



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8/9, 2022



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15/16, 2022

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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Mass Schedule

Wednesday 5:30pm Holy Cross
Thursday 8:00am St. Mary
Saturday 5:00pm St. Mary
Sunday 8:00am Holy Cross
10:00am St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm, St. Mary

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Contact the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Priesthood/Religious: www.vocationonline.org

Mass, Reconciliation and Rosary

Wednesday, October 12

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Ashley Carpenter

Thursday, October 13

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †John Krettek

Rosary Prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 15

4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Carol Pritchard

Sunday, October 16

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

10:00am Mass, St. Mary People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 19

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Mark Hanlon

Thursday, October 20

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Victoria & Clarence Becker

Rosary Prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 22

4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Marj Rohlf

Sunday, October 23

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Josephine Sims

10:00am Mass, St. Mary People of the Parish

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 or Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Pray the Rosary with Us

Please join us twenty minutes before each weekend Mass this month to pray the Rosary.

If you'd like to lead the Rosary, please email Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com.

† Pastoral Assistance

Emergency contact: Fr. Michael Amadeo, 515-249-5015.

St. Mary's Church Accessibility

The church will generally be locked during the week around 4:00pm; there will be exceptions, so please call the office to be sure someone is here before stopping by. On weekends it will be open prior to Mass, then locked after Mass unless we have an event. If you need in the church at other times, please contact the office so arrangements can be made.

Ignite! Campaign Kicks Off!

This weekend marks the official start of the Ignite! Campaign. In the coming days, you will receive a letter from Father Amadeo and Bishop Joensen. The letter includes a specific amount for you to prayerfully consider. Please know the request is an invitation, not an expectation. After receiving the letter, many of you will be contacted by a volunteer to discuss the campaign, answer any questions you may have and secure your decision. Please know that the volunteers don't know what is being requested of anyone. They are simply encouraging participation among fellow parishioners. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and help us drive this campaign to success!

Prayer for the Season of Autumn

*God of all seasons,
we thank you for Autumn.*

*We thank you for the touch of coolness in the air
that gives us a new burst of energy,
for the coloring of trees
that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling leaves
that reveal the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the fall harvest that brings us gratitude
for the bounty of our land,
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.*

*God of all seasons,
as you transform the earth,
transform us by your Spirit. Amen.*

Parish Council

Meeting: October 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: October 18, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: October 10, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Oct. 16: 6:40pm Rosary, 7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 3 from Ankeny

The parish office will close early on Tuesday, October 11; please call or email to be sure someone is here before stopping by. The office is closed Wednesday, October 12 through Friday, October 14.

Coming Events

- †**Weekend of Oct. 8/9:** Kick off for Ignite Campaign
- †**Weekend of Oct. 15/16:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny
- †**Sunday, Oct. 16:** Road trip to Summerset Winery in Indianola, 12:30-5:00pm
- †**Thursday, Oct. 20:** Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9am Social Hall
- †**Wednesday, Oct. 26:** Trunk or Treat, 6 - 7pm, Social Hall
- †**Saturday, Oct. 22:** Spaghetti Dinner after 5pm Mass
- †**Saturday, Oct. 26:** Confirmation Service Day, 8am-Noon
- †**Thursday, Nov. 3:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall



Food Pantry Collection

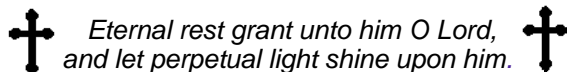
Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of October 15/16; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny.

Sunday Social

Join us for a trip to Indianola on Sunday, October 16, to enjoy live music and wine at Summerset Winery (bring your own snacks and chair). Carpool leaves St. Mary's parking lot at 12:30pm and we will return around 5:00pm. Contact Beth Hart, 515-306-4916, to join us or with questions.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Aiden Phelan-Ruden, grandson of Teri Phelan-Ruden, great-grandson of Janet Phelan and nephew of Laurie Phelan and Franci Phelan, who passed away last Saturday, October 1. Aiden is now in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior. Pray for his family that they know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.



Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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It's been a joy to pray with your children and we thank you for your dedication to Religious Education. There is such a distraction in this world from what really matters but taking this time each week, set apart to study God and his love for us, is a gift. Thank you for giving this gift to your children. We hope that the children leave each week having encountered some mystery of God which has helped them deepen their relationship with the One who loves more than we can imagine. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns, we're here for anything you might need!

