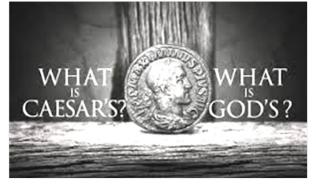
St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14/15, 2023



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21/22, 2023

Dear Good People,

As I hope this letter finds you well. What a crazy, but blessed two weeks. Thank you for understanding my absence. All of you were prayed for at the major basilica's in Rome. The highlight of my trip was of course the transitional deacon ordinations of 18 young men who are giving their lives for the church. Among them was Deacon Mike Mahoney from West Des Moines. Please keep Deacon Mike and his classmates in your prayers.

I also wanted to touch briefly on the location of the tabernacle in the sanctuary of St. Mary's. I spoke about this at mass a couple of months ago and I think I also touched on this during one of my letters as well. Basically, this conversation was ongoing before I arrived and we have been discussing this with the Parish Council as well. I also wanted to make sure I got input from as many people as possible. The input has been very positive in terms of moving the tabernacle to the center of the sanctuary and then moving the statue of St. Joseph to the right of the sanctuary as you are facing the altar. The main reasons for this proposed move is first of all theological. Now, the priest is in the center of the sanctuary during mass. If we move the tabernacle to the center, it makes the statement that Christ is at the center of our worship. Secondly, aesthetically, with the musicians and the flow of everything it makes sense to move the tabernacle so that things are much more balanced. This is by no means a repudiation of former pastors or decisions that were made in the past. I am sure that there were good reasons to move the high altar and the tabernacle. Secondly, this is not some repudiation of the Second Vatican Council. I would argue that it fits nicely with the council's teaching that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Also, it will help foster full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy that the council called for. This is also not a step in moving the altar back or installing communion rails and things like that. Again, this is simply meant to continue to challenge us to put Christ in the center of our worship. We would also move the presider's chair off to the side so that it would not obstruct the view of the tabernacle. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this. The Director of Worship in the diocese has approved of this change. I just want to make sure we kind of go slow with this as the current set-up has been in place since the late 80's. I know that some changes can be difficult as at least one generation has always known the set-up as it is. Sometimes these changes can be difficult and I totally get that. So, I think we just want to prudently proceed. A.M.D.G. ~ Fr. Ross

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

Tuesday8:00amSt. MaryWednesday5:30pmHoly CrossThursday8:00amSt. MaryFriday8:00amSt. MarySaturday5:00pmSt. MarySunday8:00amHoly Cross10:00amSt. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm, St. Mary or by appointment with Fr. Parker

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Please contact Fr. Parker

Marriage: Contact the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Priesthood/Religious: www.vocationsonline.org

Mass, Rosary & Reconciliation

Tuesday, October 17		
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	+ Elaine Barnwell	
Wednesday, October 18		
5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross	<i>+ Doc Birchmier</i>	
Thursday, October 19		
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	+ Edward & Jessie Ross	
Friday, October 20		
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	† Mark Hanlon	
Saturday, October 21 R	osary 20 minutes before Mass	
4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliat		
5:00pm Mass, St. Mary	<i>† Lee & Colleen Hindman</i>	
Sunday, October 22 Ro	sary 20 minutes before Masses	
8:00am Mass, Holy Cross	† Pat Phelan	
10:00am Mass, St. Mary	People of the Parish	
Tuesday, October 24		
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	† Mary Ann Cory	
Wednesday, October 25		
5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross	+ Jim & Margaret Shaw	
Thursday, October 26		
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	† Marge Cory	
Friday, October 27		
8:00am Mass, St. Mary		
- · ·	osary 20 minutes before Mass	
4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliat		
5:00pm Mass, St. Mary	-	
Sunday, October 29 Rosary 20 minutes before Masses		
8:00am Mass, Holy Cross	, ,	
10:00am Mass, St. Mary	People of the Parish	

Are You New to Our Parish? Welcome

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!

