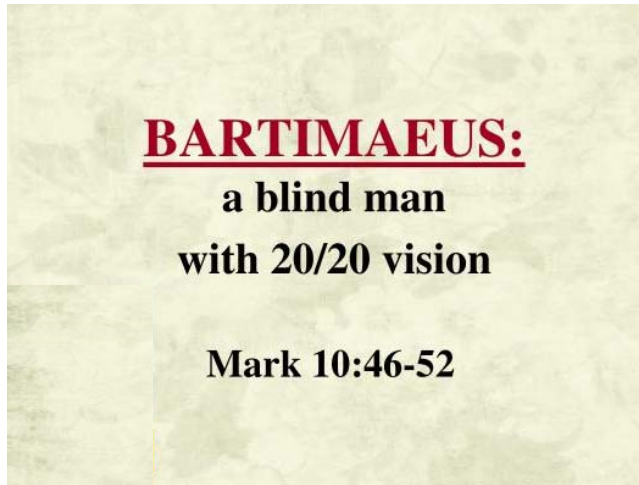




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 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,

Next week could be a pivotal time in the way State and Federal government works. A lot of life-changing issues are at stake! Election day is Tuesday, November 6. Many political seats are up for grabs that could bring about change in the way things are done. Are you ready to vote and do you know why you will be voting for a particular person running for office? Hopefully, people won't simply be voting the "party line" because no party has a line-up of perfect people for any given positions.

So how should you vote? The Church is not supposed to endorse any political candidate. IF you have heard from any pulpit a recommendation to vote for any particular person or party, ignore what you heard. Instead, research the candidates, look at their history, listen to what they say, try to separate the truth from the lies, and mostly find out the CRITERIA that the Church considers to be important. Do not let any single issue by any candidate be your reason to vote for that person.

The Church's guidelines can be found here: <https://iowacatholicconference.org/2018/09/bishops-release-faithful-citizenship-for-iowa-catholics-letter/>.

As a democracy, our country gives you the right and responsibility to vote. These rights and privileges haven't come easily, so don't just dismiss your responsibility as a citizen to help form our government. -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 31 - Holy Day Vigil Mass

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Stephen Carpenter*

Thursday, November 1 - Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

6:30pm St. Mary †*Ron Hamm*

Friday, November 2 - All Souls Day

9:00am St. Mary †*Lee Whitfield*

Saturday, November 3

5:00pm St. Mary †*Ron Odgaard*

Sunday, November 4

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †*Dan Murphy*

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

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

RCIA Gathering
Sunday, October 28, 11:00am, Social Hall

Cross Ministry
Meeting: Next meeting to be determined

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 6:00pm, Office Area

Friends of St. Francis
Meeting: TBA

Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 18 with First Degree, 6:30pm,
Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2
Tara Huntrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

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, 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.

Enjoy Some Bluegrass Music!

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

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.

Be Part of Our New Photo Directory!

We need every family to sign up to make our directory complete; it will be a great resource to help us connect with names and faces! Our directory will showcase your portrait and have contact information listed in it. **Please don't delay; sign up today!** Visit our website for a link, or 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 & Dec. 1. If you would like to assist 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, you MUST contact the Parish Office.

It's a Pint for a Pint!!

There is no substitution for the blood supply that is always in high demand! Only you can make the difference in helping to save lives by making this special donation. Donate at our Drive on Thursday, November 8 from 3:00 to 7:00pm and enjoy homemade soup in the canteen!

An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule at St. Mary or you may contact Tim & Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687/ kautza@netins.net to make an appointment. Please also let Tim & Lisa know if you are able to help the day of the drive.

Upcoming Events

- †**Sunday, Oct. 28:** Blue Grass music, 1:00-4:00pm, Hall
- †**Clothing Drive:** Month of November, Ed Center
- †**Cornucopia collection:** Nov. 3/4, 10/11 & 17/18
- †**Weekend of Nov. 3/4:** Wine & cheese after 5pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass, Social Hall
- †**Good News Singers practice:** Wednesdays Nov. 7, 14, 28, Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 6:00-6:45, St. Mary Church
- †**Blood Drive:** Thursday, Nov. 8, Social Hall
- †**Adult Choir practice:** Sundays, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23, 11:00am-12:30pm, St. Mary Church

Music News

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

Children's Choir: What do you know?!? It's almost time to start rehearsals for Christmas! The Good News Singers meet Wednesdays, beginning November 7 from 6:00 to 6:45pm. Your Religious Ed Director and teachers are aware these will occur during RE classes. It's really important to let me know before Nov. 7 if you are joining us, so we have music ready and because our space in the choir loft is pretty limited. We will sing at 5:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary. I can fit about 20 children on the risers, so I'll take the first 20 children grades 2nd through 6th that I hear from. Thanks for encouraging the children to practice this very important ministry! I look forward to hearing from you!

