



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 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:

I need help! Will you help? I need help as your Pastor in identifying the gifts and needs of the Parish, the gifts God has given to all of you as members of the Parish (yes, ALL of you), and how your gifts can best serve the needs of others within the Parish, and beyond. Helping me in this way is the role of the Parish Pastoral Council. I invite and welcome any and all who might be interested in helping and serving the Parish on the Council to come for a meeting around 11:30AM on Sunday, September 17th to share your interest and ask any questions you might have about Council. September 17th is Catechetical Sunday, when we will commission our Catechists for the new R.E. year at the ten o'clock Mass. The meeting about the Council will take place after refreshments following that Mass. If you are interested in serving on the Council, but won't be able to make the meeting on the 17th, please contact me or any of the present Council members directly. Their names and contact information are in the Bulletin. Thank you for considering serving in this way! Please! Help! *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. 6

5:30pm Holy Cross †Lester Dittmer

Thursday, Sept. 7

8:00am St. Mary †Leo & Rosemary Overmohle

Saturday, Sept. 9

5:00pm St. Mary †Mary Newell

Sunday, Sept. 10

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

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

David and Danyel Reiter and sons Brett and Drew, who live in Bondurant

Spencer & Rykel Blunt and children Vincent and Ivy, who live in Bondurant

Noah and Rachel Rasmussen and children Kylie, Jaslyn and Harper, who live in Cambridge

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Our Catholic Faith!

It's that time of year to start thinking about RCIA and how we might personally be involved in that process. Actually, "that time of year" is always, but traditionally, RCIA begins at the same time school begins. 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. Those people may include coworkers, rideshare folks, fallen away Catholics, especially family, or just about anyone you might meet in any social situation. 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 ttschleisman@saintmaryhc.org / 515-669-6158. - Deacon Terry

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.

Attention All Youth 6th-12th Grade!

Mark your calendars for the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) titled *We Are Boldly Sent*, on Sunday, October 22. DCYC is a peer-led event gathering teens of the diocese together with their Bishop in exploration and celebration of 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 from 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.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, Sept. 5, 13, 20 & 27, 7:00pm, Conference Rm

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, Sept. 9, 16 & 30, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September, 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, Sept. 12, 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

†**This weekend:** Youth's Football Bucket Vote Fundraiser

†**Clothing Drive:** Sept. 9-21

†**Sunday Sept. 10:** Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross, sponsored by K of C

†**Thursday, Sept. 14:** Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall

†**Sept. 16/17 Weekend:** Maxwell Food Pantry Collection

†**Sunday, Sept. 17:** "Our Gifts and Needs – What are they? Where are they?" presentation by Fr. Dan regarding the Pastoral Council, 11:30am, Ed Center

†**Sept. 23/24:** "Everybody In' with Pope Francis", TED Talk, after Masses at St. Mary, Ed Center

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!

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler

515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

Music for our Christmas Eve choirs has been picked out! Please contact me if you are interested in singing and I can send the music and recordings. We welcome all ages! Rehearsals begin in November: Wednesday evenings for elementary singers and Sundays after 10am Mass for youth and adult singers. I look forward to hearing from you!

Help with Avenue of Flags!



Could you assist with retiring the flags at 6:00pm on Labor Day? Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147/lschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer.

Special Collection

This weekend we take up a collection to provide financial aid for those devastated by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding. You may also send a donation directly to the Parish Office this week or donate online at dmdiocese.org/giving.cfm. All contributions will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts and provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. Please continue to pray for those affected.

Religious Education



Forms are available in the vestibule and on the website. Please return your form with payment to the Parish Office.

We ask that all students be registered as soon as possible & before the first class.

Wed., Sept. 13: First class for PreK-6, EDGE & Life Teen
Sun., Sept. 24: Confirmation Student/Parent gathering

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

Hello everyone! We continue to get ever closer to the kick-off of our PreK-6 RE program! At this time we have 61 children signed up and last year we had around 120. For planning purposes we really need to have children registered ASAP to allow classes to start smoothly without having to fill out paperwork prior to heading to classrooms. Next year we will go back to doing registration prior to the close of RE, which aligns with school registration processes (registered before summer break begins).

Calling all PreK-6th grade catechists! We will have a kick-off meeting next Wednesday (Sept. 6) from 6:00-7:00 in the Ed Center. Food will be provided! We will review classroom rules, class assignments and class listings along with a few other topics. I look forward to seeing all of you and again thank you for your willingness to guide the youth of the Church in their spiritual journeys.

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!

We will be doing some fundraising this year and the first one planned is Saturday, October 7 after 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary. We will be teaming up with the Knights of Columbus to prepare and serve a family style pasta dinner. *Please let me know if your teen can help in any of the areas below:*

- Sell tickets to the fundraiser after ALL weekend Masses the last 3 weekends in 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.

