



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Rejecting Others
is Refusing God**

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

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,

Who are "they," and who are "we"? I watched a couple of IPTV programs over the weekend that pertained to the surge of Hispanic immigrants to the USA. The various reporters seemed to reference the immigrants as "they." The reporters would follow that by saying "we," which I would suppose to be the reporter's opinion and the opinion of the majority of US residents.

Granted, many are arriving in the US by secretly crossing the US/Mexico border, but if they didn't, they would not be able to get here in the first place. Once they are here, in filing for US Citizenship, if they disclose they are "illegals," they would be arrested and deported. That's a "catch 11," times two, if I ever heard of one!!

Didn't Jesus tell us to take care of the marginalized, the poor, to feed the hungry? If I missed something in Scripture that excluded "illegal immigrants" from the marginalized, someone please show me chapter and verse where that exclusion is put forth! If we look back at our ancestry, we will find that many of our past relatives were considered to be in the "they" category. What if "they" had been deported; where would "we" be today? God created all human beings equal and responsible for each other, our brothers and sisters, and that includes Hispanic people.

"We" should include ALL without discrimination or exception. I don't propose to have THE PLAN as to how that should work, but the Holy Spirit within each of us will enlighten us individually as to what or how we can help. Pope Francis is calling out to each of us, just like Jesus did, to reach out and help our brothers and sisters. Francis started an initiative called *Share the Journey* which we will be hearing more of in the near future. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	8:00am	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 www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm

Masses

Wednesday, October 11

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ray Schreurs

Thursday, October 12

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

Rosary prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 14

5:00pm St. Mary †Brad West

Sunday, October 15

8:00am Holy Cross †Dean Moreland

10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

Noah and Rachel Rasmussen and children Kylie, Jaslyn and Harper, who live in Cambridge

Michael and Erin Peterson and daughter Brinley, from Slater
Nadezhda Galecki from Nevada

Nicholaus and Cody Coffelt and children Caleb and Callahan, who live in Collins

Paula Garoutte from Nevada

Andrew and Sarah Jungers who live in Maxwell

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Our Catholic Faith!

How might you personally be involved in our RCIA process? Each of you are asked to invite anyone who may have a curiosity about the Catholic faith, to inquire about our Faith through RCIA. There is no commitment by inquiring! Come yourself to learn more about your faith! For more information, contact me at tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org / 515-669-6158.

~ Deacon Terry

† Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 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.

Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass this month.

- please contact Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com, if you would like to lead the Rosary for us.

Let's Chat!

What's on your mind? Bring it for discussion Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Have a question about anything Catholic, liturgical, or something affecting our world today? Join us and see where the discussion goes!! Popcorn provided. Hope to see you there!!

Movie Afternoon



Join us for *The Shack* next Sunday, October 15, 3:30pm in the Social Hall, with potluck snacks at 3:00. This is about a grieving man who receives a mysterious personal invitation to meet with God at a place called "The Shack".

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, October 11, 18 & 25, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, October 14, 21 & 28, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, October 19, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Pastoral Council
Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meetings: Sunday, October 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1
Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

Coming Events

- †**Tuesday, Oct. 10:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Sunday, Oct. 15:** *Movie Afternoon, The Shack*, 3:30pm, Social Hall, Potluck snack at 3:00pm
- †**Monday, Oct. 16:** Conversation around "*Share the Journey – Love Your Neighbor*" at Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, Oct. 19:** Crafts, games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of Oct. 21/22:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action in Ankeny
- †**Sunday, Oct. 22:** DCYC for 6th-12th graders, 9:00am-4:00pm, Iowa Events Center
- †**Wednesday, Oct. 25:** *Trunk or Treat*, 6:00-7:30pm, St. Mary parking lot
- †**Thursday, Oct. 26:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, Oct. 28:** Parish Workday, 9:00am to Noon

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!

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
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Would you be willing to provide accompaniment for our Masses at St. Mary or do you know anyone who would? There can be training and we can work into it slowly. You can help with the Spiritual needs of our community by assisting with our music! Please contact me about your willingness to answer the call, or give me the name of someone I should contact. God bless people willing to share their God-given talents!

Thank You

St. Mary-Holy Cross Family,

It was a blessing and also comforting to know that our faith community had my father and my family in your thoughts and prayers. We can't begin to express our gratitude and thanks for the memorial. Thank you and may you and yours be blessed.
~ Bill, Jan & family of Paul Schmitt

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

A meeting for parents of First Reconciliation students will be held October 11 at 6:00pm in St. Mary Church.

Congratulations goes out to the following STAR students for the month of September. All of the students spent time decorating pumpkins, which will be on display for a few weeks, then will go home with them later in the month.

Drew Reiter	Claire Kucera
Hailey Conover	Lindsay Nehring
Weston Walmsley	Austin Shugar
Lauren Feldman	Kelsi Wilkinson
Elyse Walmsley	McKenna Welch
Bennet Bruns	Martin Schmeiser
Josie Moore	Abigail Devereux

Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator
ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014- texts welcome!

Confirmation 1 & 2 Sessions
 Sunday, October 8, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

Grades 7-12, October 25:

Trunk or Treat. Weather permitting we will set up outside in the parking lot at St. Mary. EDGE families and Youth Group teens are asked to host trunks, bring large bags of candy to hand out, help setup/clean up, lead the games, and serve snacks and hot chocolate. More details to follow.

EDGE 7th & 8th graders, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

October 11: Bible Timeline- *The best selling book of all time.* Youth will understand how the Bible was put together and that the Word is living today as it was in the days of the biblical writers over 2,000 years ago.

October 18: The Rosary. Come prepared to pray and meditate on a "life size" Rosary.

S.T.O.R.M. 9th-12th graders, 7:45-9:00pm, Youth Room

October 11: Movie Night (*may be later than 9:00pm due to movie length*). Please bring a favorite movie snack to share; popcorn will be provided. Text your "church friendly" movie suggestions to Melissa.

October 18: Kindness Rocks Project. "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Saint Mother Teresa



Our S.T.O.R.M. Youth (7th-12th graders) invite you and your family to TRUNK or TREAT on Wednesday, October 25 from 6:00 to 7:30pm in the parking lot at St. Mary. (If it rains we will be in the Social Hall.) **Please bring new socks and**

underwear to be donated to local charities. 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!

If you are interested in helping or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Sept. 30/Oct. 1 Week 14

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$6,453	\$5,234	
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$72,189	\$73,271	\$75,942

Collection for Hurricane Relief: \$768

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Pledge cards are available in the vestibule or donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>. Thanks to those who have pledged!

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 56,442	49,771.64	\$ 47,171.64	\$ 9,270.36

A Child's Letter to God

Dear GOD,

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! ~ Eugene

