



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Twenty-six Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 30, 2018**

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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,

Ciao! That word is an Italian greeting and farewell. That word was heard a lot last Saturday night at the St. Mary-Holy Cross picnic in the parish hall. People greeted and shared food and drink and fellowship with each other. A good time was had by all!

A HUGE hats-off to the Stewardship Committee for planning, hosting, and serving that evening. Included in that hats-off is a salute to all the volunteers, not on the committee, who served, brought food, cooked, and cleaned up after the fun was over. It was a huge success. What would have made it better is if ALL PARISHIONERS could have joined us in the festivities.

I used "fellowship" which is traditionally thought of as a Protestant term. They (Protestants) don't have the marked cornered on that sort of thing! It is very important for all Christians to join in fellowship together as well as with other faiths. That is how community is formed and which is so important to being a Christian. Jesus was constantly in community with his followers and with those he encountered in His ministry and that is recorded in the Gospels. He shared food and love with His community and wished that for all people. That is why a gathering like the picnic, or wine and cheese, or coffee and donuts is actually important for us to participate in as we grow in our faith. It doesn't take Father Andrew to be present in vestments for the action to be beneficial and authentically Christian!

With that said, please join in any gathering of parishioners for whatever event is held in our parish community.

Ciao, and Blessings, Deacon Terry

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## Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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>

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## Masses

No Mass Wednesday and Thursday;  
Fr. Andrew is at the Priests Fall Workshop

### First Friday, October 5

9:00am St. Mary †Roberta Angell

Rosary prayed 20 min. before weekend Masses

### Saturday, October 6

5:00pm St. Mary †Ron Odgaard

### Sunday, October 7

8:00am Holy Cross †Bob and Doris Canney  
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!

## 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. *Fr. Andrew is gone Monday through Thursday at the Priests Workshop.*

## October is the Month of the Rosary

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

## Work Of Our Hands

Parishioners 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 Festival is December 1 & 2. Contact Lisa at kautza@netins.net or 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

**Saturday, October 13.** Join us 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!

## The Stewardship Committee Would Like to Know....

Do you have a family member currently serving in the military? Please send us their address so we can thank them for their service.

Are you a Veteran? Please send us information about your time served. We would like to honor you for your service too! Information can be sent to tammimclain71@gmail.com or you may contact the parish office.

## Life Chain

Sunday, October 7 from 2:00-3:30pm. Join us for a visible, prayerful stand for life. We meet at St. Theresa's Church in the parking lot off University Avenue.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Thursday, October 18, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

RCIA Gatherings

Tuesdays, October 9 & 16, 7:00pm, Social Hall

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

Meetings: 4th Degree Oct. 8, 7pm, 2nd & 3rd Degree Oct. 21, 1pm, and monthly meeting, Oct. 21, 7pm, all in Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Hantrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

## Upcoming Events

- †**This weekend:** Holy Land Olive Wood Art for sale before and after all Masses.
- †**Sunday, Sept. 30:** Blessing of Pets, 1:00pm, Holy Cross
- †**Weekend of Oct. 6/7:** Wine and cheese after 5pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, Oct. 13:** Parish work day, 9:00am to Noon

## Music News

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

- **Children's Christmas Eve Choir:** We have room for up to 20 children **so early registration is super important.** Forms will be handed out at Religious Ed classes.
- **Adult Christmas Eve Choir:** Practices are Sundays in November and December right after 10:00am Mass.
- **Instrumentalists & percussionists:** needed & welcome!
- **Accompanist (or 2) needed** for practices and that Mass. A stipend is a given. Please contact me with questions.

## It's Time to Begin the RCIA Process!

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. What that means is that anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, or even anyone who wants to learn more about what it means to be Catholic, is invited to join us. We will begin on **Tuesday, October 9** in the social hall at **7:00pm**. It is planned to have the meetings go for an hour and a half. Typically and frequently, current Catholics and team members will say at various sessions, "I didn't know THAT!"

We will try to cover all aspects of being Catholic, especially the "New" post Vatican II practices. Come and listen, learn, and especially share your own faith and faith journey if you so choose. If you know of anyone who has expressed interest or curiosity about the Catholic faith, invite them to join YOU and the RCIA team as we begin this journey. I can be reached at 515-669-6158 or tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org.

Blessings! - Deacon Terry

## Thank You

Dear St. Mary-Holy Cross Church Members:

Thank you very much for your donation of diapers and baby wipes for our shelter. We were in great need of them!

Sincerely, *St. Joseph Shelter Staff and Guests*

## Religious Education PreK-6

**Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader**

*shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876*

**CLASSES START THIS WEDNESDAY!! We meet in St. Mary's Church for first two weeks. Please register before Wednesday; forms are in the vestibule and on the website. Please return form with \$50 minimum payment to the Office.**

### Key Dates:

- Oct. 3 - Class in St. Mary's Church
- Oct. 10 - Children's Mass at 6:30pm — both 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 with S.T.O.R.M. 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. Training will be in October or November. 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

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*

Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

### 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**

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)

If your child plans to participate in our Homeless Awareness Weekend, don't forget permission slips.

