



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21/22, 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,

On at least a couple of occasions, I have not been notified by the hospitals when a parishioner was admitted. Whether or not this is an issue that lies with the hospital itself I do not know. You can still do your part by indicating on the intake form that you are Catholic and affiliated with SMHC. Then in theory I *should* be notified and know who to visit and where. You can also notify more directly by calling me or sending an e-mail.

On this coming Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Joensen will be ordained and installed as the tenth bishop of the diocese. I encourage you to pray that everyone enjoy a smooth transition and that we get right to work with him to serve God, including saving souls.

~ 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, September 24

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

### Wednesday, September 25

5:30pm Holy Cross †Nydia Claussen

### Thursday, September 26

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

### Saturday, September 28

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

### Sunday, September 29

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis  
10:00am St. Mary †Don Murphy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meetings: 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!

## † 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.

## SMHC Parish Council

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 Fr. Andrew in a 'consultative' manner. All of the various existing ministries, departments, committees, 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 Sept. 30 that is available on the website or in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact Father Andrew. Thank you for considering this important position!

## Becoming Catholic



Would you like to learn more about the Catholic way of life or have you been Catholic all your life, but have not celebrated Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation and want to do so? All are welcomed into an inquiry community to ask questions, discuss experiences and discover more about who we are as Catholic people. If you or someone you know would like to find out how we can help you on your faith journey, 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.

*"The right to life is the first among human rights. To abort a child is to kill someone who can not defend himself."*

~ Pope Francis

## Upcoming Events

†**Month of September:** Can Drive, St. Mary parking lot

†**Saturday, October 5:** Blessing of Pets and Animals,  
10:00am, Holy Cross — Octoberfest Parish Picnic after  
5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

†**Saturday, October 19:** Parish Work Day, 9:00am - Noon

## Music News

**Music Coordinator: Sue Schmidt**

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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.

## Don't Like Redeeming Your Cans?

Our NCYC teens are having a can drive this month. Proceeds to help cover their expenses to attend NCYC this fall. A trailer is at the north end of the parking lot at St Mary. Thank you for your continued support of our young Church!

## Parish Picnic

Join us after Mass on Saturday, October 5 for our Oktoberfest Party! Dinner, drinks, games, and FUN are all included in this event! Plan to join us!!

RSVP link: <https://form.jotform.com/52368318465159> or sign up this weekend or next at Mass. A link to donate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4aa8a62da5fd0-parish1>.

— We will be playing BINGO! and would like to have prizes for our winners! Do you have any new or like new items that would make fun prizes that you'd like to donate? If so, please bring them anytime before the picnic and place them on the designated table in the Social Hall or in the box at Holy Cross. Thank you! ~ Stewardship Committee Members

## Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass in October. If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact Anne Davis, [annedavis06@gmail.com](mailto:annedavis06@gmail.com).

## 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

We had a great first few weeks of classes! We have enjoyed getting to know the children and meeting some of the parents! Next week begins our first week of full sessions. Classes will be held from 4:30-6:30 on Tuesday and 5:15-6:15 and 6:30-7:30 on Wednesday.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Classes: Sept. 24/25, Oct. 1/2, 8/9 & 15/16**

**Oct. 23** Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm

**No class Oct. 30;** please check Mass schedule for All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation

## S.T.O.R.M. Report 7th-12th Grades

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

**The HALO (Homeless Awareness Lock Out) scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled.**

**Teens grades 7-12 are welcome to join us for the After Party!** 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!

**Schedule:** Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13

**Note:** No After Party Sept. 22

### Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

*If you haven't registered your child, please do as soon as possible.*

**Wed. Sept. 25:** First Session 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

### EDGE, Grades 7 & 8

Our *Ten Commandments* sessions challenge the youth to look at these not as a list of all the things they should not do, rather as a guideline that brings them to live lives of true freedom and happiness.

**Schedule: Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall**

**Sept. 25:** No session

**Oct. 2:** *Be Named:* 2nd Commandment, You Shall Not Take the Name of the Lord God in Vain

**Oct. 9:** *Abide:* 3rd Commandment, Keep Holy the Lord's Day

**Oct. 16:** *Be Rooted:* 4th Commandment- Honor Your Father and Mother

**Oct. 23:** TRUNK or TREAT

### Blessing of Pets



To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), Patron Saint of ecology and animals; we will have a blessing for your pets and animals on Saturday, October 5, 10:00am on the lawn behind Holy Cross Church.