+ Pastoral Assistance

Emergency contact: Fr. Ross Parker, 515-720-3434.

If a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit please contact Fr. Parker at <u>rparker@dmdiocese.org</u> or 515-367-2685 or Deacon Schleisman at 515-669-6158 or <u>digiterrry@netscape.net</u>.

InnerVision Healthcare Baby Bottle Campaign

InnerVision empowers women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. To donate to this campaign, please take a baby bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks (made out to InnerVisions) and return it the following weekend. Thank you for supporting InnerVisions! Visit <u>www.ivhcare.org</u> to learn more.

Note From the Cemetery Committee

In preparation for Winter, please plan to remove all your grave site decorations at Holy Cross Cemetery no later than October 31. Any remaining decorations after this date will be picked up by the committee. Thank you.

The Memorare

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: October 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council Meeting, October 24, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Meeting: November 13, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus Oct. 16, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations Team 6, Alleman, Baxter, Des Moines, Mingo, Mitchellville, Prairie City, Sheldahl, Slater

> The Parish office is closed October 16-20 and opens at Noon on October 23.

Fr. Parker does not have set office hours when he is at the parish. To reach him, please email, call or text: *rparker@dmdiocese.org/515-720-3434*.

Coming Events

- * Weekend of Oct. 14/15: InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign
- Sunday, Oct. 15: Omelet /Scramlette Bar after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall
- Oct. 21/22 weekend: Food Pantry Collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny — return of InnerVisions baby bottles
- * Wednesday, Oct. 25: Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm St. Mary
- + Saturday, Oct. 28: Confirmation's Community Service day
- Thursday, Nov. 2: Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- Weekend of Nov. 4 & 5: Work of Our Hands Festival, Saturday 3:00 - 4:45pm & after Mass until 7:30pm and Sunday after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm. — See insert

Given States Food Pantry Collections

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of October 21/22; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation helps Impact Community Action Partnership serving families in Central Iowa.

Religious Education: Preschool - 6th Grade

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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

The year is off to a great start. We enjoy having your children in Religious Education. If anyone is curious about what the children are experiencing, feel free to reach out to one of us. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about it or set up a time for you to observe in the classroom. Our evening sessions will not meet the last Wednesday of October and first Wednesday of November. We invite your families to come to the church and experience Trunk-or-Treat and celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day.

Upcoming Sessions

October 18-Regular Sessions

October 25- No Evening Sessions- Trunk or Treat Nov. 1- No Sessions, Please attend Mass with your family

Nov. 4- Children are Ministers at 10am Mass, Session C

S.T.O.R.M. Report: 7th - 12th Grade

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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EDGE 7th & 8th

Session: October 18, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall October 25: Trunk or Treat. Teens come as soon as able to set up and will be asked to stay a bit later to help clean up.

9th & 10th Confirmation:

Sunday, Oct. 22, 11:00am (after Mass) - Noon: 10th grade only session, youth room, downstairs at St. Mary.

Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:00am - Noon: Community Service Day; rain date will be Saturday, Nov. 4.

No Wednesday Family Session for the month of October. Saturday, Nov. 11 & Sunday, Nov. 12: 11:00am-2:00pm:

10th Grade only Sponsor/Teen Prayer Stations, Social Hall Sunday, Nov. 12, 11:00am (after Mass) - Noon: 9th grade

only session, youth room downstairs at St. Mary.

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders) Gathering: October 18, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Room

Save the Date - Spread the Word!



S.T.O.R.M. Youth of our Parish invite you and your family to TRUNK OR TREAT on Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 to 7:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary (if rains, in the Social Hall).

All Parish families, friends and surrounding community members are welcome to attend! Wear your costume (nonscary 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 will be collecting items for Mary's Helping Hands which provides hope, love and support for expecting mothers who need a helping hand with basic needs for their child's first year of life. Items needed are: formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and diaper cream.