May the Lord bless you all!

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

Welcome Parents and Teens of SMHC to our 2017-2018 year of EDGE 7th & 8th grade, and Lifeteen 9th-12th grade!

Wednesday, Sept. 13: MANDATORY EDGE PARENT & 7th & 8th grade STUDENTS meeting: 6:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. During this meeting we will introduce the team and share with you this year's schedule, review the class rules and expectations, and sign up for meals. It's important that ALL attend. Light snacks will be served. Please contact me, 515-290-2830 with any questions!

EDGE: 7th & 8th Grade: Wednesdays, Sept. 20 & 27, 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Social Hall

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	August 26/27	Week 9	
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$2,377	\$5,234	
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$46,330	\$47,103	\$46,344

2017 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	49,521.64	\$ 46,171.64	\$ 10,270.36

Youth Ministry Kick Off: Wednesday, Sept. 13 all 9th-12th grade teens are invited to our first gathering, from 7:45-9:30pm in the Youth Area (downstairs of St. Mary). We have a FUN night filled with games, prizes, fellowship and faith sharing! Friends are ALWAYS welcome. Let me know if you have questions or need a ride, 515-290-2830.

LIFE TEEN/LIFE NIGHTS: 9th-12th Grade: Wednesdays, Sept. 20 & 27, 7:45pm-9:30pm in the Youth Area.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept. 9, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Jack McDermott
 Lector Lorrie Hanlon
 Cup Bearers Drew Hanlon, Susan Stillmunkes
 Host Distributor Jerry Barnwell
 Altar Servers Joseph, Abigail & Emily Devereux
 Ushers Drew Hanlon, Mike Devereux,
 Mark Lengel, Tom Bowman

Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer Kathy Daup
 Lector Karen Bellis
 Cup Bearer Jon Hand
 Altar Server Valerie Beukema
 Ushers Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, Sept. 10, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer Matt Miller
 Lector Garrett McClain
 Cup Bearers Lori McQuiston, Tom Ausman
 Host Distributor Jacki Ausman
 Altar Server Grace Johnson, Cael Tollefson
 Ushers Brodie, Angie, Kaden & Drew Gilligan,
 Andrew Ausman, Dennis Schmitt

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Money Counters

Sept. 3: Carol Weber, Dona Cowman

Sept. 10: Sue White, Lisa Kautza

Sept. 17: Kathy Daup, Brenda Nehring

Solidarity, Harmony or Conflict, Discord?

"How wonderful would it be if solidarity... became...the default attitude in ... the relationships among individuals, peoples and countries." Pope Francis rebukes the prominence of conflict and discord among politicians, countries and neighbors in an 18 minute presentation at a TED (technology, entertainment, design) conference earlier this year. Listen to the Pope and dialogue with fellow parishioners about "Why the only future worth building includes everyone." after Masses at St. Mary Church September 23/24 and at Holy Cross Church October 1. View the presentation beforehand at www.ted.com and search for POPE. "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!"

**What's
That
Funny
Look
On
Your
Faith?**



SAYWHAT? Americans dispose of enough steel each year to build all the new cars made in America.

Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, please don't hesitate to contact the Office 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 their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

Clothing Drive

Now is the time to gather your good used clothing for our Drive being held September 9 - 21! Please pack them in plastic bags or boxes with lids. A trailer will be in the parking lot at St. Mary. Many thanks to Nick Volz for providing the trailer. Your donations will assist Hope Ministries.

Human Trafficking Happens Here in Central Iowa?

The Saint Joseph Educational Center has started a featured issue section titled "Going Out to the Peripheries" on their homepage. Its purpose is to educate local Catholics and solicit a response to prayer and action. Their first feature is human trafficking. Many don't realize that it's happening here in central Iowa. Fortunately, actions are already being taken to combat this injustice. Dorothy's House, founded by Kellie Markey, is a place where female victims can find respite and individualized help. To learn more about this issue and how you can help, visit the SJEC website at sjeciowa.org and/or www.dorothyshouse.org.

Man-Up.....A Men's Gathering

All men are invited to bring their buddies to the rooftop at Market One in downtown Des Moines on Tuesday, September 5. The evening kicks off with a 5:20pm Rosary followed by 5:45pm Mass and a 6:25pm food, drink, and social. The panel discussion begins at 6:55pm. Get help with your marriage and relationships -- from a man's point of view. The discussion will be moderated by Adam Storey, Vice-Chancellor and the Director of Marriage and Family Life at the Diocese of Des Moines.

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

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 3
Theme: The cross is a way that leads to true life.

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9 • I suffer for the sake of doing God's work.

Reading II: Romans 12:1-2 • Be transformed.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 • Take up your cross.

For Children: Jesus tells us that we each are called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

For Youth: In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

For Adults: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?