

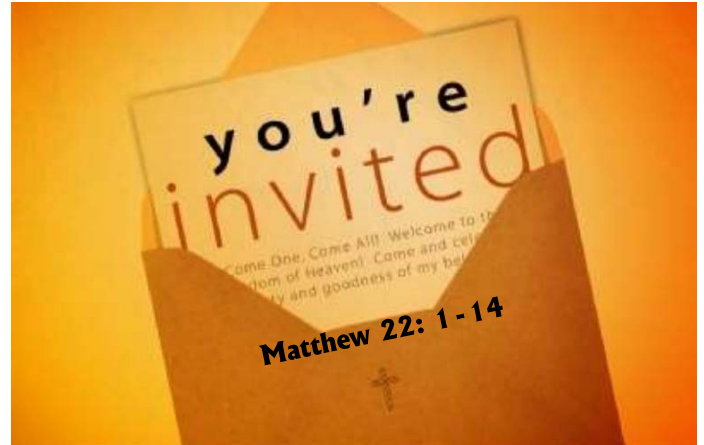


# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 4, 2020



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 11, 2020

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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,

If you do not review any of the other readings for the first Sunday of this two-week bulletin, I cannot recommend the second reading enough. St. Paul exhorts the Philippians to "have no anxiety at all." Surely that is easy for him to say because he did not deal with COVID, economic distress, and the politics of an election year. But as his letter beautifully continues, we are assured that by keeping the faith and praying, in the end "the God of peace will be with you." It is a peace that is not just temporary and fickle, it is permanent and steadfast.

The Christ Our Life conference on the weekend of September 26th and 27th seemed to have a good turnout considering the circumstances. I arrived expecting to help with confessions, but all the stations were staffed, which is a good problem to have. ~ Fr. Andrew

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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 4:00-4:30pm in **Cry Room**, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for a preparation program

**Marriage:** Contact Fr. Andrew 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

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

### Tuesday, October 6

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

### Wednesday, October 7

5:30pm Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

### Thursday, October 8

8:00am St. Mary †Doris Olson

### Saturday, October 10

5:00pm St. Mary †Colleen Hindman and  
Son, Lee Hindman

### Sunday, October 11

8:00am Holy Cross †Albert Ackerman  
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

### Tuesday, October 13

6:00pm St. Mary †Tom Bellis  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, October 14

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mark Hanlon

### Thursday, October 15

8:00am St. Mary †Leo & Rosemary Overmohle

### Saturday, October 17

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

### Sunday, October 18

8:00am Holy Cross †Jim & Rita Rooney  
10:00am St. Mary †Don Murphy

## A Prayer in Times of Uncertainty

God of the present moment,  
God who in Jesus stills the storm  
and soothes the frantic heart;  
bring hope and courage to all  
who wait or work in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make them  
the equal of whatever lies ahead.

Bring them courage to endure what cannot  
be avoided,  
for your will is health and wholeness;  
you are God, and we need you.  
Amen.

### Stewardship Committee

Meeting, Monday, Oct. 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

*The Parish Office has varied hours  
through October 9th.*

*Please call or email to be sure someone is here  
before stopping by. Fr. Andrew will be available  
and in the office off and on during this time,  
(except Monday the 5th) so please contact him first.*

*Always contact him in an emergency –  
no matter the day or time.*

## 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 or Holy Cross and on our website. We are glad you are here!

## Please Wear Your Mask!

When you come to Mass, please wear your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

## We Are Here to Help!

If you are homebound, at high risk, caring for family, or know someone who is, and are in need of help with errands, picking up prescriptions or groceries, etc., please contact Fr. Andrew for assistance.

