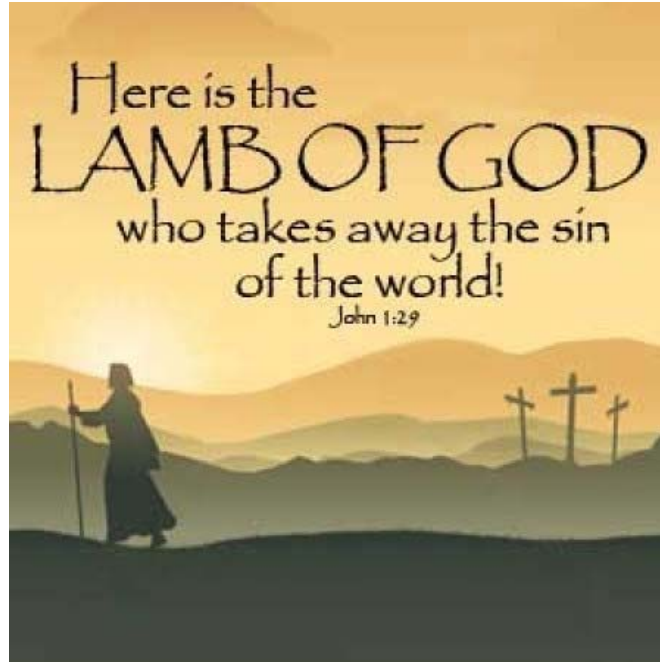




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073

Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 14/15, 2023

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.vocationsonline.org

Mass, Rosary and Reconciliation

Wednesday, January 18

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Ashley Carpenter
-Rosary prayed at 6:00pm, St. Mary

Thursday, January 19

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Larry Morton

Saturday, January 21

4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

Sunday, January 22

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Mary Beth Bump

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!

† Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 515-669-6158, for pastoral emergencies or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

Chili and Cinnamon Rolls!



We have nine contestants for our chili cook-off and our Cinnamon Roll bake-off has four! It's not too late to enter one (or both!) of these contests; contact Tammi, tammimccclain71@gmail.com. All are invited to join us after Mass next Saturday, January 21 to enjoy the tastes of their labor!

Ignite! Campaign Update Commitment Weekend is here!

This weekend marks the end of the Ignite! Campaign at our parish. Blank pledge cards are available in the pews for those who have not pledged. We are incredibly grateful for how our parish has responded to the campaign thus far. Your generosity will have a lasting impact not only on our diocese, but also on our parish. Thank you for your support! You can also pledge online: dmdiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now.

You Can Save Lives!!

Our blood drive is Thursday, January 26 from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. Are you able to donate? Please schedule an appointment (required, no walk-ins yet) by signing up on the bulletin board in the vestibule at St. Mary or visiting www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center, 800-287-4903, and tell them you wish to sign up to donate at the Elkhart Community Blood Drive.

Volunteers are needed for set up at 9:00am the day of the drive. Please contact Larry Sauer if you wish to help, sauerld@outlook.com / 515-710-2421.

Church Sign

**Give thanks for each day...
You'll never get to live it over again.**

A Prayer During Winter

Lord,

*In the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold and wind can pierce,
remind us of the warmth of your love.*

*In the midst of Winter,
when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early,
remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.*

*In the midst of Winter,
when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth,
when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak,
remind us that Easter is but a short time away.*

And when in our lives

*we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter,
reach out to us with the power of your resurrection
that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light
that alone can take away the darkness of our soul. Amen.*

The next bulletin will be for 2 weeks; if you would like to submit something, please email it to Barb by Noon this Wednesday, January 18. Thank you.

Parish Council

Meeting: Jan. 24, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting, Jan. 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: Feb. 13, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Mon. Jan. 16, Rosary, 6:40 SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 4 from Bondurant and Altoona

Coming Events

- †**Weekend of Jan. 21/22:** Collection for Huxley Food Pantry
- †**Saturday, Jan. 21:** Chili Cook off and Cinnamon Roll Baking contest and meal after 5:00pm Mass
- †**Thursday, Jan. 26:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

Volunteers Still Needed to Provide Parish Meal for Homeless Families

Our parish has been preparing a meal for the families at the Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter on the second Sunday of each month for more than twenty years. **We need volunteers** currently for April, August, September, and December 2023. One or more families or groups can volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal (about 10 families up to 34 people). Covid precautions are taken and up to 3 people can now prepare the meal on-site. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt that can be used for a tax deduction. To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687.

