



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 7, 2018

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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,

In the gospel this weekend, Jesus yet again takes a stand that seems to be unpopular in both his time and ours. Divorce is an unfortunate reality that affects a lot of people, even those who aren't themselves divorced. It's an affront to God's intention for marriage, which is much more than just a contractual obligation between two people. *He instituted it as a sacrament and thus grants the husband and wife the grace to aid in each other's salvation. The union is intended to be a reflection of God's undying love for - and commitment to - humanity, the best example of which is Jesus' crucifixion. This means that only death can sever a valid marriage. Because this is God's will, divorce shouldn't necessarily be condoned, regardless of the circumstances. Granted not all circumstances in a marriage are perfect and in some cases they're downright terrible, so I encourage couples in such situations to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit and to contact me about further help that the Church provides.*

As I type this, the carpet is almost done downstairs. If there's truly such a thing as "normal," we should be a lot closer to it in the next couple weeks, although that isn't a guarantee. The area should be sufficiently ready for religious education to begin on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This has been a long and at times trying process for us and I commend the patience that's been practiced by everyone involved, not that we've had much of a choice. ~ Father Andrew

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### Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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 10

5:30pm Holy Cross †Bob Wilson

### Thursday, October 11

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

*Rosary prayed 20 min. before weekend Masses*

### Saturday, October 13

5:00pm St. Mary †Brad West

### Sunday, October 14

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

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!



Will and Rebecca Bates, who live in Ankeny

Mark Block, from Ankeny

Jeremy and Gretchen Shuler and children Callen and Lily,  
who live in Polk City

Allen and Mary Huff and sons Jace and Caleb,  
from Bondurant

Darren and Melinda Manthei and children, Ryan, Abigail,  
Karlie, Gemma, John, Gianna, Hope, and Felicity,  
who live in Altoona

## New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith



### Bennett Rose

Daughter of Austin and Jordyn Wisner

who was baptized at our 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 <sup>†</sup>

Please contact Fr. Andrew Windschitl, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 515-669-6158, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

## Sign Up Today For Your Photo Session!!

The online scheduling is open to book your family's photo session. Visit the parish website for an online link or go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxxt0hxe/> to schedule your family. Representatives from the Stewardship Committee will be available after Masses next weekend to assist you with your online scheduling or you may call the parish office to book your appointment.

*A parish roster consisting of name, address, phone and email will be included in the directory. If you do not wish some or all of this information to be included you **MUST** contact the Parish Office.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, October 18, 7:00pm, St. Mary

RCIA Gatherings

Tuesdays, October 9 & 16, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Cross Ministry

Next meeting to be decided.

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 6:30pm, Conference Rm

Knights of Columbus

Meetings: 4th Degree Oct. 8, 7pm, 2nd & 3rd Degree Oct. 21, 1pm, and monthly meeting, Oct. 21, 7pm, all in Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Huntrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

## Upcoming Events

- †**Sunday, Oct. 7:** Life Chain, 2:00-3:30pm. Meet at St. Theresa's Church's parking lot off University Avenue.
- †**Saturday, Oct. 13:** Parish work day, 9:00am to Noon
- †**Thurs., Oct. 18:** Crafts/games/social time, 9:30am, Hall
- †**Saturday, Oct. 20:** Pasta Dinner after 5:00pm Mass.  
Proceeds to help pay for a dividing wall in the Ed Center

## Music News

**Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler**  
515-577-9394 / [celestemu@msn.com](mailto:celestemu@msn.com)

We are looking for children and adults for our Christmas Eve choir, as well as musicians and accompanists. Call me!

## Parish Work Day

**Next Saturday:** Join us to spruce up our buildings and grounds at both locations. 9:00am to Noon; if you can't come for the entire time, come and help out as long as you can. This is a great opportunity for service hours for our youth!

## We Would Like to Know....

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 [tammimcclain71@gmail.com](mailto:tammimcclain71@gmail.com) or you may contact the parish office.



