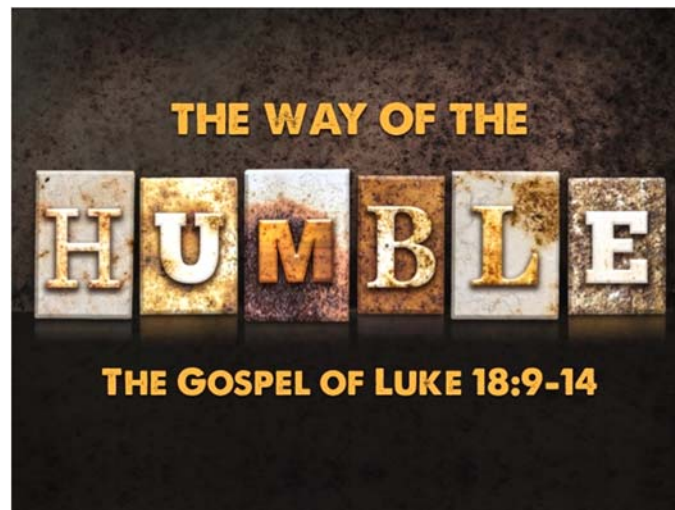




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26/27, 2019

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,

Thanks to the six parishioners who have offered to serve on the parish council. Because the number is marginally greater than the original number of seats that were discussed, it has been determined that six is acceptable and as such there will be no need for an election. More information about who they are and what you can expect is forthcoming.

Another one of the great solemnities of the Church will be celebrated with Mass Thursday evening and Friday and is a holy day of obligation. Known as All Saints, it was first mentioned in the fourth century. Veneration was originally exclusive to martyrs, then as time went on, other saints were included. The following day, we celebrate All Souls' Day, on which we remember the departed, who may not have been declared saints formally by the Church.

~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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>.

Mass and Adoration

Tuesday, October 29

6:00pm St. Mary †Fr. Gene Koch
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, October 30

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mikey & Will Carpenter

Thursday, October 31

8:00am St. Mary †Mark Hanlon

All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Thursday, October 31

6:00pm Holy Cross †Wendell & Ruth Carpenter

Friday, November 1

9:00am St. Mary †Cecelia & Michael Morton

All Souls' Day Mass

Saturday, November 2

10:00am St. Mary †Howard & Delores Staber

Saturday, November 2

5:00pm St. Mary †Beverlee Stokka

Sunday, November 3

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

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

Parish Council

Meeting: Date to be announced

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

Upcoming Events

†Sunday, Oct. 27: Blue Grass music, 2 - 4pm, Social Hall

†Weekend of Nov. 2 & 3: Wine & cheese after 5:00pm
Mass and coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall

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

†Thursday, Nov. 7: Blood Drive, 3:00 - 7:00pm, Social Hall

†Nov. 9 & 10: Work of Our Hands Fall Festival: Saturday
3:00-4:45pm and after Mass until 7:30pm; Sunday, after
10:00am Mass until 12:30pm, Social Hall

†Nov. 9/10 & 16/17: "Move the NCYC Bus" Fundraiser

*The Office is closed October 31, November 1, 4 & 5
and opens afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 6.*

Fr. Andrew will be available and in the office off and on
so please call or email first.

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.

Enjoy Some Bluegrass Music!

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

All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation

Join us to celebrate the Saints! 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; Mass is 10:00am at St. Mary.

Book of Remembrance †

During November this Book will be in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses.

Thank You

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to our SMHC Parish Family in light of our daughter's recent medical issues and hospital stay in Iowa City. We are not out of the woods yet, but we would not have made it very far without all of the prayers and support we've received. When our family was in need, our parish responded with such generosity that we will never forget.

~ The Cory Family, John, Nicole & Haleigh

Music News

Music Coordinator: Sue Schmidt

515-689-9949 / sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org

Calling all songbirds - let your voice be heard. You are warmly invited to join the SMHC Parish adult Christmas Eve choir. The first practice is Sunday, November 10, immediately after 10:00am Mass. Practices will be every Sunday morning after Mass through December 22, except no practice on December 1, and will last for one hour. The adult choir also welcomes young adults in 6th-12th grades and college students are welcome to join practices whenever they are available. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our choir as we sing praises on this most holy day. Please contact me if you would like to join.



"Faithful Citizenship" 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 the role of Catholics in the political process. You are invited to this non-partisan informational presentation on Monday, November 4, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. The presenter is 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.

Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, Nov. 3. Turn your clocks back one hour!



Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

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Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

No Sessions October 29/30: Please observe the Holy Day of Obligation for All Saints with Vigil Mass on Thursday, Oct. 31, 6:00pm 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 with 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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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

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

Sponsor & 10th Grade Student Prayer Stations

These self lead Stations are available in the Ed Center on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 1:00 - 4:00pm and Sunday, Nov. 10 from 11:00am - 2:00pm.

EDGE, Grades 7 & 8

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

Oct. 30: No EDGE

Nov 6: *Protect Life* - 5th Commandment

Nov 13: *Pray for Enemies* - The Conversion of Heart

Nov 20 & Nov 27: No EDGE

Capital Improvements Collection

Your willingness to assist financially for upcoming parish projects is greatly appreciated. This collection is next weekend. Thank you.

Blood Drive



Thursday, 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!

Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly! An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net, to make an appointment. Please also contact Tim and Lisa if you are able to assist with any of the following: unload the van and set up (about 2:00p.m.) and/or help return the supplies to the van (about 7:45p.m.). Light lifting. Volunteers are also needed to assist during the drive.

Work Day Thank You

Many thanks to the small but hardworking group of parishioners who helped spruce things up at our Parish. Holy Cross: Dona Cowman, Beth Hart, Sandra Hunter, Laurie Phelan, Mary Winders, Dave and Char McHone and Lynn Schreurs. St. Mary: Drew Hanlon, Mary Thomas, Bill Dunbar Karen Stafford, Tom Hora, Melissa Hollister and son Tommy. You did a fantastic job!!

PARISH COUNCIL / CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

Our new Parish Council replaces the Cross Ministry Team, which was an interim group consisting of members from each ministry as well as others from the parish. Check back for more information about our Council and its 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 20, Budget Week 16

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$9,267	\$5,730

Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$93,430	\$91,680	\$88,201

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	\$14,049

Pledge cards are available at each Church. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't done so. Any amount will be gratefully received and appreciated. Please return to the parish office or place in the offertory basket at Mass. Or donate online at dmidiocese.thankyou4caring.org/. Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

Cleaning Holy Cross Church

Thank you to those who have volunteered to clean our beautiful little church in the country! We appreciate your help with this need; you have done a great job! There are three months available in this schedule; please call Chris Schreurs, 515-681-1351, if interested in helping out.

Work Of Our Hands Fall Festival



Come see goods and services from members of our Parish
and join us for snacks and some wassail.

Saturday, November 9, 3:00 – 4:45pm and after Mass until 7:30pm
Sunday, November 10, after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm
in the Social Hall

Kathy Gocke – FOGGY BOTTOM FARMS – Honey, Jams, Jellies, Cookies,
also taking orders for fresh dressed turkeys

Kim Heger – LOVE SEWN THINGS – Table Runners, Scarves, Doll Clothes
for American Girl and Wellie Wisher

Kelly Hoffmeier – THE PAPER PARLOR – Journals

Sandra Hunter – THE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM – (Tag your) Christmas Trees,
Wreaths, Centerpieces, etc.

Lisa Kautza – PAMPERED CHEF – Kitchen and Grilling Tools,
Entertainment & Serving Items

Tim Kautza – ETHICAL TRADE

Ardy McDermott – QUILTS, COASTERS, BAGS

Robin Olberding – EL ZAPOTE COFFEE

Stewardship Committee – ZITTERNIX, An Authentic German Game

Hello from Me and My House!

I hope you're enjoying this blustery autumn weather. This week I will continue with the next social teaching, the Call to Family, Community and Participation. The way that we integrate ourselves into our social surroundings directly relates back to the call to protect the dignity of life. We are social by nature and yearn for community.

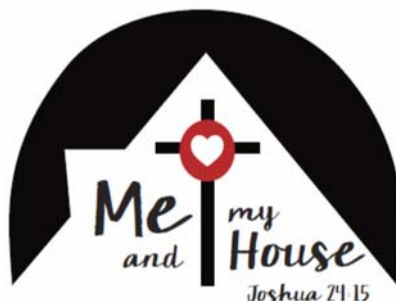
It is important to remember our unique individuality but also to understand that we belong to so many other communities and the role we play in each is equally as significant. The first and most important is to support our family. The way that our society is built, and the history of our culture is based on the structure of the family. Think about your role in your family? In what ways do you contribute? How has it helped to shape you and the way that you contribute to society? Is there a way that you can help support other families as well as your own?