## Diocesan Collection for Seminarians

According to Diocesan communications, you have or will be receiving a letter from Bishop Pates requesting your support for the education of our 17 Seminarians. You can mail your gift to the Diocese or drop it in the collection basket at Mass the following weekend.

## 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. 15, Budget Week 11

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$8,481	\$5,730

### Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$63,213	\$63,030	\$63,250

## 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. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. Questions? Contact Sarah for more information, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org).



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Sept. 28, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Arlene Anderson
Cup Bearers	Susan Stillmunkes, Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Bill Sexton
Altar Servers	Kaden Gilligan, Emily Devereux, Abigail Devereux
Ushers	Brodie, Angie & Drew Gilligan, Mike Devereux
Cantor	Drew Hanlon
Accompanist	Lorrie Hanlon

### Sunday, Sept. 29, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Heidi Ackerman
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

### Sunday, Sept. 29, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers	Marion Panyan, Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Jacki Ausman
Altar Servers	Andrew Ausman, Joel Waters Jackson Waters
Ushers	Thom Hamm, Gregg Richwine, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Garrett McClain
Cantor	Keaton Denker
Accompanist	Mary Ortmann

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## Money Counters

**Sept. 22:** Carol Weber, Sue White

**Sept. 29:** Kathy Daup, 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

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

## Annual Life Chain

On the first Sunday in October, LIFE CHAIN invites the churches in each city and town across North America to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray for 90 minutes, while holding a sign with an approved pro-life messages. In Des Moines, the chain will span along Merle Hay Road from University to Douglas Avenues on Sunday, October 6 from 2:00 - 3:30pm. Signs are available for pick up at St. Theresa Catholic Church (1230 Merle Hay Road). For additional information please contact Ruth Kabitzke at 515-965-1343. Join us to help protect those who cannot protect themselves.



Five plastic bottles (PET) recycled provides enough fiber to create one square feet of carpet or enough fiber fill to fill one ski jacket.

## Ordination and Installation

We invite you to be a part of the events surrounding the ordination and installation of Bishop-elect William Joensen. There will be two events open to the public: — Evening prayer, Thursday, Sept. 26 beginning at 7:00pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. — A reception immediately following the ordination/installation on Friday, Sept. 27 beginning about 4:30pm at the Ron Pearson Center in West Des Moines. The ordination/installation Mass on Friday, Sept. 27 will be a ticket-only event. Because the church will be filled to capacity, the Diocese of Des Moines will stream the service live at [dmdioocese.org](http://dmdioocese.org) and [Facebook.com/dmdioocese](https://www.facebook.com/dmdioocese). It can heard live on Iowa Catholic Radio. In this way, everyone is able to pray with us as Bishop-elect Joensen becomes the 10th bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines.

## Contemplative Prayer

Emmaus House offers Contemplative Prayer every Wednesday from noon to 12:45pm. We begin with a Scripture reading, followed by 20 minutes of contemplative prayer. We will continue with spoken intentions, both personal and for the mission of Emmaus House. We will finish by 12:45pm. We look forward to having you join us for this time of prayer.

## The Third Option

It can be a challenge to keep a marriage strong when you're juggling a demanding job, kids' activities and more. You're not alone. Both couples that are hurting and couples that want to make a good thing better get together the first and third Monday each month at Mercy College in Des Moines for The Third Option. Each time they meet, they talk about a different skill that will help their marriages thrive. Questions? Contact Adam Storey at [astorey@dmdioocese.org](mailto:astorey@dmdioocese.org) or call him at 515-237-5056.

See Diocesan events and job openings at the Diocese and parishes at [www.dmdioocese.org](http://www.dmdioocese.org) and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjciowa.org](http://www.sjciowa.org)

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 21/22

*Theme: How do we use what God has given us?*

**Reading I:** Amos 8:4-7 • Don't trample on the needy!

**Reading II:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8 • Pray for all, especially those in authority.

**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13 • No one can serve two masters.

**Question for Children:** Clothes, food, toys all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

**Question for Youth:** The Gospel tells us that money can get in the way of serving God. How can you use all that you have (possessions, money, time, talent) to serve God?

**Question for Adults:** Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.