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! We are also collecting snacks, small toys and trinkets. There is a container by the cry room for your donations. We will be collecting through October 22. If you are interested in helping in any way or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830 or Andrea Fisher, 515-240-5059. Thank You!

Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 8 Budget Week 15 Received Budget Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund \$3,122 \$6,114 Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund Received Budget Last Year \$64,409 \$91,705 \$68,524 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$1495.00 Mass Attendance: Oct. 7/8: 231 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal Pledged Paid Assessed Unpaid Amt. Due \$50.045 \$47.775 \$2.270 \$55.196 \$7.421

Councils and Committees

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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Our Confirmation Students Want to Help You!

On Saturday, October 28, the Confirmation students team up with the Knights of Columbus for their Community Service Day. If you or someone you know is looking for some help with yard work, please fill out the form in the vestibule and drop it in the box provided or you can contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014, or Doug Jones, 515-238-4745. Rain make-up date is November 4.

Diocesan Collection for World Missions

Help support our brothers and sisters in faith in this country and throughout the world. Envelopes are available at both churches through October 29. Please return your gift in the collection basket. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Liturgical Ministers October 21/22

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector	Lisa Jones
Host Distributor	Di Schleisman
Cup Bearers	Lisa Jones, Mike Devereux
Altar Servers	Volunteers needed
Ushers	Mike Devereux, Doug Jones
Music	Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis Cup Bearer Jon Hand Altar Server Nick Shedd Usher Mike Veasman Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Garrett McClain Host Distributor Garrett McClain Cup Bearers Tom & Jacki Ausman Altar Servers Peyton & Justice Loraditch Ushers Tom & Jacki Ausman Music Christine Muehlenthaler, Karon Lacey, Celeste Muehlenthaler

Liturgical Ministers October 28 & 29

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

LectorBob SelbyHost DistributorSusan SelbyCup BearersBob Selby, Mary ThomasAltar ServersJack & Tommy SelbyUshersBrodie Gilligan FamilyMusicLisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Titus & Zeke Weber
Usher	Sandra Hunter
Music	Jen Linderblood, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

LectorJill SwansonHost DistributorJill SwansonCup BearersTim Loraditch, Mike NehringAltar ServersEmma Swanson, Hailey ConoverUshersBill & Kelly DunbarMusicSue Schmidt, Maggie Bruce

Money Counters

October 15:	Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris
October 22:	Brenda Nehring, Dona Cowman
October 29:	Sue White, Kathy Daup

All Saints Day and All Souls' Day

Masses for All Saints Days, a Holy Day of Obligation are Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:00am and 6:30pm at St. Mary. Come and rejoice with the saints!

Masses for All Souls' Day, Thursday, Nov. 2, are 8:00am at St. Mary and 6:30pm at Holy Cross.



Sign-up to donate your valuable and much needed blood at our Drive on Thursday, November 2, 3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. Appointments are required (no walk-ins allowed yet). Reserve your preferred time in the vestibule of St. Mary or at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Haven't donated before — give it at try! It only takes about 30 – 45 minutes from check-in to check-out and you get to enjoy beverages and homemade treats at our canteen. We look forward to seeing you at our drive on November 2!

Please contact Larry Sauer, <u>sauerld@outlook.com</u> or 515-710-2421 if you wish to help with set up, during the drive or bring items for the canteen.

Prayer Chain 🌄

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, don't hesitate to contact us so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for, to be on our prayer chain.* To request prayers or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact the parish office, <u>bliske@saintmaryhc.org</u>.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 14/15

Theme: Only those who enter the banquet will share the reign of God.

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a • The Lord will provide for his people.

Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 • In Christ, I am strong.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 • All are invited to the feast.

Question for Children: Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

Question for Youth: When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

Question for Adults: Describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 21/22 *Theme: We thank God for faithfulness.*

Reading I: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 • I have called you by name.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b • We thank God for your faith!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21 • Keep your priorities clear.

Question for Children: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Question for Youth: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How to you keep those things sacred?

Question for Adults: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?