



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 24, 2017**

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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:

What happened in Viet Nam, and why? Those are the questions, among many others, that Ken Burns tries to bring to light in his documentary "The Vietnam War," being shown on IPTV. What went on in Viet Nam and why has been a mystery to civilians and war participants alike for more than half a century. Having been a combat soldier myself, it is still a mystery to me. That is a sentiment shared by most who were involved.

Ken Burns is known for his excellent documentaries on the Civil War, WWII, and others. He reveals the thoughts and actions of many of those involved in warfare, no matter which side they were on. What is important is his motto for this documentary, "There is no single truth in war." He shows no favoritism as far as what was done by anyone. He shares the truth as best as he can discover it. As in every war, in Viet Nam there was an overabundance of bloodshed, most of it needlessly. Needlessly because there didn't seem to be any logic, any plan, any collaborative method to what was going on. The U.S. pretty much had the Vietnamese dehumanized. Most of us bought into the propaganda to the degree that we were ruthless. Religion and faith were mostly overlooked or abandoned because it was difficult, if not impossible, to see God's hand in what was going on all around. That is not to say there weren't many prayers offered up in fear and desperation.

So why watch the remaining episodes? So that there might be some understanding of what war does to people, all the alcoholism, drug addiction, and suicides involving Viet Nam vets. It's too late for what has already gone on in Afghanistan and Iraq, but maybe we as creatures of God may learn something from this series about how NOT to treat people, whether they are like us or not!

Blessings, Deacon Terry

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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](http://www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm)

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## Masses

### Wednesday, Sept. 27

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Robert Gustafson*

### Thursday, Sept. 28

8:00am St. Mary †*Mike Lacey*

### Saturday, Sept. 30

5:00pm St. Mary †*Victoria Becker*

### Sunday, October 1 ~ *Rosary prayed 20 min. before Masses*

8:00am Holy Cross †*Clifford & Wilma Priebe*

10:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

*Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.*

## 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!

## Pope France to Visit!

Listen and discuss Pope Francis' 18 minute presentation "Why the only future worth building includes everyone" after Masses this weekend at St. Mary and after Mass at Holy Cross next Sunday. "The future is ... in the hands of those people who recognize ... themselves as part of an 'us.' We all need each other, he says". Join "us!"



## 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](mailto:tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org) / 515-669-6158.

~ *Deacon Terry*

## Clothing Drive

Ends Monday, Sept. 25! Bring your good, used clothing in plastic bags or boxes with lids and put them in the trailer at St. Mary. Many thanks to Nick Volz for providing the trailer.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word!

This is geared towards children in Kindergarten - 3rd grade, although kids of all ages are welcome. Next Sunday at the 10am Mass after the Opening Prayer, Father Dan will invite the children to come forward for a blessing and then accompany the Prayer Leader to the Ed Center where they will experience the readings on their level of understanding. They return to Mass after the Prayers of the Faithful. If kids are hesitant to go the first time, parents or grandparents are welcome to come with them. Children's Liturgy of the Word is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month during 10:00am Mass.

## Let's Chat!

What's on your mind? Bring it for discussion Tuesday, Sept. 26 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!!

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesday, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 18 & 25, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm.

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, October 7, 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: Monday, October 4, 4th Degree, 7pm, Social Hall

Sunday, October 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

## Coming Events

†**Clothing Drive:** Ends Monday, Sept. 25

†**Tuesday, Sept. 26:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Sunday, Oct. 1:** "Everybody In' with Pope Francis", TED Talk, after Mass at Holy Cross — Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass, Social Hall — Blessing of Pets, 1:00pm, St. Mary parking lot — 2:00pm Life Chain, Des Moines

†**Saturday, Oct. 7:** Pasta Dinner hosted by Confirmation students & KofC, after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall

†**Monday, Oct. 9:** Widows and Widowers gathering, 10:00am, Conference Room

## Music News

**Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler**  
515-577-9394 / [celestemu@msn.com](mailto:celestemu@msn.com)

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!!

## Just Married!!

Congratulations to Steven Baldwin and Kaitlyn Cuvelier who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage last Saturday at St. Mary. Our blessing and prayers for them that their married life will always be filled with God's presence, and they grow stronger, day by day, in the bonds of love and fidelity.

## Married 50 Years!!

Myron and Sue White are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before each weekend Mass during the month of October.

- please contact *Anne Davis*, [annedavis06@gmail.com](mailto:annedavis06@gmail.com), if you would like to lead the Rosary for us.

## Religious Education

**PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader**  
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We will be taking up one last collection for Hurricane Harvey and Irma victims, with the funds being sent through Catholic Charities. We discussed in the kickoff before each session how so many people are in need and challenged the kiddos to take a look at their allowances and savings and to share a bit this Wednesday with those in great need.

Looking forward to another great night with everyone!!!

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

**Parent-Teen kickoff:** This Sunday, Sept. 24 following 10:00am Mass at St. Mary.

**Our first fundraiser** is Saturday, October 7 after 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary. We will team 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 after ALL Masses next weekend
- Assist the day of the dinner - be at St. Mary by 4:30pm
- Serve the meal, refill drinks, bus tables etc. during meal.

**Confirmation 1 & 2: October sessions** will be held on Sundays the 1st and 8th, 6:00-7:30pm in the Social Hall.

We will also have a **homelessness awareness weekend** event the last weekend in October. More details to come!

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

**EDGE 7th & 8th graders:**

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

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

*Don't forget to go to our website for the Sign Up Genius link to help out with our meals.*

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

*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 windows. 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!

## Help Us Get Set For The Winter!

Fall is now upon us and we're seeking volunteers to lend a hand in helping the 13 trees planted at St. Mary last spring prepare for their first winter. Nine families have helped them through the spring and summer and we're looking for other families who might help them make it to the first freeze or snow (ahhhh!!). We ask volunteers to water (at least 1 gallon per tree) once during an assigned week. All of the trees but one can be reached with our hose. Please notify Tim Kautza ([kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net); 515-964-7687) by Sept. 30 if you're willing to help. Thank you!



Mark your calendar for our work day on Saturday, October 28, 9:00 to Noon at both Churches. There are a lot of things to do so we hope you can come and help out!!

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 16/17 Week 12

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$8,351	\$5,234

*Year-to-Date*

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$63,326	\$62,804	\$65,500

Collection Maxwell Food Pantry: \$775.65

## 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!

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 56,442	49,771.64	\$ 47,171.64	<b>\$ 9,270.36</b>

## 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.

