



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 7/8, 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,

September is a busy month here at SMHC. Religious education geared up this past week, thankfully on time compared to last year! Nearly two hundred kids are enrolled. There are also four weddings through out the month. Please pray for both the students and prospective spouses.

~ 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, September 10 — No Mass or Adoration

Wednesday, September 11

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Victims of terrorism*

Thursday, September 12

8:00am St. Mary †*Albert & Helen Schmidt*

Saturday, September 14

5:00pm St. Mary *For the Parish*

Sunday, September 15

8:00am Holy Cross †*Stephen Carpenter*

10:00am St. Mary †*Lowell Brendeland*

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.

Becoming Catholic



People come from many different backgrounds and levels of belief to learn more about the Catholic way of life. Some may have extensive experience with the Church through the influence of a spouse, child, grandparent or friend. Others have been attracted through the witness of Catholics in their daily life or through a service offered in a time of need. Some have little experience of connection with the church, but have a yearning or longing that nothing else has satisfied. All are welcomed into an inquiry community where they may 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, contact Fr. Andrew at Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org. Participation in the inquiry sessions 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.

Pilgrimage in the Prairie

During this Season of Creation we are hosting an interfaith prayer service next Sunday, September 15 from 1:30-2:30pm at Holy Cross Church along the Chichaqua prairie (will move inside if needed). We begin our pilgrimage with reflections that shout the joy of creation and guide us to embrace its gifts and blessings. We will have a short reflection by Matt Russell, Director of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light. All are welcome! Bring a chair and wear walking shoes. *Our time together can be a source of prayerful praise and move us to closer unity with others and the earth.*



Parish Bike Ride



Saturday, Sept. 21. We are starting in Bondurant at the Lake Petocka trail head at approximately 6:30pm and will be riding 12 miles to Green Castle Tavern in Mingo. After a stop there, we will turn around and ride back. Join us for the entire ride or meet us at the Tavern for fellowship!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)
— **NOTE: No adoration (or Mass) on Sept. 10**

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 17, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meetings: Monday, Sept. 9, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, September 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth, Karen Stafford

Upcoming Events

†**Month of September:** Can Drive, St. Mary parking lot

†**Sunday, Sept. 8:** Pancake & Sausage breakfast after 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

†**Sunday, Sept. 15:** Pilgrimage in the Prairie, 1:30-2:30pm, Holy Cross

†**Thursday, Sept. 19:** Crafts, Games and Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Parish Picnic:** Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 5, after 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Thank You

Fr. Andrew,

Please convey our utmost thank you to the group that made us feel so welcome at Deacon Terry's retirement party — the Mass was beautiful and we all think your people can really sing. We felt very welcome by all.

~ St. Mary of Nazareth Parishioners

Don't Like Redeeming Your Cans?

Bring them to St. Mary!! Our NCYC teens are having a can drive this month. Proceeds to help cover expenses for 10 of our Youth to attend NCYC this fall. A trailer is located at the northwest end of the parking lot at St. Mary. Thank you for your continued support of our young Church!

Parish Picnic

Our picnic is less than a month away and you do not want to miss it! Join us after Mass on Saturday, October 5, for our Oktoberfest Party! Dinner, drinks, games, and FUN are all included in this event!

A link to RSVP to the event can be found at: <https://form.jotform.com/52368318465159>. A link to donate to the event can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4aa8a62da5fd0-parish1>. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

~ Stewardship Committee Members

Prizes Wanted!

We will be playing BINGO! at our picnic and would like to have prizes for our winners! Do you have any new or like new items that would make fun prizes that you'd like to donate? If so, 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!

Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

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

If you have not registered your children, please do so TODAY. Forms are available at church and on the website; please return it with payment to the parish office. Thanks.

Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 10/11- Good Starts**- 30 Minute Session

Sept. 17/18- Good Starts**- 30 Minutes Sessions

Sept. 24/25- Regular Hour Sessions begin

**These shorter sessions allow for a smooth transition into regular sessions. They begin at your child's normal class time and conclude about thirty minutes later.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 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

Teens (grades 7th-12th) are welcome to join us for After Party! Sunday's after Mass from 11am to 1pm in the Youth Room, beginning today! Come play some games, watch a movie, have a snack or just hang out. Bring a friend, all are welcome!

This month's schedule: Sundays, Sept. 8, 15 & 29, 11am to 1pm. NO AFTER PARTY Sunday, Sept. 22 due to Homeless Awareness Lock Out.

2nd Annual HALO - Homeless Awareness Lock OUT:

Youth from 7th - 12th grade are invited to attend this overnight event on September 21 - 22 at St. Mary.

Permission forms for this Lock OUT must be turned in by Sunday, Sept. 15. They are available on the table outside the cry room at St. Mary and can be turned into the Confirmation Folder in the file box on that same table.

Arrive at St. Mary by 3:00pm on Saturday Sept. 21;
pick up by 8:30am Sunday, Sept. 22

Confirmation, Grades 9 & 10

If you haven't registered your child yet, please do as soon as possible. Upcoming dates:

Sunday, Sept. 15: Homeless Awareness Lock OUT permission slips due

Saturday, Sept. 21, 3:00pm to Sunday, Sept. 22, 8:30am: Homeless Awareness Lock OUT

Wednesday, Sept. 25: Session 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

EDGE, Grades 7 & 8

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & 18: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

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.