## Time to Begin the RCIA Process!

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or anyone who wants to learn more about what it means to be Catholic, is invited to join us this **Tuesday, October 9** in the social hall at **7:00pm**. Meetings are planned for an hour and a half. Current Catholics and team members will say at various sessions, "I didn't know THAT!" We will try to cover all aspects of being Catholic, especially the "New" post Vatican II practices. Come and listen, learn, and especially share your own faith and faith journey if you so choose. If you know of anyone who has expressed interest or curiosity about the Catholic faith, invite them to join YOU and the RCIA team as we begin this journey. Contact me, [ttschleisman@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ttschleisman@saintmaryhc.org)/515-669-6158. Blessings! - Deacon Terry

## Religious Education PreK-6

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

**CLASSES STARTED for PreK-6th on October 3rd!!** We started off the night with our normal opening. We reviewed behavior expectations with the key ones being the following:

- \* **Respect for All at All Times**
- \* **Listen with your Eyes and Ears**
- \* **Keep your Hands to Yourself**
- \* **Raise your Hand**

We will continue with the STAR student awards where a student will be selected each month from each class for exhibiting exemplary behavior and character.

### Key Dates:

- Oct. 10 - Children's Mass at 6:30pm — both sessions are combined for this Mass, St. Mary's Church
- Oct. 17 - Class in Ed Center
- Oct. 19 (4-8pm) and Oct. 20 (8am-4pm) - Reconciliation Self Guided Learning Centers in Ed Center
- Oct. 24 - Trunk or Treat with S.T.O.R.M. 6-7pm, St. Mary
- Oct. 31 - No Class

**Altar Server Training** - Parents of 4th graders, please talk to your child about being an Altar Server. Training will be later this month or in November, based upon when we get settled back into the RE Center. What a great way for our youth to be part of Mass and to serve their parish.

## 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*

**6th-12th graders and parents:** Join us for BOLDLY SENT youth rally! Saturday, October 20 is a Diocesan-wide Dodgeball tournament at the downtown YMCA and Sunday, the 21st Katie Prejean-McGrady keynotes our rally, which concludes with 4:00pm Mass. Register at [www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent](http://www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent). \$40 for both days, \$30 for Sunday only. For more information email Justin at [jwhite@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jwhite@dmdiocese.org)!

### EDGE (7th & 8th Grades)

**Sessions: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm in the Social Hall**

- Oct. 10: *Ignition- Mission of the Holy Spirit*
- Oct. 17: *The Rosary in Action*
- Oct. 24: Host TRUNK or TREAT for RE kids & community

### C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

**Next session:** Sunday, October 14. 9th Grade - *Lesson 3*  
 10th Grade - *Lesson 15* - Teen/Parent session. One or both parents are invited to attend with your 10th grader.

### 10th-12th graders Bible Study

Sundays 4:30-5:30pm, October 7, 14, 28, Nov. 4, 11 & 18  
 We will meet in the cry room until the youth area is ready. Questions, call or text Andrea 515-240-5059.

## You Are Invited to a Pasta Dinner!!

Our Confirmation Classes and the K of C offer you a night of no cooking! Join us Saturday, October 20 after 5:00pm Mass for a delicious meal! Tickets available for purchase next weekend. Proceeds go toward a wall to be built dividing the Religious Ed classrooms and youth area so both groups can have activities at the same time without being inconvenienced by additional noise or lighting. We are extremely grateful to the Building & Grounds Committee, the K of C, and all who support this fundraisers. See you there!

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

Sept. 29/30 Week 14

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 6,516	\$5,157

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$71,578	\$72,194	\$72,189

## 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](http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm).

Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$53,806	\$45,675	\$42,327.75	\$11,478.25

## Tithing

If you currently use automatic withdrawal for your tithing, thank you! Might you be able to increase your monthly amount? If you don't use this type of tithing, please consider it. You designate a dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis on a pre-determined date. Questions? Contact Peter Relyea, Tuesday - Thursday mornings at [prelyea@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:prelyea@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-367-2685.

