



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



If anyone
would be first,
he must be
last of all
and servant of all.

Mark 9:35

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

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,

You may have noticed that there are multiple times in Scripture when Jesus commands people to be silent about his identity as the Messiah. It's a theme that's found mainly in the Gospel of Mark, the book of the Bible from which we take many of our gospel readings for Mass during this liturgical year. We might naturally ask, "Why wouldn't he want people to know that he's the Messiah?" However, that's not the right question, because of course he wants us to know who he is. What he doesn't want to be known as is just someone who goes around curing people. He wants to teach us about God and the love He has for us and that we should love Him and others. *It's after this teaching that Jesus gives us the greatest lesson of all and the most evident sign of God's love: his Passion, death, and Resurrection.* This is how Jesus Christ is primarily to be known, not just by miracles. It takes time for people to understand that and that's okay. Perhaps this is the point he's making by using the child as an example. Physically speaking, children aren't given solid food right away after birth, they must work their way up to it. Morally and spiritually, they also don't immediately know right from wrong. Instead Jesus is patient with us, not unlike with the apostles in this Sunday's gospel. We do well to imitate him and be patient with others and even ourselves as we grow in faith.

- Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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, September 26

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mikey & Will Carpenter

Thursday, September 27

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

Saturday, September 29

5:00pm St. Mary †Victoria Becker

Sunday, September 30

8:00am Holy Cross †John Iliff

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!

Pastoral Assistance †

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, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

Let's Chat

Join us on Tuesday, 7:00pm in the Social Hall to chat about what's on your mind or what's going on around us. ALL are invited to join us. Hope to see you there!

An Evening with One of the Lost Boys of Sudan

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:30pm in the Social Hall

Our Friends of St. Francis group invite you to meet Dhoal Larjin, whose life is witness to the transforming power of God's love in the midst of daily adversities and numerous atrocities. At nine years old Dhoal was abducted and coerced to become a child soldier. His journey from that life to resettlement in Des Moines in 2005, will be shared. *This presentation is appropriate for teens and adults.* There will be an opportunity to make a tax deductible free will offering to The Larjin Fund.

No RSVP is required for individuals or small groups.

Financial Status of the Parish

Members of the Finance Council will be providing a report on the financial status of the parish at each of the Masses next weekend. Please email Shaun Magill, shaunkrismagill@gmail.com, in advance any questions or suggestions that you would like addressed by the Council.

Olive Wood Art

Holy Land Olive Wood Art carvings will be available for purchase next weekend before and after all Masses. Generations of families have taught their children to carve religious figures from olive wood by hand. The olive tree is an ancient symbol of peace, wisdom, glory, power and pureness. In purchasing items, you help these artists to support their families and their presence in the Holy Land.

Church Billboard

Noah was a brave man to sail in a wooden boat with 2 termites!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, October 18, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

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

Meeting: Sunday, October 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Hantrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

Upcoming Events

†Tuesday, Sept. 25: *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall

†Wednesday, Sept. 26: **Evening With a Lost Boy of Sudan** presentation, 6:30pm, Social Hall

†Sept. 29 & 30 **Weekend**: Olive Wood Art sales before/after Masses — Christ Our Life Conference, Wells Fargo

†Sunday, Sept. 30: **Blessing of Pets**, 1:00pm, Holy Cross

†Saturday, Oct. 13: Parish work day, 9:00am to Noon

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

Christmas Eve Choir: Practices are in November and December. *Good News Singers* (Children's Choir) meet Wednesdays 6:00-6:45pm. I would love a few "big kids" to be special Student Directors. We have limited space in the choir loft and I will be able to accept the students who sign up first. Our *Adult Choir* meets Sundays right after 10:00am Mass. We also welcome people to play their instruments or percussion.

We are also looking for an accompanist for these practices and for that Mass. A stipend is given. Thank you for considering these requests. Please contact me with questions. I look forward to hearing from you!



Our Catholic Faith!