Next, we must think about how we can best benefit the community around us. This is by serving the common good or "that which benefits the society as a whole." It can be difficult because it can mean something different to many people. The idea of serving the common good has strong roots in political philosophy. Anytime 2 or more people combine to create a group, organization, or community—the common good is at its core. Think about it, we have many public organizations whose sole purpose is the good of the community of people they serve. What contributions do you make to the community that you are in? This can be as small as your neighborhood and as big as the country you live in. How do you help? Is there anything big or small that you can do to support the common good?

We know that we should have contribution to what's around us. And although it wouldn't seem so, there are things that make it hard to answer this call. An over emphasis on individualism and being self-centered is problematic and can make it difficult for us to see that even our own happiness depends on how we are integrated into the family and community around us. Also, too much intervention or micromanagement from a government can interfere with a person's right to choose how they will contribute.

It can be confusing trying to decide where you should focus your energy and attention. Remember to pace yourself. Being overcommitted can turn into chaos and work against not only your own happiness but the common good as well. When responsibilities begin falling through the cracks, you are paying no attention to anything outside of work or are cutting into your sleep—it's time to re-evaluate. It's important to ourselves, our families and our communities that we take our personal care serious. You can't do it all. Take a few minutes to sit down and think about your lifestyle. Take a look at this website: <https://www.smartrecovery.org/smart-recovery-toolbox/lifestyle-balance-pie/>. There is a great activity to help you balance your life, check it out!

Email joshua2415smhc@gmail.com with any thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have.



Liturgical Ministers

Currently we do not have any ministers for our Holy Day of Obligation Masses for All Saints on Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 or for All Souls' Day Mass on Nov. 2.
Please sign up this weekend or call the office

Saturday, November 2, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Jack McDermott
Lector	John Roberts
Cup Bearers	Di Schleisman, Susan Stillmunkes
Host Distributor	Drew Hanlon
Altar Servers	Jack & Tommy Selby, Bennett Bruns
Ushers	Dawn & Mason Reynolds, Mike & Joe Devereux
Cantor	Sue & Mark Schmidt
Accompanist	Dan Scheetz

Sunday, November 3, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Karen Bellis
Lector	Doug Heger
Cup Bearer	Tony Kuehn
Altar Server	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, November 3, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Tim Loraditch, Kelly Hoffmeier
Host Distributor	Mike Nehring
Altar Servers	Caleb Coffelt, Peyton Loraditch
Ushers	Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Jacki & Tom Ausman
Cantor	Jen Linderblood
Accompanist	Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

Oct. 27 Sharon Morris, Dawn Reynolds
Nov. 3 Carol Weber, Kathy Daup

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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 / 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.*

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.

Victim Assistance

Diocesan Victim Assistance Advocate Sherry Knox is a staff member at Polk County Crisis & Advocacy Services. She assists victims of sexual abuse of minors by clergy through the complaint process and in seeking support and counseling services. Contact her at 515-286-2028/advocate@dmdioocese.org/sherry.knox@polkcountyia.gov.



Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.

We Are Going On a Pilgrimage!

On November 21, 12 SMHC parishioners will embark on an amazing pilgrimage to Indianapolis to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference, traveling by charter bus for 500+ miles to join 30,000 others! We plan to participate in daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, worship, music and attend sessions that feature incredible Catholic speakers, dynamic story tellers, fantastic musicians and lovers of faith.

We have been blessed with support; with your generosity we've almost reached our financial goal. Our final fundraiser, "Move the NCYC Bus" will be after Masses November 9/10 and 16/17. We ask that you prayerfully consider purchasing \$1 "ticket(s)" to sponsor "miles along the trip to Indianapolis". Stop by our tables after Mass those weekends to learn more! Thank you for your love, prayers and support! God IS good, ALL the time!

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!

The Third Option

It can be a challenge to keep a marriage strong when you're juggling a demanding job, kids' activities and more. You're not alone. Both couples that are hurting and couples that want to make a good thing better, get together the first and third Monday each month at Mercy College in Des Moines to talk about a different skill that will help their marriages thrive. Questions? Contact Adam Storey, astorey@dmdioocese.org.

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

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 26/27

Theme: God knows and sees our hearts.

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 • The Lord is a God of justice.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 • I have fought the good fight.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 • Everyone who exalts him or herself shall be humbled.

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to be humble – but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble?

Question for Youth: God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked? How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

Question for Adults: This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we "humble" ourselves? What does that mean?