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already volunteered to provide meals in 2023! Your generosity is much appreciated by the homeless families.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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We have decided to reschedule the First Communion parent meeting, as there is just too much information to properly relay it over email. The meetings will be held during the RE sessions on January 18. You are welcome to attend the meeting that best fits your schedule. The meeting will be held in the office and the times are as follows:

Session A meeting: 5:40-6:10.

Session B meeting: 6:35-7:05

If your child is receiving their first communion this year, please RSVP to Geneveve or Tracy.

Sessions

January 18/20

January 25/27

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059
Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

Sessions: Jan. 18, Feb. 1 & 8, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Gatherings: Jan. 18, Feb. 1 & 8, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Sessions: Wednesdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 15: 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

Saint Displays due for 10th graders at February session

Calling All Interested 8th-11th Graders & Parents

NCYC 2023 will take place in Indianapolis November 16-18. We are excited to begin our planning for this amazing pilgrimage. Please join us on Sunday, January 22 following 10:00am Mass for a brief informational meeting about NCYC. We understand this is short notice, however the diocese has put an early bird deadline in place and we would like to be able to pass along the savings to any interested families. If you have questions or are interested but are unable to attend the informational meeting, please contact Melissa at 515-290-2830 or Andrea at 515-240-5059. We look forward to planning this wonderful faith filled experience.

End of Year Statements

To receive your year end statement, please email Candy, bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org or contact the office, 515-367-2685, with a request to email or print/mail your statement. In an effort to save money, we do not automatically mail out these statements to everyone.

2023 Youth Tithes

Children are encouraged to take a tithe packet located in the vestibule, and on the paper provided, write their name by the number of the packet they have taken. Thank you for helping your parish!

Packets are dated by first Sunday of January, 2nd Sunday of January and so forth. If there is a 5th Sunday of the month, an envelope for that is in the back of the book.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

January 8 Budget Week 28

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,453	\$5,944

Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$144,382	\$166,435	\$163,130

Ignite! Campaign

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Collected</u>
\$360,000	\$224,065	\$93,120

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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Laudato Si

Contact your mayor and/or City Council members to ask that city resources be used to help our homeless neighbors by cleaning up trash and other waste around homeless encampments. If you are willing and able you can volunteer to take part in the effort. This will help in some measure to improve the quality of life for the homeless population and can help reduce related health problems throughout the city.

See *On Care for Our Common Home* at:

<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Game Time!

The Super Bowl just wouldn't be the same without our S.T.O.R.M. "Super Snack Packs!" Order forms will be available at Mass the weekends of January 28/29 and Feb 4/5. Snack Packs will be distributed after Masses on February 11/12. Thank you for supporting our youth!

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.

Snow Removal

No snow now, but it's Iowa and we know more is coming. Can you help with weekend and/or week day snow removal of sidewalks, etc., at St. Mary? We have the equipment, but need the people power! Thank you for considering helping your parish in his way! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094ea4a722a2fb6-snow1#/>.

Nourish for Caregivers

The next gathering for the faith-based support group *Nourish for Caregivers* will be January 25, 6:00pm at Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines. Questions? Email Deacon Dan Maxcy at danm@holyltrinitydm.org.

Liturgical Ministers January 21/22

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Tim Kautza
Host: Drew Hanlon
Ushers: Drew Hanlon, Glenn Hobin
Music: Maggie Bruce, Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector: Jackie Crouse
Altar Servers: Titus & Zeke Weber
Usher: Sandra Hunter

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Jill Swanson
Host Distributor: Mike Nehring
Ushers: Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music: Jen Linderblood, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

January 15: Kathy Daup, Dona Cowman
January 22: Sue White, Trish Morris



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours -- or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.

Additional Options for Tithing

Auto Debit: You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on the 15th or the 30th. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Candy at bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org or find the form on the table at church or on the home page of our website.

Online Giving: This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithing donation. No fees! The Foundation sends gift receipts.

Thank you for considering using one of these for your tithing.



Winter Weather Cancellations

Whenever North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening school activities are cancelled due to weather, classes, meetings and activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - both daily and weekend - will not be cancelled, so please use your own judgment. If the need arises to cancel weekend activities, it will be on three major TV networks and WHO radio.

Young Adults

Join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, January 24, 6:00pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center for an evening of networking and fellowship. Complimentary drinks and appetizers provided. Featured speaker: Dr. Dan Ryan, President of Dowling Catholic High School. Register today at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn.

Marriage is a Journey!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Call 563-920-9419 for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14/15

Theme: God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.

Reading I: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 • I will make you a light to the nations. To the ends of the earth.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 • Grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34 • Now I have seen for myself.

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the Gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?