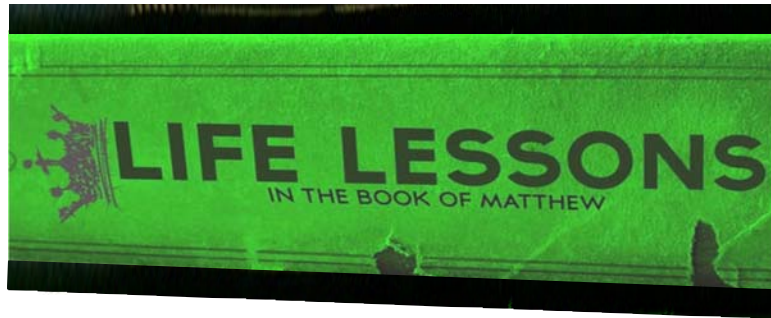




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 10, 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,

As a deacon, I have often heard frustration and concern voiced over lack of parental participation in their kids' faith. What they refer to is that parents have their kids involved in RE formation but their faith demonstration ends there. The kids/families are not seen at Mass on the weekends or involved in the parish in any other ways.

Humans hugely learn by demonstration of the principles being taught. A formal sharing of information is great and necessary for learning, but so is modeling of those beliefs by people who are significant in the lives of the learners. That would be parents and families! If kids are taught the importance of participation in Mass and the sacraments, and they don't see those things being done by their parents, the whole message is lost, it falls on deaf ears. I have heard some kids lament that their parents won't take them to church. Really? Can anyone really expect those kids to be active followers of the faith in their own futures? There are some valid reasons for not attending Mass every weekend, but those reasons are limited.

Are those parents living the call of the Gospel and sharing the meaning of doing so with their children? Model, model, model! Nothing means much if the young don't see the teaching that they have received really being lived out. Besides being a practice of the teachings of Jesus, Mass can and should be a super community builder. Community was something that was underlying in what Jesus did and said. RE is a great community builder, but that should only be the start of family participation.

See you in church?

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, Sept. 13

5:30pm Holy Cross †Betty Cook

Thursday, Sept. 14

8:00am St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt

Saturday, Sept. 16

5:00pm St. Mary †Butch Moody

Sunday, Sept. 17

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Bill Garoutte and Jean Dunlay

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!

I Need Help! Will You Help?

I need help as your Pastor in identifying the gifts and needs of the Parish, the gifts God has given to all of you as members of the Parish (yes, ALL of you), and how your gifts can best serve the needs of others within the Parish, and beyond. Helping me in this way is the role of the Parish Pastoral Council. I invite and welcome any and all who might be interested in helping and serving the Parish on the Council to come for a meeting around 11:30am on Sunday, September 17 to share your interest and ask any questions you might have about Council. September 17 is Catechetical Sunday, when we will commission our Catechists for the new R.E. year at the 10:00am Mass. The meeting about the Council will take place after refreshments following that Mass. If you are interested in serving on the Council, but won't be able to make the meeting on the 17th, please contact me or any of the present Council members directly. Their names and contact information are in this Bulletin. Thank you for considering serving in this way!

Please! Help! ~ Fr. Dan

Our Catholic Faith!

It's that time of year to start thinking about RCIA and how we might personally be involved in that process. Actually, "that time of year" is always, but traditionally, RCIA begins at the same time school begins. I am now calling out to each of you to invite anyone who may have a curiosity about the Catholic faith. If you recall having a conversation with anyone about religion, invite that person to inquire about the Catholic faith through RCIA. Those people may include coworkers, rideshare folks, fallen away Catholics, especially family, or just about anyone you might meet in any social situation. There is no commitment by inquiring! Come yourself to learn more about your faith, especially the way that things have come about due to the Second Vatican Council. For more information, contact me at tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org / 515-669-6158. ~ Deacon Terry

Wondering about Friends of St. Francis?