Adult Choir: It's that time!! Our Choir's rehearsals for 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass are on Sundays starting November 11. We'll meet in the Church right after 10:00am Mass and plan to go until 12:30pm. It would be so helpful if you contact me ahead of time so music is ready for you for our first rehearsal. We are looking forward to seeing you! Please join us in singing praise for the birth of our Savior!

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 and leave your email address and phone number. Promotional posters of participants will be made soon; to be included let Lisa know by Oct. 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.

Religious Education PreK-6

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

Classes will be starting on November 7 in the Ed Center!!! Materials have been brought back in and are being put into place. In the meantime, please have children try to do the following prior to returning to class.

- 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. 31 - No Class
Nov. 7 & 14 - Class

First Reconciliation Key Dates:

- Nov. 7: Parent Meeting in Ed Center right after each class opening
- Nov. 10 & 11: Blessing of First Reconciliation Students at all Masses
- Nov. 17: First Reconciliation Service at St. Mary, 10am

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*

All S.T.O.R.M. Youth Gathering Kick Off Sunday, Nov. 4

Minute to win it games, prizes and other fun activities.
Bring a friend! 4:00-5:30pm in the Youth Area

EDGE (7th/8th) Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Nov. 7: *Kindling- The Church*

Nov. 14: *Everlasting- One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic*

Nov. 21: NO EDGE- Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 28: *Life In The Fire- Structure of the Church*

Dec. 5: NO EDGE

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. They are self lead; students and their sponsors can come anytime Saturday, Nov. 10 from 1:00 - 4:00pm and Sunday, Nov. 11 from 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.

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.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 20/21 Week 17

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 3,102	\$5,157

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$87,001	\$87,664	\$87,725

Food Pantry Collection: \$595.25

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	\$46,275	\$43,088.50	\$10,717.50

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.

Thoughts From Me & My House

What do you think of when you think of Halloween? If you're like most people nowadays it's pumpkins, little kids in costumes and trick or treating! It is widely believed that Halloween originated from paganism and Celtic festivals, but it may surprise you to know there are many Catholic contributions to this time of year!

The word "Halloween" is a Scottish word shortened from "Allhallow-even," which means "All Holy Evening." This goes all the way back to the 18th century with the English phrase "All Hallows Eve," having a similar meaning. This "All Holy Evening" is meant to celebrate the holy men and women who are recognized in the Catholic Church as residing in Heaven on the evening before All Saints Day on November 1st.

Pope Gregory III established the feast in the 8th century and Pope Gregory IV extended it to the universal Church and made it a holy day of obligation for all Catholics. At this time, All Saints Day was given a special vigil Mass the night before, which led to that date being regarded as a "holy evening."

We also dedicate November 2nd, All Souls Day to praying for the souls in purgatory. On this day we are meant to pray for our deceased family and friends and visit cemeteries to remember those who are no longer on this earth. In Europe there was a tradition of baking "soul cakes." Children would go and beg door-to-door for these cakes in exchange for praying for the faithfully departed family and friends. It is also believed that it was a tradition to wear "disguises" while "souling" for cakes to represent the souls in purgatory. And, there were processional candles carried in hollowed out turnips to be sheltered from the wind, which would become our Jack O'Lanterns!

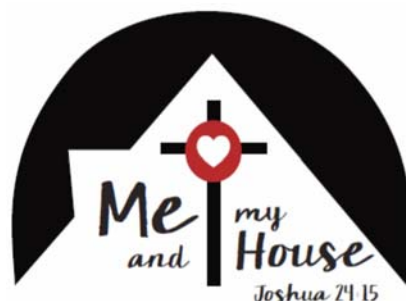
In France a "dance of the dead" or *danse macabre* was established and took place on All Souls Day. People would put on costumes and act out leading a chain of individuals to the afterlife. In Ireland an "All Damned Day" was established on October 31st. They believed that if the "souls in hell are left out when we celebrated those in heaven and purgatory, they might be unhappy enough to cause trouble." So, the Irish peasants banged pots and pans to make sure those in Hell knew they were not forgotten.

All these traditions and customs were mashed together when immigrants began settling in the United States, and throughout the 20th century the way we celebrate Halloween today came about! And although we celebrate by decorating pumpkins and wearing costumes, we are reminded on All Souls Day to pray for the souls in purgatory. See you at the Holy Day Mass: Vigil Mass on October 31st, 5:30PM at Holy Cross or on November 1st at 8:00 AM or 6:30 PM at St. Mary!

I look forward to hearing from you!

The intention of 'Thoughts from Me & My House' is to be a collaborative column within our parish.

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



Pilgrimage to
France
Lourdes, Paris and Normandy



Presented by Collins Travel and Pilgrimages

Hosted by Father Andrew Windschitl, pastor of St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish in Elkhart and Jason Collins, M.A., founder of Collins Travel and Pilgrimages and member of St. Francis Parish, West Des Moines

Join us for this Incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure to
France: Lourdes, Paris and Normandy June 14-23, 2019!