You are asked to reach out to anyone you know who may have a curiosity about the Catholic Faith and invite them to learn more about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). There is no commitment by inquiring! Come yourselves 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 515-669-6158 or tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org. - Deacon Terry



October is the Month of the Rosary

We are looking for volunteers to lead the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass in October. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com. Thank you.

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 of pets and animals on Sunday, Sept. 30, 1:00pm on the lawn behind Holy Cross Church.

Register for Religious Ed Classes!!

Forms are available in the vestibule and on the website. Please return form with \$50 minimum payment to the Office.

Religious Education PreK-6

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

CLASSES START October 3!! We will review the various parts of Mass that evening. October 10 we will host a Children's Mass — this will be a combined session so everyone will meet from 6:30-7:30pm.

Key Dates:

- Sept. 26 — No Class
- Oct. 3 - Class in St. Mary's Church
- Oct. 10 - Children's Mass at 6:30pm — 5:15 & 6:30pm 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, 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. We will have training in October or November, based upon when we get back into the Ed Center. This is a great way for our youth to be part of Mass and to serve their parish.

We are still short 1-2 volunteers for classes, please contact me if you are interested.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

EDGE (7th & 8th Grades)

Sessions: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm in the Social Hall unless noted below

- Sept. 26: Attend *Lost Boys of Sudan* presentation, EDGE kids will be served pizza from 5:45-6:15pm and at 6:30pm the presentation will begin in the Social Hall.
- Oct. 3: *Always Burning- Breathing Fire*
- 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)

Session: Sunday Sept. 23: 6:00 - 7:30pm
9th Grade: Lesson 2 10th Grade: Lesson 14

Confirmation Core Team meeting change: Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Pictorial Directory!

Photo sessions are Nov. 19, 20, 23, 24, 29, 30, and Dec. 1, and take about an hour. Appointment sign up begins Oct. 6. Each family that participates receives a free family photo, a printed directory, and access to an electronic version. Christmas cards and other picture packages will be available for purchase. For questions, please contact Tammi McClain, tammimcclain71@gmail.

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

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Sept. 15/16 Week 12

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 8,895	\$5,157

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$62,525	\$61,881	\$63,326

Food Pantry Collection: \$663.79

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.

Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

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

Auto Debit for Tithing

You are encouraged to use the convenient service of automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing; You designate a dollar amount to be automatically withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis on a pre-determined date. Questions? Contact Peter Relyea, Tuesday-Thursday mornings at prelyea@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685.

Thoughts From Me & My House

By now most families with young children and teenagers are well into the hustle that the new school year brings. It can be very challenging to accomplish everything in a week. We only get 168 hours in a week, 24 in a day—no more, no less. Making it to everything on the calendar while maintaining a home for your family is hard and leaves many parents running around with coffee in hand trying to be in two places at once and rarely seeing each other. *Me and My House* live by the calendar. There is one on the wall and one on everyone's devices, so we can all be in sync. But sometimes, just knowing what's coming up isn't enough to juggle it all. Here are some great tips to help balance your world.

- **Don't mistake something urgent for something important:** Family time is important, as well as kids sports and SLEEP. But sometimes we have things come up like a phone call that needs to be made for work, or returning emails, a meeting etc. Extra sports practices for kids are great and will help them improve, but repeat after me: Is my child going to grow up to be an Olympian athlete, go to the World Cup or the NFL? The extra work stuff, extra sports practices are urgent things that end up taking over the important things. Re-evaluate your priorities and choose to make certain days or times a priority for the important things, not the urgent things.
- **Stop putting so much credit into what others think of you:** Do any of you have trouble with the word no? I know I do! Sometimes we take on too much because we just can't tell someone no. It's okay to want to please people but not to the point where you are cutting out the important things. It's okay to let some people down.
- **Personal agenda vs. a family agenda:** We all have our own personal agenda, the things we have going on. For a parent it could be work, volunteer activities, attending kids' activities etc. For kids it could be school work, sports, a part time job. And even if that calendar on the wall shows everything we all must do, there is still something missing. Try sitting down as a family at the beginning of the week and talk about your schedules and see if you can make more time to spend together.