## Monthly Financial Update

	August, 2018			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	\$ 23,013	\$ 24,803	\$ 22,983	\$ 54,191	\$ 51,332	\$ 50,387
Operating Expenses	\$ 35,806	\$ 36,207	\$ 32,509	\$ 61,805	\$ 65,912	\$ 58,085
Net operating income (expense)	\$ (12,793)	\$ (11,404)	\$ (9,526)	\$ (7,614)	\$ (14,580)	\$ (7,698)
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 99,780	N/A	\$ 125,839			

### Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, October 13, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer Jack McDermott  
 Lector Kathy Claussen  
 Cup Bearers Kris Sexton, Tony Kuehn  
 Host Distributor Delila Roberts  
 Altar Servers Isabella Kuehn, Jack Selby, Tommy Selby  
 Ushers Dawn & Mason Reynolds, Mark Birchmier, Drew Hanlon

#### Sunday, October 14, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer Lynn Schreurs  
 Lector Sheri Fogarty  
 Cup Bearer Tom Morris  
 Altar Server Valerie Beukema  
 Ushers Dave & Char McHone

#### Sunday, October 14, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer Lori Dunham  
 Lector Joe Dunham  
 Cup Bearers Jacki & Tom Ausman  
 Host Distributor Tim Loraditch  
 Altar Server Felicity, Peyton, Veronica Loraditch  
 Ushers Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Garrett, Tammi & Jackson McClain

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### Money Counters

**Oct. 7:** Dona Cowman, Sharon Morris  
**Oct. 14:** Kathy Daup, Carol Weber

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### SMHC Job Opening for Bookkeeper

Our parish bookkeeper, Peter Relyea, has informed Father Andrew and the Finance Council that he will be retiring after the first of the year. If you or someone you know would be interested in a part-time bookkeeping 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.

### A Vocation to the Priesthood?

Men aged 16 and older are invited to join Bishop Pates, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker, and other priests from the area at an *Andrew Dinner*. This is an evening of prayer, good food and fun for young men interested in learning more about the vocation of priesthood. Dinners are October 11 at Sacred Heart Parish, WDM and October 23 at St. Augustin Parish, DSM, both at 6pm. For more information please visit [vocationsonline.org](http://vocationsonline.org) or contact the Vocations Office at 515-237-5014 or [vocations@dmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdiocese.org).



More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars end up in landfills every year -- that is the equivalent of filling up two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.

### Faithful Citizenship

In their Faithful Citizenship for Iowa Catholics statement, the Iowa Catholic bishops say, "There will never be a perfect candidate, but that's no excuse not to vote, which would let some other force or voice fill the vacuum left by opting out. Rather, choose the candidate who you believe will do the least harm, or who has potential to do the most good for the most people." Please visit [www.iowacatholicconference.org](http://www.iowacatholicconference.org) and click on "Faithful Citizenship" for more information.

### 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.*

### Free For the Taking!!

We have a sofa sleeper and two floor lamps from the old rectory; please contact the parish office if interested.

### Disaster Relief

- Contributions for Hurricane Florence Relief can be sent to the Diocese of Des Moines marked as Hurricane Florence or make an online gift at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/pages/donation-form---hurricane-florence>.
  - Contributions for relief in India can be made online at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/pages/donation-form---kerala-flood> and will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.
- Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 7

*Theme: Fidelity in marriage reflects God's fidelity to us.*

*Reading I:* Genesis 2:18-24 • I will make a partner for him.

*Reading II:* Hebrews 2:9-11 • They are all brothers.

*Gospel:* Mark 10:2-16 • Let the children come to me.

*For Children:* When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

*For Youth:* What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

*For Adults:* How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?