



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28/29, 2019

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,

This past Friday Bishop William Joensen was ordained and installed as the tenth bishop of the diocese. I encourage you to pray that he, along with the rest of the diocese, experiences a smooth transition. You might also recognize that his first name is now used during the Eucharistic prayer at Mass. Realistically, I may slip up (please forgive me!) and use Bishop Pates name since we have been accustomed to it for the last eleven years.

~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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>.

Mass and Adoration

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mary Ann Seeberg

Thursday, October 3

8:00am St. Mary †Bill Roberts

First Friday, October 4

9:00am St. Mary †Clarence & Victoria Becker

*Please pray the Rosary with us
20 minutes before weekend Masses*

Saturday, October 5

5:00pm St. Mary †Ron Odgaard

Sunday, October 6

8:00am Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

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

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

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

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: 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

Welcome To Our New Members!



Dillon and Amanda Pitts and daughter Camryn, who live in Elkhart

Sara Cornelius and children Kaylee, Mackenzie, Landon and Cameron, who moved back to Maxwell



Just Married!!

Congratulations to Nicholas Griffieon and Samantha Johnson who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony last Saturday at St. Mary! Our blessing and prayers for them that their lives always be filled with God's presence, and they grow stronger, day by day, in the bonds of love and fidelity.

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.

October is the Month of the Rosary



Please join us in this prayer 20 minutes before each weekend Mass in October. — *If you would like to lead the Rosary, please contact Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com.*



Our Catholic Faith!

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic way of life? Do you wish to be one with us in our Catholic faith tradition? Have you been away from the Church and are compelled to get "caught up" on what you've forgotten or missed? All are welcome to an inquiry community where they ask questions, discuss experiences and discover more about who we are as Catholic people. If you, or someone you know, want to learn more about the Catholic way of life, 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.

Upcoming Events

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

†**Weekend of Oct. 5/6:** Capital Improvements collection

†**Sunday, October 6:** Coffee and donuts after 10am Mass — Life Chain, meet at St. Theresa Church, 2:00-3:30pm

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

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 the priest in a 'consultative' manner. All of the various existing ministries, departments, 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 this Monday, September 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!



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.

Parish Picnic



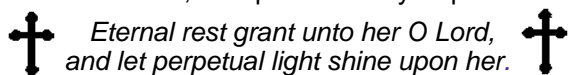
Join us after Mass next Saturday, October 5 for our Oktoberfest Party! Dinner, drinks, games, and FUN are all included in this event!

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

— We would like to have prizes for our BINGO winners! Do you have any new or like new items that would make fun prizes that you'd like to donate? 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!

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colleen Hindman, mother of Kris Sexton, who passed away September 18.



Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

We enjoyed our first full session this week. We are always amazed at the children's takeaways from scripture. Thank you to all our volunteers who make RE happen. We are blessed with great Catechists here at SMHC.

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

Classes: 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 Holy Day of Obligation of All Saints Day

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830
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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Teens in 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!

Upcoming dates: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13 & 20

Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

Please register for Confirmation if you haven't already done so. Watch the bulletin and emails for upcoming events.

EDGE, Grades 7 & 8

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

Oct. 9 Session: *Abide*: 3rd Commandment

Oct. 16 Session: *Be Rooted*: 4th Commandment

Oct. 23: TRUNK or TREAT

Capital Improvements Collection

Your willingness to assist financially for upcoming projects is greatly appreciated. A collection will be taken up next weekend. Thank you.

Annual Life Chain

Next Sunday all across America we will stand in silent prayer while holding signs with approved pro-life messages. In Des Moines from 2:00 to 3:30pm the chain will span along Merle Hay Road from University to Douglas Avenues. Pick up your sign at St. Theresa Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Ruth Kabitzke at 515-965-1343.



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

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.

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PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Seeking a volunteer; contact the Parish Office for more information.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

Sept. 22, Budget Week 12

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,988	\$5,730

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$66,201	\$68,760	\$68,057

Food Pantry Collection: \$878

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/>.

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Please contact Sarah Baumberger, parish bookkeeper, for more information (sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org).

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, October 5, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Cory Schoening
Lector	Lisa Jones
Cup Bearers	Lisa Schoening, Diane Cronk
Host Distributor	John Zidon
Altar Servers	Jessica Schoening, Bennett Bruns, Daniel Schoening
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Tom Bowman
Cantor	Drew Hanlon
Accompanist	Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, October 6, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Karen Bellis
Cup Bearer	Tony Kuehn
Altar Server	Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Mike Phelan & Mike Veasman

Sunday, October 6, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Joe Dunham
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Nicole Cory
Host Distributor	Mike Nehring
Altar Servers	Leah & Griffen Muth
Ushers	Dennis Schmidt, Doug Zehr, Andrew, Jacki & Tom Ausman
Cantor	Jen Linderblood
Accompanist	Volunteer needed

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Money Counters

Sept. 29: Kathy Daup, Lisa Kautza

Oct. 6: Dawn Reynolds, Carol Weber

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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.

Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria

Join Father Andrew for this incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure July 24 - August 2, 2020. This trip has many sight-seeing musts including watching the world-renowned "Passion Play" and a ride to the majestic Alps mountaintop!! We will have daily Mass, confession and time for shopping and relaxation! Cost of \$4,699 includes round-trip coach airfare, transportation in Europe, breakfast, lunch and dinner, museum fees and local guides. Sign up by December 31 for \$100 discount. View www.CollinsTravel.biz for full itinerary or email Jason@CollinsTravel.biz or call 515-850-6133.

Mark Your Calendar!

Dowling Catholic's Open House for Prospective Students is Sunday, November 3, 11:00am to 2:00pm. Tour the school, meet teachers, moderators, and coaches and learn about tuition assistance. There are prizes to win and games to play! It's a fun time for the whole family!



In the U.S. we throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.

Me and My House

I realize it's been a while but summer gets crazy for Me and My House. We are finally settling into the routine of being back to school. I love summer for all the fun it brings but it's not long before I'm craving the stable and steady routine that comes with school time.

We have just passed the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It's a wonderful time to brush up on a few things before Advent is upon us. Catholic social teaching is basically central to our faith. Just about anything we do and teach falls into one of the 7 themes of social teaching. They have come from many different sources within the Church such as papal statements, encyclicals, statements and pastoral letters from Bishops, but are rooted to what we learn from Jesus in the Gospels. They call for us all to work for the common good by building a just society and living lives of holiness. They are: Life and Dignity of the Human Person; Call to Family, Community, and Participation; Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Solidarity and Care for God's Creation.

Over the next several weeks I will dive into each theme, what it means and how we can follow it's principles. There is a good possibility that most of you are already living by these values and going above and beyond for a social teaching that you feel particularly strong about. If so, let me know about it? I would love to feature you in one of the upcoming articles. Stay tuned next week to read about Life and Dignity of the Human Person. Happy Autumn SMHC!



Email joshua2415smhc@gmail.com with any thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Learn something new about your spouse and how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended, by attending a this Weekend on November 1-3 in Coralville. For information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjciowa.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 28/29

Theme: God cares for the poor and the oppressed, and we should too!

Reading I: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 • Don't be complacent!

Reading II: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 • Fight the good faith fight of faith.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 • Keep your eye on God's way of life.

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What are able to share?

Question for Youth: The Gospel story tells us that we are judged by what we do or don't do for the poor and needy. How are you currently reaching out to those in need? What more could you do?

Question for Adults: What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance for daily living? How does this Gospel reading inform you about that?