**For Diocesan updates, livestream Masses  
and resources, please go to [https://www.dmdiocese.org/  
resources/worship/coronavirus](https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus)**

## October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary twenty minutes before each weekend Mass in October. — *If you'd like to lead the Rosary, please email Anne Davis, [annedavis06@gmail.com](mailto:annedavis06@gmail.com).*

✝ For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew  
at 515-367-2685 or [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

## Upcoming Events

- ✝ **Sunday, October 4:** Blessing of Pets and Animals, 1:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary — Life Chain, 2:00 - 3:00pm, pick up signs at St. Theresa Church, and stand along Merle Hay Road from University to Douglas Avenues
- ✝ **Thursday, October 15:** Crafts and Conversation, 9:30am, Social Hall
- ✝ **Weekend of October 17/18:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny
- ✝ **Thursday, November 5:** Blood Drive, 3:00 – 7:00pm, Social Hall

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA)

Are you yourself and/or do you know someone who would like to become Catholic and/or would like to know more about the faith? "The rite of Christian initiation [...] is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully." *For further information please contact Fr. Andrew at [fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-367-2685.*

When the world pushes you to your knees,  
you are in a perfect position to pray.

## Religious Education

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Thank you, parents, for staying committed to your children's faith formation during these very strange times. We have enjoyed seeing your children and prayerfully arranging the At Home packets, in the hopes that these efforts will create meaningful encounters for your families with our Lord.

If there is anything else we can do for your family, please let us know! We are here to help!

**October 6/7** - All ages, Regular sessions  
**October 13/14** - Regular Sessions  
**October 20/21** - Regular Sessions  
**October 27/28** - Regular Sessions

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

**Our first EDGE session** with the students is Wednesday, October 7 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please contact one of us if you have questions.

**EDGE Dates:** October 7, 14, and 21

**Youth Group:** We will have our first youth gathering on Wednesday, October 7 from 7:45-9:00pm in the youth room. If you are a high school teen please plan to join us for a bonfire and s'mores! Bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

**Youth Group Dates:** October 7, 14, and 21

### PURPOSE (Grades 9 & 10)

**Saturday, October 24, 8:00am-12:00pm:** Fall Community Service Day. Our makeup date for bad weather will be Saturday, October 31.

**Wednesday, October 28, 6:00 - 8:00pm:** Confirmation Session at St. Mary Social Hall

## Food Pantry Collections

We are resuming our Food Pantry collections on the third weekend of each month. We will have a basket out for this collection along with the basket for tithes. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity for those in need.



## 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, please contact Barb at 515-367-2685 or [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org). *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.*

## Online Giving

This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation will send gift receipts. Thank you for considering using this for your tithing and thank you to those who are currently using it!

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

**September 27** Budget Week 13

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$1,442	\$4,860

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$66,949	\$63,180	\$66,201

## 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Information and a pledge card have been mailed to each household. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and mail your pledge to the parish or donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal-giving>, being sure to designate our parish for proper credit. Each gift is vital to reaching our assessment. Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$49,556	\$43,477	\$40,412	<b>\$9,144</b>

*Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), for additional information or find the form in the vestibule or on our website's home page, <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/>.*

# Confirmation / KOC Parish Work Day

The St. Mary/Holy Cross Confirmation Students and the Knights of Columbus are partnering up on **Saturday, October 24th** to provide a parish wide service day and we need your help finding some projects! If you or someone you know in your community needs a little extra help, please fill out the form below and drop it in the box in the vestibule. Due to COVID, we will only be doing outdoor projects to limit contact with homeowners. This is a great opportunity for all those involved, so please sign up and get some help with your fall chores!

### *Examples of projects:*

- Raking leaves/general yard work
- Cleaning
- Winterizing
- Pulling weeds
- Garden clean-up
- Light tree trimming (from the ground)



Name:

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Phone:

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Address:

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Project Description:

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You will be contacted prior to the work day to confirm our visit on 10/24.

# THANK YOU!

Rain date is Saturday, 10/31.

Feel free to contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014,  
or Doug Jones, 515-238-4745, with questions.

## SMHC High School/College Students & Adults

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our EDGE program. If you are interested in helping and could spare 3-6 hours a month we would LOVE your help! If you are interested in learning more or want to help, please contact Melissa at 515-290-2830 or Andrea at 515-240-5059. We will be happy to share information about our EDGE program with you. We have had a wonderful EDGE core team in the past and look forward to adding new people. Thank you for considering helping grow our young church!