**Next session:** Sunday, October 14. *9th Grade* - Lesson 3  
*10th Grade* - Lesson 15 - Teen/Parent session. One or both parents are invited to attend with your 10th graders.

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

## Free For the Taking!!

We have a sofa sleeper and two floor lamps from the old rectory that are yours for the taking! Please contact the parish office if interested.

## Pictorial Directory!

Photo sessions take about an hour and are Nov. 19, 20, 23, 24, 29, 30 & Dec.1. Appointment sign up begins October 6. Each family participating receives a free family photo, a printed directory, and access to an electronic version. Christmas cards and other photo packages are available for purchase. Please contact Tammi McClain with questions, *tammimcclain71@gmail.com*.

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

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

Sept. 22/23 Week 13

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 2,537	\$5,157

*Year-to-Date*

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$65,062	\$67,038	\$65,736

## 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](http://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

## Recycling Drop Off

Stuff Etc. on First Street in Ankeny (behind Wells Fargo) accepts the following items for recycling: small electronic items, cords, wires, straighteners, hair dryers, small radios, cell phones, Christmas lights, MP3 players, iPods and tablets and chargers, headphones, vacuums, tube TVs, computers and larger electronics. For more information call the store, 515- 964-4444.

## Liturgical Ministers

The October-December schedule has been emailed.  
Please let Barb know if you did not receive it.

### Saturday, October 6, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Bill Sexton
Cup Bearers	Joe Rumbaugh, Bill Sexton
Host Distributor	Jerry Barnwell
Altar Servers	Olivia Naragon, Abbey Devereux, Emily Devereux
Ushers	Mike & Joe Devereux, Jim Hudson, Bill Schmitt

### Sunday, October 7, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Anne Davis
Lector	Stacey Rooney
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Mike and Mary Winders

### Sunday, October 7, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Matt Miller
Cup Bearers	Mike Nehring, Carol Weber
Host Distributor	Marion Panyan
Altar Server	Sawyer Smeltzer
Ushers	Tom & Jackie Ausman, Andrew Cory, Dave Pottebaum, Merle Olberding

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## Money Counters

Sept. 30: Sue White, Sharon Morris

Oct. 7: Dona Cowman, Sharon Morris

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## Bishop Pates 50th Anniversary Mass

On Sunday, October 14, 4:00pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Bishop Pates will celebrate Mass in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination and his upcoming retirement as our Bishop. A reception with appetizers will follow Mass. This is a great opportunity to say congratulations and thank you to Bishop Pates!

## Keeping Our Kids Catholic

There are various influences on our children, including our young adults, that challenge them to practice their faith! Deacon Stan and Charlotte Upah are marriage coaches, and will offer parents practical ways to pass on the faith and help keep our kids Catholic.

All adults from the area are invited to join us Saturday, October 6 at St. Cecilia Church in Ames in their Social Hall. Meal and refreshments provided. We gather at 6:15pm for the meal, followed by "Keeping Our Kids Catholic" at 6:45pm, concluding by 8:30pm. We also provide childcare and a meal for your children.

Please RSVP for the meal and/or childcare to Deacon Ron & Mary Smith at DeaconRon.Ames@gmail.com or 515-441-0480 by October 6. Please join us even if you do not make a reservation.

See Diocesan events and parish job openings at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)



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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.*

## Boldly Sent Youth Rally!

All 6th-12th graders, along with their parents and parish leaders, are invited to this year's BOLDLY SENT youth rally (formerly DCYC). On Saturday, October 20 there will be a Diocesan-wide Dodgeball tournament at the downtown YMCA. On Sunday, October 21 Katie Prejean-McGrady will keynote our rally, which concludes with Mass at 4:00pm. Register at [www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent](http://www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent), Cost is \$40 for both days, \$30 for Sunday only. For more information email Justin at [jwhite@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jwhite@dmdiocese.org)!

## Disaster Relief

- The rain is gone but the nightmare of those affected by Hurricane Florence isn't over. Thousands of evacuees are still not home, rivers are rising, many lack power and at least 36 people have died. Though it was downgraded to a tropical storm when it made landfall, Florence has caused extensive damage in North Carolina and South Carolina. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Des Moines with a note marked Hurricane Florence or make an online gift at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/pages/donation-form---hurricane-florence>. Funds generated will be divided between Catholic Charities USA and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for affected churches and schools.

- More than 400 people have been killed in India from one of the worst monsoon seasons in the last 100 years. The southern state of Kerala has more than 1 million people who have left their homes. We have three priests from that part of India who are serving the people of our diocese: Fathers Thomas Kunnel, Antony Mathew and Tom Thakadipuram. You are invited to make an online gift at <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/pages/donation-form---kerala-flood> that will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 30

Theme: *God wants us to be just and right.*

*Reading I:* Numbers 11:25-29 • Moses shared his gifts among the people.

*Reading II:* James 5:1-6 • Let the rich be warned!

*Gospel:* Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 • Anyone who is not against us is for us.

*For Children:* In what specific ways do you share with the poor from what you have been given?

*For Youth:* Who are the people you have met who are against you? Are there people who persecute you because of your faith? How do you treat these people?

*For Adults:* In today's worldwide community, who are the rich and what does God want of them?