October 12/14- Regular Sessions
October 18/21- Regular Sessions
October 25- No Session - Trunk or Treat!!
October 27- Regular Session

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

Oct. 12: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall
No EDGE on Oct. 19- Confirmation Night
Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat: All of S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE, Confirmation, Youth Group) will be needed to help with this

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Oct 12: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room
No Youth Group Oct. 19- Confirmation for 9th & 10th grades
Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat: All of S.T.O.R.M (EDGE, Confirmation, Youth Group) will be needed to help with this

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Wednesday, Oct. 19: 6:00-8:00pm, Session 2, Social Hall
Saturday, Oct. 29: 8:00am - 12 Noon Community Service Day. See email to sign up. Rain date is Saturday, Nov. 5.

Parish Spaghetti Supper!



Join fellow parishioners for this meal after Mass on Saturday, October 22. Please bring a dessert to EITHER enter into the dessert contest or share at our meal. Hope you can make it!! This is a great opportunity to connect or reconnect with your parish family!!

Where Is That Dish?

Thank you to those who donated food for the last funeral luncheon; it was very much appreciated by the McDermott family. If you have not picked up your dish, it's in the kitchen.

If you prefer to speak with one of our committee members instead of email, please contact the parish office for their phone number.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 1 Budget Week 14

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$7,357	\$5,944
<i>Year to Date:</i>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$68,524	\$83,218
		<u>Last Year</u>
		\$69,481

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Refund
\$54,744	\$57,820	\$55,670	\$2,150	\$926

We have met our assessment!! If unpaid balances are paid our refund will be larger! Thank you!!

Save the Date - Spread the Word!



S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE/LIFETEEN/Confirmation) Youth of our Parish invite you and your family to TRUNK OR TREAT on Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 to 7:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary. (If it rains we will be in the Social Hall.) All Parish families, friends and surrounding community members are welcome to attend!

We will be collecting items for pro-life pregnancy centers: shampoo, conditioner, body soap, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, dish soap, laundry soap, multi-purpose cleaner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths, dish towels, diapers NB-6, baby lotion and wash, baby wipes.

Wear your costume (non-scary please) and "trunk or treat" at the different cars. Be sure to vote for your favorite decorated car. Games, candy and hot cocoa will all be FREE!

We need your help with this growing community outreach! Please consider donating 1-2 large bags of wrapped candy to hand out to the 200+ trunk or treaters! If you are able to help with this, there will be a tub in the Social Hall labelled "Trunk or Treat Candy". We will be collecting candy through October 23! We could also use gently used toys such as happy meal toys, small cars, action figures, tiny baby dollies or even gently used books.

If you are interested in helping in any way or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830.

October 15 & 16 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector John Roberts
Host Distributor Lisa Jones
Ushers Glenn Hobin, Mike Devereux
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Jackie Crouse
Usher Mike Veasman
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Garrett McClain
Host Distributor Garrett McClain
Ushers Andrew Cory, Gregg Richwine
Music Karon Lacey, Christine Muehlenthaler, Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

October 9: Brenda Nehring, Trish Morris
October 17: Sue White, Brenda Nehring

October 22 & 23 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Tim Kautza
Host Distributor Joe Rumbaugh
Ushers Joe Rumbaugh, Jim Hudson
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis
Usher Sandra Hunter
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Deacon Terry
Host Distributor Di Schleisman
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar
Music Karon Lacey, Garrett McClain, Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

October 23: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman

Laudato Si

Buy used items whenever feasible, and if possible repair rather than replace broken items. In most cases this saves money, but it also preserves resources and reduce overall consumption. See *On Care for Our Common Home* at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Community Service Day

On Saturday October 29, the Confirmation students will team up with the Knights of Columbus for their 5th annual Fall Community Service Day. The rain makeup date will be November 5. If you or someone you know is looking for some help with yard work or anything around the house, please fill out the form in the vestibule. We will have boxes set up to collect the forms. You are also welcome to contact Nicole Cory at 515-313-3014 or Doug Jones at 515-238-4745.



Blood Drive November 3

It's not too early to sign up to give the gift of life! Appointments required; a sign up is at St. Mary or go online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org. There is no substitute for your blood! It takes about 30-45 minutes from check-in to check-out. Can't donate, but want to help? Contact the parish office to assist with set up, to help day of the Drive, or provide homemade treats.

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, please contact Barb, 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.*

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 8/9

Theme: *We live in praise and thanksgiving.*

Reading I: 2 Kings 5:14-17 • Thank God always.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 • There is no chaining the Word of God!

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 • Be grateful.

Question for Children: Make a prayer of thanks to God for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

Question for Youth: Have you thanked someone who did something for you? When have you thanked God?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 15/16

Theme: *Never stop praying. Have faith and never give up!*
Reading I: Exodus 17:8-13 • God is with us, even when the going is tough.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 • Be faithful to what you have learned.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 • Pray always and never lose heart.

Question for Children: How does God help you each day

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?

Question for Adults: When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?