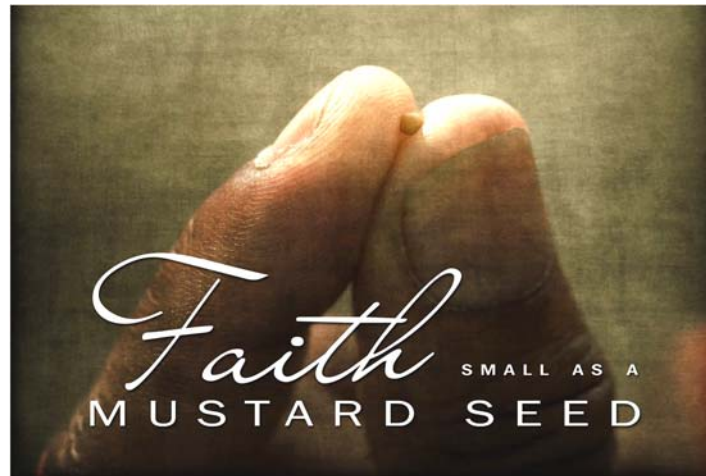




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5/6, 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,

The memorial of St. Francis of Assisi was celebrated on Friday. While he is often related to nature, there is much more to know about this humble and pivotal saint of God's Church. He was the son of a wealthy merchant and in his early years acted with what could be considered reckless abandon. The phase did not last long. One day he was praying before a crucifix, during which a voice told him to "repair my house." Francis understood this command literally and began to rebuild the church that contained said crucifix. Disappointed by his son, Francis' father dragged him home. Francis did not give in and took on poverty, renouncing his inheritance. He later understood what the voice really meant: to repair the larger Church, not one bound by walls. In response he founded the order of the Friars Minor, which expanded rather quickly. The rule he wrote for the order emphasized poverty, chastity, and obedience. Francis also expressed devotion to our Lord as the Eucharist and procured for churches the sacred vessels fitting for the celebration of Holy Mass. He may have been materially poor in the end, but he certainly was not lacking in what really matters to God. ~ Fr. Andrew

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## Parish Information

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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 8

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

### Wednesday, October 9

5:30pm Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

### Thursday, October 10

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

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

### Saturday, October 12

5:00pm St. Mary †Jim Travick

### Sunday, October 13

8:00am Holy Cross †Tom Bellis  
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

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, October 15, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, October 14, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 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!



## Just Married!!

Last Saturday Daniel Bell and Lindsay Hammes celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Mary and Kyle Muehlenthaler and Elizabeth Schmeiser celebrated this Sacrament at Holy Cross. Congratulations to both couples! Our blessing and prayers for them that their lives always be filled with God's presence, and they grow stronger, day by day, in the bonds of love and fidelity.



## 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 in this prayer 20 minutes before each weekend Mass this month.

*If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact  
Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com.*



## Our Catholic Faith!

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic way of life? Do you wish to be one with us in our Catholic faith tradition? Have you been away from the Church and are compelled to get "caught up" on what you've forgotten or missed? All are welcome to an inquiry community where they ask questions, discuss experiences and discover more about who we are as Catholic people. If you, or someone you know, want to learn more about the Catholic way of life, please contact Fr. Andrew at Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org. Participation does not require you to commit to joining the Church; we ask only that you be open to learning more about God, the Catholic tradition and yourself.

## Annual Life Chain

Today (Sunday) in Des Moines from 2:00 to 3:30pm the chain will span along Merle Hay Road from University to Douglas Avenues. Pick up your sign at St. Theresa Catholic Church. For more information, contact Ruth Kabitzke, 515-965-1343.

## Upcoming Events

- †**Weekends in October:** Rosary prayed 20 minutes before each Mass
- †**Sunday, October 6:** Life Chain, meet at St. Theresa Church, 2:00-3:30pm
- †**Thursday, October 17:** Crafts, games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of October 19/20:** Voting for Parish Council members at Mass — Food Pantry Collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny
- †**Wednesday, Oct. 23:** Trunk Or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm, hosted by S.T.O.R.M., SM parking lot (Social Hall if raining)
- †**Saturday, October 19:** Parish Work Day, 9:00am - Noon

## Music News



**Music Coordinator: Sue Schmidt**

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

## Date Extended For Parish Council Nominations

Are you interested in providing guidance and making decisions that impact the future of our Parish? If so, please consider becoming a member of this Council! This is an action based council that helps our parish accomplish our goals, provide a point of contact for various parishioner inquiries, and help the priest in a 'consultative' manner. All of the various existing ministries, departments, and councils will consult with the Parish Council on important topics while they maintain responsibility for their respective areas. One of the first tasks of the newly formed group is to establish their formal structure, including specific roles and responsibilities and operating guidelines.

The council is open to all registered members of SMHC, and will initially consist of 5 elected individuals. **If interested, please complete the self-nomination form by this Monday, October 7,** that is available on the website or in the vestibule. If you have questions, please contact Father Andrew! Thank you for considering this important position!