Things we'll do in Paris

Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral
See famous Mona Lisa at Louvre Museum
Take in Paris from atop Eiffel Tower
Mass at Sacre Coure, hilltop photos after
Historic Champs-Elysées Boulevard
Catacombs of Paris
Taste wonderful French cuisine and wine

Things we'll do in Normandy

Visit the D-Day Beach
Walk through the American Cemetery
Visit the Mont-Saint-Michel
Mass on the island
Explore city of Bayeux
Visit Lisieux, home of St. Therese

Things we'll do in Lourdes

See grotto where Our Lady appeared
Participate in candlelight procession
Blessed Sacrament procession
Mass in the Basilica
Opportunity to bathe in Lourdes water
Childhood home of St. Bernadette

Cost: \$4,799

(\$100 discount if deposit paid by Jan. 1)
Includes round-trip coach airfare, hotel, all
breakfasts & dinners, transportation in
Europe, museum entrance fees & local
guides. Visit www.CollinsTravel.biz & click
on "Pilgrimages" for full itinerary & short
video. Email Jason@CollinsTravel.biz
or call 515-850-6133.

Liturgical Ministers

Ministers are needed for our Holy Day Masses
October 31 & November 1. Please sign up this weekend
at Mass or call the office by Monday to volunteer.

Saturday, November 3, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer Sonya Staudt
Lector Lisa Jones
Cup Bearers John Zidon, Patty Devereux
Host Distributor Mike Devereux
Altar Servers Abby & Emily Devereux,
Olivia Naragon
Ushers Mike & Joe Devereux,
Mark Lengel, Jim Hudson

Sunday, November 4, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer Karen Bellis
Lector Doug Heger
Cup Bearer Laurie Phelan
Altar Server Kelcie Shedd
Ushers Bill & Shirley Jorgensen

Sunday, November 4, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer Joe Dunham
Lector Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers Carol Weber, Matt Miller
Host Distributor Mike Nehring
Altar Server Sawyer Smeltzer
Ushers Merle Olberding, Dave Pottebaum,
Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum,
Dennis Schmidt

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Money Counters

Oct. 28: Dona Cowman, Lisa Kautza

Nov. 4: Dawn Reynolds, Sharon Morris

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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.*

Will You Join Us??

We are seeking a person or two from Holy Cross to add their voice to our Liturgy Committee. If interested in joining us, please contact Fr. Andrew at fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org.

A Scriptural Walk Through the Mass

This is a five-part video series that will be shown to our RCIA candidates as a very thorough and interesting way to explain what takes place at our Mass. This series should be a "must-see" for every Catholic, not just those preparing to come into the Church. It explains the reason for the prayers and actions done by the priest and people based upon Scripture. Yes, most of us went through CCD or Religious Education when we were kids, but how many of us really cared at that time in our lives? A frequent phrase heard at these sessions is, "Wow, I didn't know THAT!"

The presentations are Sundays after 10am Mass beginning November 4. On the first Sunday of the month, "coffee and donut Sunday", we will meet downstairs in the Ed Center; the other Sundays we meet in the Social Hall. *Come, join us!*



One drip every second from a leaky faucet wastes 540 gallons of water a year.

Cornucopia Collection

Our Youth Group's goal is to provide 6-10 deserving families with a basket full of food items, enabling them to prepare a Thanksgiving meal for their family. We ask you to prayerfully consider donating to this project. Beginning the weekend of Nov. 3/4 we will have our Cornucopia poster hung in the vestibule at St. Mary and also one at Holy Cross, with various food items pinned on it. You indicate your commitment to help by taking a card from this poster with the picture of the food item/items that you are willing to donate and return the actual food item on weekend of Nov. 17/18 to St. Mary. If you know of a family in your community that can benefit from a receiving a food basket, please contact Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830 or Andrea Fisher 515-240-5059 to arrange delivery options. Thank you!

Faithful Citizenship

The U.S. Catholic Bishops remind us, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world." For information on how to register to vote, go to sos.iowa.gov.

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 [tammi mcclain71@gmail.com](mailto:tammi.mcclain71@gmail.com) or you may contact the parish office.

Dowling Catholic Open House

Families of prospective students are invited to join us Sunday, November 4 from 11:00am - 2:00pm for a tour of 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!

St. Luke's Catholic School Open House

Visit us on Sunday, November 11 from 11:30am - 1:00pm after our student-led Mass at 10:30am. Meet our teachers and staff, tour the classrooms, meet current families, view uniform examples and receive admissions and financial aid information and book an appointment to meet our Principal one-on-one. For more information call 515-985-7074 or visit slte-school.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 28

Theme: Power in weakness.

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:7-9 • The Lord has delivered his people.

Reading II: Hebrews 5:1-6 • You are my son.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 • I want to see.

For Children: What would you like to ask Jesus for?

For Youth: "Master, I want to see!" What do you most want to be able to "see" in your own life? How are you blind?

For Adults: What does it mean for you to "see"? Are there blind spots in your life?