### Blood Drive

Save  
the  
Date

Our Community Blood Drive is **Thursday, Nov. 5, 3:00–7:00pm** in the Social Hall. LifeServe will disinfect all surfaces they use before, during, and at the conclusion of the drive. All team members will wear face masks and donors are required to wear their own. LifeServe will practice social distancing, have added new donor screening questions, and are monitoring the health of every team member. Appointments required for added safety. Sign up on the St. Mary Church vestibule bulletin board or online at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://lifeservebloodcenter.org) (see below). Volunteers and treats for the canteen are needed for the drive. Please contact Lisa and Tim Kautza if you can help, [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687.

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/>. Select "Donate;" then select "Schedule Your Donation;" then "Schedule a Donation Now;" then "Sponsor Name Search;" then enter "Elkhart;" then "Search;" then Elkhart Community should show up then select "Schedule;" then pick an available time and either log in or create an account. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center 800-287-4903 and tell them you wish to sign up to donate at the Elkhart Community Blood Drive November 5.

### The Word Among Us

The October issue of this daily meditation booklet is available in St. Mary's vestibule and in the entryway at Holy Cross.

*There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering, too much pain.*

*Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer in extraordinary ways. ~ Mother Teresa*

### St. Joseph Catholic School

If your child currently attends a public school, we are offering a Welcome Tuition Grant to attend St. Joseph's. This grant entitles each child to \$1,000 off tuition the first year and \$500 off tuition the following year. We would love to schedule a tour! Please contact Jodi Halligan for more information, 515-266-3433 or [jhalligan@stjosephcatholicdsm.org](mailto:jhalligan@stjosephcatholicdsm.org).

### The Third Option

Meet some great people while spending some time with your spouse at The Third Option. This program is for couples that are hurting and for couples that want to make a good thing better! We go through 14 skill-based workshops that help couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. We meet each 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 7:00-9:00pm at All Saints Church in Des Moines, 650 NE 52nd Ave.



14 billion pounds of garbage are dumped into the ocean every year. Most of it is plastic.

### Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Born in the north of Spain, this saint started out working in cloth weaving, his father's trade. He used his spare time to learn Latin and printing. When he was twenty-two, Anthony entered the seminary where he was ordained six years later. He was sent by the pope to Cuba where he was to be the Archbishop of Santiago, the largest archdiocese in Cuba. This assignment proved to be a challenge for all of his speaking and management skills. Most of the priests were no longer faithful, did not live in the rectory and the churches were run down. With the clergy in such a state, the laity could hardly be expected to be more sanctified. Many of the faithful had not been confirmed and thousands of marriages had not been blessed in the Church. Within his first year, Bishop Claret had instituted reforms, given retreats for his priests, confirmed 100,000 people, and blessed 40,000 marriages.

God sometimes throws us into seemingly impossible situations and asks us to straighten things out. Such was the dilemma which Anthony found himself in as the archbishop of Santiago. With God's grace, he dug in and cleaned up the mess that he found. We can also accomplish much in a bad situation if we rely on God's grace to see us through.

*What is your approach to the curve balls thrown at you by life? Do you try to avoid solving them? Complain about them? Try asking for God's help.*

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 4

*Theme: Think about the things that are good and true.*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 5:1-7 • Israel is the vineyard of the Lord.

*Reading II:* Philippians 4:6-9 • Present your needs to God.

*Gospel:* Matthew 21:33-43 • They killed even the son.

*For Children:* What makes you feel peaceful inside? What makes you feel restless?

*For Youth:* How do you thank God for the talents that you have? How do you give back to God through the use of your talent?

*For Adults:* What steps do you take each week to make sure you are doing as Paul directs: "Live according to what you have learned and accepted."?

#### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 11

*Theme: Only those who enter the banquet will share the reign of God.*

*Reading I:* : Isaiah 25:6-10a • The Lord will provide for his people.

*Reading II:* Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 • In Christ, I am strong.

*Gospel:* Matthew 22:1-14 • All are invited to the feast.

*For Children:* Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

*For Youth:* Each week we are invited to participate in Mass. When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

*For Adults:* Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.