



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073

Mercy

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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:

Use your **NOGns** for the good of the Parish! In my last Bulletin piece about the work of the Pastoral Council, I spoke of how it seeks to identify the needs and gifts of the Parish, and how we can better respond to those needs within the Parish and beyond, and utilize our gifts to live better as the Missionary Disciples Jesus calls, forms, and sends us to be. As I've thought about it further, I've added "opportunities" to "needs" and "gifts" as what the Council is on the lookout for, giving us the clever little acronym **NOG** for Needs, Opportunities, and Gifts. So, in addition to repeating my invitation and request for any and all interested to consider service on the Pastoral Council, I would like to invite and request all in the Parish to use your **NOGns**, and share whatever you come up with with me, or any of the members of the Parish Staff or Pastoral Council. And speaking of Missionary Disciples, I want to extend a special word of thanks for all who will serve as Catechists here in the Parish this coming year, especially those who have signed on for the first time! Blessings to you all!

Fr. Dan

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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. 20

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*

Thursday, Sept. 21

8:00am St. Mary †*Theresa Kaltenheuser*

Saturday, Sept. 23

5:00pm St. Mary †*Mike Morton*

Sunday, Sept. 24

8:00am Holy Cross †*Clita McHone*
10:00am St. Mary *For the 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!

Our Gifts and Needs

What and where are the gifts and needs we have here in our Parish, gifts that can help us be ever more faithful friends of Jesus, and the needs of others both near and far that Jesus would have us care for? Asking and answering these questions is the work of our Parish Pastoral Council. Might you be interested in helping ask and answer them? Or, do you have your own questions and curiosity about just what the Pastoral Council and its important work are within the Parish? If so, please attend a session this Sunday, Sept. 17, 11:30am at St. Mary.





Our Catholic Faith!

How might you personally be involved in our RCIA process? 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. 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

This Thursday!

 YOU are invited to join us for conversation, fellowship, and/or playing games or working on crafts at 9:30am in the Social Hall And.....

We extend an invitation to you to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm at St. Mary. Take this time to listen in the quiet to what the Lord has to speak to you. 

You Are Invited For Dinner!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a family style pasta dinner Saturday, October 7 after 5:00pm Mass. Proceeds will directly benefit our Confirmation Program here at SMHC! Tickets are available for purchase after all Masses beginning this weekend. *Get your tickets in advance to reserve your seat!* Advanced prices: Adult (ages 13 and up) \$10
Child (ages 6-12) \$5
Child (5 and under) FREE

Thank you for your support of our youth at SMHC!

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

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturday, Sept. 30, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, Sept. 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, October 10, 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. 25
- †**This Sunday:** Pastoral Council inquiry session, 11:30am, St. Mary
- †**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
- †**Sunday, Sept. 24:** Coffee & Donuts after 8:00am Mass
- †**Tuesday, Sept. 26:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
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We have lots of opportunities to make music for Christmas! We need singers, instrumentalists, accompanists (guitar, organ, piano, etc.). The music is all picked out and I'm finding recordings so you can hear the music as you learn it. If you would like to get a head start on the music, contact me and we'll set up a time to look at it. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone that would like to participate!!

Clothing Drive

Now through September 25! 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.

Youth in 6th-12th Grade!

The annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) titled *We Are Boldly Sent*, is Sunday, October 22. DCYC is a peer-led event gathering teens of our diocese together with Bishop Pates to explore and celebrate the Catholic faith. It's a one day event with separate tracks for middle school (6th-8th) and high school (9th-12th). This year DCYC will be held 9:00am to 4:30pm at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines (730 3rd St). Cost is \$30 per person; make checks payable to St. Mary-Holy Cross. Registration forms are in the vestibule and on the SM-HC website. Please return them to the Parish Office in care of Melissa Kahler or drop them in the bin labeled "DCYC Registration" on the table in the vestibule at St. Mary by **September 20** to receive the DCYC t-shirt with your registration! Text or call Melissa Kahler with questions, 515-290-2830.

Religious Education

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

We had a great opening night in RE!!! The kids were energized, very interactive and they had plenty of questions and things to share. We reviewed expectations and the STAR awards that will be awarded each month. What does STAR stand for?

S = Social Grace
T = Thoughtfulness
A = Attentiveness
R = Respect

Catechists will nominate one child from each classroom from each session each month. Those receiving the STAR award will get to do a special activity at the start of the next month. Good behavior awards were done last year and the children really worked hard to achieve them so we are carrying on this great means of recognition.

Reminder: There will be NO CLASS for PreK-6th on September 20. The next class will be September 27.

Thank you to those that donated to the Hurricane Harvey and Irma fund. We will be raising funds again on the 27th!

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 these areas:*

- Sell tickets to the fundraiser after ALL weekend Masses 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*

EDGE: Thank you to all who attended our kickoff! We are grateful for the opportunity to minister to an amazing group of young people again this year! For anyone who missed the meeting we will be emailing you a link for SignUpGenius asking for help with our EDGE meals. This link will also be on the SMHC webpage. If you haven't registered your 7th/8th grader yet, please plan to attend next Wednesday's EDGE session and we can get you all the information regarding EDGE. Thanks again for your time and for sharing your youth with our EDGE Ministry team!

EDGE 7th & 8th graders:

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall.

Team Building and Family Bonding: 7th & 8th graders will meet their small group leaders and fellow small group members. They will begin to learn more about each other and have some friendly competition with the other small groups.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall.

It takes 2: EDGE teens will kick off their Scripture Unit. They will understand how Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture go together to reveal the great mystery.

Youth news...continued.....

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Weekly Collection Update is on the back page.

You Are Invited!

Myron and Sue White are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. An Open House, hosted by their 3 children, will be held in the parish social hall on Saturday, Sept. 30 from Noon to 3:30pm. All parish members are invited. Come wish them well and enjoy snacks and cake. No gifts please, your presence will be 'gift' enough.

S.T.O.R.M Youth Group 9th-12th graders

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:45-9:00pm. Prayer around the Campfire and S'More(s)- join us as we slow down and relax by soothing sounds of a campfire. We'll spend time in prayer, sharing stories and of course no campfire is complete without s'mores! Bring a lawn chair and a friend or two! If there is rain or too much wind we will gather inside for other faith fun!

Wednesday, Sept 27, 7:45-9:00pm Paint & Pray— Bring your creative spirit and help us repurpose old windows. We will spend our night painting spiritual verses and images on old widows. Paint and supplies provided. Wear your old paint clothes and bring your favorite Christian music playlist. Friends are always welcome! Please try to RSVP so we have enough windows for everyone!