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Sarah for more information, sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org.

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

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$2,945	\$5,730	August 24/25
Youth/Guests	\$6,867	\$5,730	Aug 31/Sept 1

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$50,727	\$51,570	\$51,013

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Amt. Due
\$48,797	\$34,844	\$32,532	\$16,265

Each family's help is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and truly appreciated. **Pledge cards are available at each Church.** Please return to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. You may also donate online at <https://dmidiocese.thankyou4caring.org/>. Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your timely payments for this Campaign.

Pledged	Payments	Balance Due	SMHC Rec'd
\$440,014	\$424,779	\$15,915	\$206,290

Are you interested in providing guidance and making decisions that impact the future of St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish? If so, please consider becoming a member of our Parish Council!

What is a Parish Council? It is an action based, decision making 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 Parish Council is to establish their formal structure, including specific roles and responsibilities and operating guidelines.

What is the time commitment? Typical councils have members serving 1-2 year terms. Initially, the council may meet on a monthly basis, then determine future frequency based on the parish needs.

How do I become a member? The council is open to all registered adult members of SMHC, and will initially consist of 5 elected individuals. If interested, please complete the self-nomination form that is available in the vestibule.

What are the qualifications? If you are a registered adult member of SMHC, you are qualified! Use the 'why am I running for Parish Council' section of the self-nomination form to highlight your reasons, ideas, passion, etc. This information will be shared with the parish prior to the election.

Some example topics that a Parish Council may encounter:

- Who should I contact if I have a question regarding starting a parish garden?
- Updating parish policies, e.g. social hall use policy
- Provide guidance to the Building & Grounds committee, e.g. parking lot improvements
- Approve requests to utilize parish funds for a specific need, e.g. HVAC at Holy Cross

Important dates to remember:

- * Self-nomination forms available starting the weekend of Sep 7/8
- * **Forms are due Sep 30**
- * Candidate information will be shared with the parish the weekend of Oct 5/6
- * **Voting** will occur during all Masses the **weekend of Oct 19/20**

**If you have any questions, please contact Father Andrew!
Thank you for considering this important position!**

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Sept. 14, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	Cory Schoening
Cup Bearers	Diane Cronk, Lisa Jones
Host Distributor	Lisa Schoening
Altar Servers	Jack & Tommy Shelby, Daniel Schoening
Ushers	Doug, Thomas & Patrick Jones, Drew Hanlon
Cantor	Lisa Jones
Accompanist	Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, Sept. 15, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Lynn Schreurs
Lector	Heidi Ackerman
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Sandra Hunter, Mike Veasman

Sunday, Sept. 15, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Tracy Kangas
Lector	Garrett McClain
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Nicole Cory
Host Distributor	Marion Panyan
Altar Servers	Jackson & Joe Waters, Caleb Coffelt
Ushers	Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Dennis Schmidt
Cantor	Jen Linderblood
Accompanist	Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

Sept. 8: Carol Weber, Lisa Kautza

Sept. 15: Dona Cowman, Sharon Morris

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Prayer Shawls

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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

Counseling Available

Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Des Moines, and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by calling 515-237-5045 or emailing sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

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



Recycling one glass bottle or jar saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours. Using recycled glass uses 40% less energy than making products from all new materials.

Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria

Join Father Andrew for this incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure July 24 - August 2, 2020. Some of the things we will do: *In Germany*, watch the world-renowned "Passion Play", explore historic Munich city center, visit Dachau Concentration Camp, tour Neuschwanstein Castle and experience famous Hofbrauhaus. *In Austria*: Eucharistic Miracle location in Seefeld, ride to majestic alps mountaintop, explore gorgeous resort town of Seefeld, exciting tour of Salzburg salt mine, nostalgic Sound of Music tour and discover the unique and beautiful Salzburg. This trip includes daily Mass, confession and time for shopping and relaxation! Cost is \$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. Questions? Email Jason@CollinsTravel.biz or call 515-850-6133.

Iowans for LIFE

Join us for our Ninth Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, October 3, 6:00pm at The Meadows Bishops Ballroom in Altoona. The keynote speaker is the host of EWTN's Morning Glory Show, Gloria Purvis. Her talk is entitled, "Racism, Abortion, & Medical Care: One Woman's Testimony." Also present is the actual 4' x 6' digital replica of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, blessed by St. John Paul II. Get the details and register at: <https://www.iowansforlife.org/> or 515.255.4113.

Victim Assistance

Diocesan Victim Assistance Advocate Sherry Knox is a staff member at Polk County Crisis & Advocacy Services. She assists victims of sexual abuse of minors by clergy through the complaint process and in seeking support and counseling services. Contact her at advocate@dmdiocese.org, 515-286-2028 or at sherry.knox@polkcountyiowa.gov.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 7/8

Theme: Commitment is required to follow Jesus.

Reading I: Wisdom 9:13-18b • How can we know God, unless God's gives us wisdom?

Reading II: Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17 • Receive another, not as a slave, but as a very dear brother or sister.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 • Whoever does not renounce possessions cannot be my disciple.

Question for Children: Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

Question for Adults: Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?