Let's recap! Take time for the important things and don't prioritize urgent things over important things. Say no to some good things so you can have time for better things. We are not here to please everyone else. Galatians 1:10 says, "Am I now currying favor with human beings or God? Or am I seeking to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ."

And on that note, see you at Mass. Do not let other things rival God in your life. Sports, work and sleeping in on Sundays are things that can often be held in higher esteem than going to Mass. We owe God this weekly obligation and have been invited to partake in something everlasting—this is on the important list.

I look forward to hearing from you! The intention of 'Thoughts from Me & My House' is to be a collaborative column within our parish. Email me at joshua2415smhc@gmail.com with any thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have!



Liturgical Ministers

The October-December schedule was emailed this past week.
Please let Barb know if you did not receive it.

Saturday, September 29, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	Riley Anderson
Cup Bearers	Susan Stillmunkes, Diane Cronk
Host Distributor	Di Schleisman
Altar Servers	Isabella Kuehn, Daniel Schoening, Justin Anderson
Ushers	Drew Hanlon, Mark Lengel, Mark Birchmier, Tom Bowman

Sunday, September 30, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Kathy Daup
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Server	Brett Beukema
Ushers	Mike Phelan & Mike Veasman

Sunday, September 30, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Garrett McClain, Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Jacki Ausman
Altar Server	Christianne Ledet
Ushers	Jackson & Tammi McClain, Jerry McClain, Doug Zehr, Gregg Richwine

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Money Counters

Sept. 23: Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris

Sept. 30: Sue White, Sharon Morris

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Work Of Our Hands

Members of the Parish who are service providers, hobbyists, or willing to provide their services or goods for a fee or barter are welcomed to join Work Of Our Hands (WOOH). Our WOOH Festival is scheduled for December 1 & 2. Please contact Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net/515-964-7687, if you are interested in joining us or if you would like more information. To be added to the new directory of WOOH participants or to make changes from the previous years, please contact Lisa by October 2.

Parish Work Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 13 to spruce up our buildings and grounds at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Time frame is 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!

Tired of the Divisiveness in Our World?

Come to a gathering Friday, October 5 from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Franklin Public Library, 5000 Franklin Ave. Des Moines, and hear from featured national speaker Deepa Iyer, a South Asian American activist, writer, and lawyer. You'll gain an understanding of what a world of equity, inclusion and solidarity can look like and learn what you can do to shape equitable and inclusive communities. Questions? Contact events@iowajfon.org. RSVP by October 3 to <http://bit.ly/2o4Kd5r>.



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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 / 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.*

Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

Next weekend at Wells Fargo Arena. Hear world class speakers, celebrate Mass among thousands, fill your spirit with music, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and feel your soul rejoice. More info at www.ChristOurLifelowa.com.

Faithful Citizenship

As part of our Catholic "Faithful Citizenship" effort, we ask you to pray for those who are in public service or running for office, that they may use their position to protect the defenseless, promote the life and dignity of the poor and vulnerable, and seek ways to advance fairness, justice, and dignity in our society. For more information, go to www.iowacatholicconference.org.

Ways To Strengthen Your Marriage?

Join us for *The Third Option*, an on-going support group for marriages built upon 14 skill based workshops to help couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. This program is for couples that are hurting and for those who want to make a good thing better! We meet the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00-9:00pm at Mercy College, 928 6th Ave, Des Moines. See <http://www.dmdiocese.org/the-third-option.cfm> for more information on our local group and <http://thethirdoption.com/> for information about the program.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fall is a season full of color and beauty. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is like autumn; a weekend full of beauty and bountiful blessings! It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. Upcoming dates: October 19-21 in Marathon, WI and November 2-4 in Coralville, IA. For more information visit our website: iowa-wwme.org, call 563-608-3305, JLJwwme08@gmail.com.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-fifth in Ordinary Time, Sept. 23

Theme: *We are called to serve others.*

Reading I: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 • God will take care of him.

Reading II: James 3:16-4:3 • Where does conflict among you originate?

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 • All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

For Children: What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

For Youth: Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others? What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

For Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?