Join us at 6:30pm, September 14 in the Social Hall and learn where things are headed with the Parish Community Garden, upcoming updates from Pope Francis On Care for Our Common Home, and new activities you'd like to see this fall and winter. Bring a friend and a snack if you'd like.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, Sept. 13, 20 & 27, 7:00pm, Conference Rm

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, Sept. 16 & 30, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, September, 21, St. Mary, 7:00pm

Pastoral Council
Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 17, 7:00pm, Social Hall

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

Coming Events

- †**Clothing Drive:** now through Sept. 21
- †**Sunday Sept. 10:** Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross, sponsored by K of C
- †**Thursday, Sept. 14:** Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Sept. 16/17 Weekend:** Maxwell Food Pantry Collection
- †**Sunday, Sept. 17:** Commissioning of Catechists at 10:00am Mass — "Our Gifts and Needs – What are they? Where are they?" presentation by Fr. Dan regarding the Pastoral Council, 11:30am, Ed Center
- †**Thursday, Sept. 21:** Crafts, games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Sept. 23/24 Weekend:** "Everybody In' with Pope Francis", TED Talk, after Masses at St. Mary, Ed Center

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
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Please contact me if you are interested in singing at the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass! We welcome all ages! Rehearsals begin in November: Wednesday evenings for elementary singers and Sundays after 10:00am Mass for youth and adult singers. I look forward to hearing from you!

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.

Clothing Drive

Now through September 21! Please pack your good, used clothing in plastic bags or boxes with lids and drop them off in the trailer in the parking lot at St. Mary. Many thanks to Nick Volz for providing the trailer. Your donations will assist Hope Ministries.

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation will assist the Maxwell Food Pantry.

Religious Education



Forms are available in the vestibule and on the website. Please return your form with payment to the Parish Office.

We ask that all students be registered as soon as possible & before the first class.

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

The start of RE is literally just around the corner. On behalf of all the Catechist, we are very grateful to have the opportunity to be part of your family's journey in faith and are extremely excited to see all of the children this Wednesday!

Anyone who has not registered for classes, please do so as soon as possible. For those not pre-registered prior to next Wednesday, please stop at the table set up as you enter the building to fill out a form and make payment, prior to heading downstairs to the classrooms.

To kick off the year we are going to be accepting cash donations on September 13 and 27 during class to assist Hurricane Harvey victims. Donations will be sent through Catholic Charities to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston so funds can be put towards what is most needed.

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

Parent-Teen kickoff is Sunday, September 24 following Mass at St. Mary. It is very important to attend this event. We will be using some very exciting and new resources this year and I want to make sure that everyone has a chance to learn about them!

Our first fundraiser is Saturday, October 7 after 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary. We will be teaming up with the K of C to prepare and serve a family style pasta dinner. *Please let me know if your teen can help in any of the areas below:*

- Sell tickets to the fundraiser after ALL weekend Masses the last 3 weekends in September: 16/17, 23/24, 30/Oct 1
- Assist in the kitchen and social hall for preparation on October 7 - be at St. Mary by 4:30pm
- Serve the meal, refill drinks, bus tables etc. during meal.

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

Welcome Parents and Teens of SMHC to our 2017-2018 year of EDGE 7th & 8th grade, and Lifeteen 9th-12th grade!

Wednesday, Sept. 13: MANDATORY EDGE PARENT & 7th & 8th grade STUDENTS meeting: 6:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. We will introduce the team and share with you the schedule, review the class rules and expectations, and sign up for meals. It's important that ALL attend. Light snacks will be served. Please contact me with questions!

EDGE: 7th & 8th Grade: Wednesdays, Sept. 20 & 27, 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Social Hall

Lifeteen/Youth Group (grades 9-12) Kick Off: It's going to be HUGE fun! Come help us celebrate the start of our year with LIFE size games, fun, food and friends! The BIG celebration begins at 7:45pm on Wednesday, Sept 13 in the youth area. Bring a friend or two! Hope to see you there. Text Melissa with questions 515-290-2830

LIFE TEEN/LIFE NIGHTS: 9th-12th Grade: Wednesdays, Sept. 20 & 27, 7:45pm-9:30pm in the Youth Area.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 2/3 Week 10

| | Received | Budget | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Tithes/Plate/ | \$2,979 | \$5,234 | |
| | <i>Year-to-Date</i> | | |
| | Received | Budget | Last Year |
| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests | \$52,309 | \$52,337 | \$49,769 |

Collection for Hurricane Harvey Victims: \$903.52

2017 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 |

Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your timely payments for this Campaign.

| Pledged | Payments | Balance Due | SMHC Rec'd |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| \$443,909.35 | \$373,342.87 | \$70,566.48 | \$180,671.44 |

