!

Donate blood at our Drive on Thursday, November 8 and enjoy homemade soup in the canteen! If you have been thinking about donating blood, maybe this is the time for you!! Our High school students are also encouraged to donate blood. *You can save the lives of others!*

An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule at St. Mary or you may contact Tim & Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net to make an appointment. Please give your email address so a reminder can be sent out. Please also let Tim & Lisa know if you can help the day of the drive.

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.*

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.

A Military Connection?

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.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 21

Theme: We are called to serve as Jesus served.

Reading I: Isaiah 53:10-11 • He shall see light in due time.

Reading II: Hebrews 4:14-16 • We have a great high priest!

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 • The first shall be last.

For Children: Name some ways that you can serve others.

For Youth: Jesus changed the way we think of leadership to be someone who serves others. How are you a leader in school, your family, the parish and/or your community?

For Adults: What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjciowa.org