## 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

Thank you to all the parents and catechists who have helped get this year off to a great start! As a reminder, the office is open and available for waiting during the Wednesday evening sessions. We ask that you do not stay in the Ed Center after dropping off your children, as children have the freedom to work in this space and we would like it to be quiet and safe. Parents of children in third grade and lower need to come to the Ed Center after class to receive your child from their catechist. If you have an older child you would like to pick up your younger children, that is great, please just let your catechist know. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Classes: Oct. 8/9 & 15/16 & Nov. 5/6**

**No Class Oct. 23:** Attend Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm.

**No class Oct. 29/30:** Nov. 1 is the Holy Day of Obligation of All Saints Day. Please attend Mass Thursday, Oct. 31, 6:00pm at Holy Cross or Friday, Nov. 1, 9:00am at St. Mary

## 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)

**After Party!** Join us Sunday's after Mass from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Youth Room. Come play games, watch a movie, have a snack or just hang out. Bring a friend, all are welcome! **Upcoming dates:** Oct. 6, 13 & 27

(no After Party on Oct. 20 due to S.T.O.R.M. Kickoff Event)

Please join us for a **bonfire and s'mores** on Sunday October 20, 6:00-9:00pm outside the Ed Center at St. Mary.

### 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. 9 Session:** *Abide*: 3rd Commandment

**Oct. 16 Session:** *Be Rooted*: 4th Commandment

— Please bring 1-2 LARGE bags of candy for Trunk or Treat to this session!

**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 to hand out (bring to Oct. 16 session!), help setup/clean up, lead the games, and serve snacks and hot chocolate.

## Thank You's

A heartfelt thank you to our St. Mary's-Holy Cross family for your condolences and memorial donation to OSI (Orphan Sponsorship International) in honor of my mother. Another reminder of how blessed we are to belong to such a wonderful parish. Thank you again for our support.

*Kris Sexton & Bill and the Hindman Family*

The Elkhart Blessing Box sincerely thanks you for your continuous generosity. In the month of September, it provided food to 26 families, which impacted 54 individual people. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

## 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

### Sept. 29, Budget Week 13

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$6,286	\$5,730

### Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$72,487	\$74,490	\$72,423

## 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$34,915	\$33,423	\$15,374

Each family's help is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and appreciated. **Pledge cards are available at each Church.** Please return to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Or donate online at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/>. Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

## Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Please contact Sarah Baumberger, parish bookkeeper, for more information ([sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org)).

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, October 12, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	Bill Sexton
Cup Bearers	Kris & Bill Sexton
Host Distributor	Joe Rumbaugh
Altar Servers	Jack & Tommy Shelby, Kaden Gilligan
Ushers	Brodie, Angie & Drew Gilligan, Bill Schmitt
Cantor	Keaton Denker
Accompanist	Celeste Muehlenthaler

### Sunday, October 13, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Jeff Ruden
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Mike & Mary Winders

### Sunday, October 13, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Joe Dunham
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Nicole Cory
Host Distributor	Mike Nehring
Altar Servers	Leah & Griffen Muth
Ushers	Dennis Schmidt, Doug Zehr, Andrew, Jacki & Tom Ausman
Cantors	Beth Hart, Garrett McClain
Accompanist	Mary Ortmann

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## Money Counters

**Oct. 6:** Dawn Reynolds, Carol Weber

**Oct. 13:** Dona Cowman, Lisa Kautza

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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.*

## Parish

Saturday, October 19, 9:00 to Noon at both Churches. If you can't come the entire time; come and help as long as you are able. This is a great opportunity for service hours for our youth! Come rain or shine! Many hands make light work! We appreciate your assistance in keeping our buildings and grounds all spiffy!



## 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 November 9 & 10. Contact Lisa at [kautza@netins.net](mailto: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 the previous years, please contact Lisa by October 23.



Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two person household for one year.

## Cleaning Holy Cross Church

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to clean our beautiful little church in the country! We still have four openings available. Please call Chris Schreurs, 515-681-1351, if interested in helping out.

## Trunk or Treat!!

*Save the Date- Spread the word!*

S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE / LIFE TEEN / Confirmation) Youth of our Parish invite you and your family to TRUNK OR TREAT on 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.)

We will be collecting boxes of cereal to donate to local food pantries.

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 will all be FREE!

All Parish families, friends and surrounding community members are welcome to attend!

This year we are 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 with this there will be a tub in the Social Hall labelled "Trunk or Treat Candy". 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.

## Vocation to the Priesthood

Men aged 16 and older who are interested in a vocation to the Priesthood are invited to join Bishop William Joensen, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker and other priests at the Andrew Dinners. This is an evening of prayer, good food and fun. Dates are Tuesday, Oct. 8 at St. Pius X Parish and Tuesday, Oct. 29 at St. Theresa Parish, at 6:00pm and concludes by 8:00pm. For more information please visit [vocationsonline.org](http://vocationsonline.org), or contact the Vocations Office at [vocations@dmdioocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdioocese.org) or 515-237- 5014.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 5/6

*Theme: Faith is the anchor and force of life.*

**Reading I:** Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 • The just one lives by faithfulness.

**Reading II:** 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 • Stir into flame the gift of God.

**Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10 • Increase our faith.

**Question for Children:** Our faith is powerful and with it, we can do great things. We can forgive, love, and share with others. Which of these do you do most often?

**Question for Youth:** The Gospel tells us even a little bit of faith is enough to make amazing things happen. How are you keeping your faith alive and growing? What good things happen in your life because of your faith?

**Question for Adults:** Being "in Christ" means living as Christ teaches. What signs do you see of generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, or any other of Jesus' teachings?

See Diocesan events at [www.dmdioocese.org](http://www.dmdioocese.org) and offerings by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)