



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28/29, 2023

Dear Good People,

I just wanted to remind you of a few housekeeping things. First of all, we are looking for people to serve on Parish Council and Finance Council. Please pray about this and let me or someone on the councils know if you would be willing to serve.

Secondly, just a reminder that Wednesday, November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation or as I say a Holy Day of Opportunity. We will have mass at St. Mary's at 7AM and 6:30 PM. Nov. 2nd is not a holy day of obligation, but we remember that praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. We will have mass at St. Mary's at 8 AM and Mass at Holy Cross at 6:30 PM. Maybe next year we can have mass in the cemetery itself (weather permitting) something to think about.

Finally, I want to thank Delila Roberts for bringing us some nice pumpkins to decorate our homes. I also want to thank everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat. We had fine weather and a great turnout. What an awesome way to continue to build community! Thank you all again! 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

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

See inside for varied schedule this week.

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 and Reconciliation

Tuesday, October 31

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Francis Hanlon

Wednesday, Nov. 1 All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation

7:00am Mass, St. Mary †Irene Anderson

6:30pm Mass, St. Mary *For the Health of Ryan O'Connell*

Thursday, November 2 All Souls' Day

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Edward & Jessie Ross

6:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Bill Davis

First Friday, November 3

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Jean Hurd

Saturday, November 4

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, November 5

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Tom Morris

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

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be worthy
of the promises of Christ. Amen.

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

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 rparker@dmdiocese.org or 515-367-2685 or Deacon Schleisman at 515-669-6158 or digiterry@netscape.net.

All Saints and All Souls' Day

Masses for All Saints Day, 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.

Book of Remembrance

This Book is in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses during November.

InnerVision Healthcare

Please return your baby bottle with your donation (checks made out to InnerVision) in the next few weeks. Thank you for supporting InnerVision's mission. Visit www.ivhcare.org to learn more.

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!

Parish Council

Meeting: November 21, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting, November 28, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

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

Knights of Columbus

Nov. 20, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations

Team 6, Alleman, Baxter, Des Moines, Mingo, Mitchellville, Prairie City, Sheldahl, Slater

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

- † **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; Sunday after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm — Buildings & Grounds collection at Masses — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am & 10:00am Masses
- † **Weekend of Nov. 11 & 12:** Blessing of Veterans at Masses



Blood Drive This Thursday!

We have numerous appointments available for our Drive being held from 3:00-7:00m in the Social Hall. Give the gift of life!! Appointments are required; sign up online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org. It only takes about 30-45 minutes from check-in to check-out. Contact Larry Sauer at sauerld@outlook.com or 515-710-2421 for more information.

Thank You

Thank you for the lovely wreath from the church for our mother, Lorraine Campbell's memorial.

Chuck & Cathy Kovacevich and Charlie & Mary Campbell

Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, Nov. 5. Turn your clocks back one hour!



Religious Education: Preschool - 6th Grade

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. This is a day that we celebrate all the men and women who have died, which have been canonized by our church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will not have a session that evening, we hope you will attend Mass with your family. The children from our Session C are volunteering at Mass on November 5. Please see your email for your child's specific role and what time they should be at church. It's donut Sunday, so please plan to stay for fellowship after the Mass.

Upcoming Sessions

November 1- No Sessions, All Saints Day,
Masses at 7:00am & 6:30pm at St. Mary
November 5- Session C volunteers at 10:00am Mass
November 8- Regular Sessions
November 15- Regular Sessions

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

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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EDGE 7th & 8th

Nov. 1: No Session, Please attend Mass with your family at 7:00am or 6:30pm at St. Mary

Nov. 8: Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

No Session on Nov. 15, 22 or 29

9th & 10th Confirmation:

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.

Sunday, Nov. 26, 11:00am (after Mass) - Noon: 10th grade only session, youth room downstairs at St. Mary

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6:00-7:30pm: 9th & 10th grade family session, Social Hall

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Nov. 1: No gathering, attend Mass with your family at 7:00am or 6:30pm at St. Mary

Gathering: Nov. 8, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Room

No gathering on Nov. 15, 22 or 29

Note From the Cemetery Committee

In preparation for Winter, please plan to remove all your grave site decorations at Holy Cross Cemetery by this **Wednesday, Nov. 1.** If the headstones have vases attached and flowers are secured well, they can stay. Any free standing items must be removed; if they are not they will be collected and disposed of by the committee. Thank you.

Work of Our Hands

Enjoy a fun, relaxing time sampling food and finding out more about the goods and services provided by our parishioners at our Work of Our Hands Fall Festival next weekend on Saturday from 3:00 - 4:45pm and after Mass until 7:30pm and on Sunday after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm. You'll find locally grown meat, eggs, and honey; handmade crafts; elegant and faith-oriented dinnerware; quality cookware and kitchen tools; natural skin care and professional makeup products; sustainable cleaning and personal care products available for purchase. See you at the festival!

Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$7,069	\$6,114	Oct. 15
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$1,605	\$6,114	Oct. 22

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$73,083	\$103,933	\$82,364

Food Pantry Collection: \$542.66

Mass Attendance: Oct. 14/15: 227 / Oct. 21/22: 238

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$50,045	\$47,775	\$2,270	\$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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Laudato Si

When driving long distances or not in stop-and-go traffic, use your vehicle's cruise control. You could increase your fuel mileage as much as 15 percent, which will reduce carbon emissions. See more at:

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

We Are Going On a Pilgrimage!

In about 19 days, 18 SM-HC teens and adults will be embarking on an amazing pilgrimage to Indianapolis to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. We will travel by charter bus 500+ miles to join 20,000 other Catholic teens and leaders. We plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participate in daily Mass, take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, worship, and music. We will attend sessions that feature incredible Catholic speakers, dynamic story tellers, fantastic musicians and lovers of faith.

We have been blessed with support! With your generosity we have almost reached our financial goal. We will hold our final NCYC fundraiser, "Move the NCYC Bus" after Masses the weekends of November 4/5 and 11/12. We ask that you prayerfully consider purchasing \$1 "ticket(s)" to sponsor "miles along the trip to Indianapolis". Stop by the tables after Mass to learn more! Thank you for your love, prayers and support! *God IS good, ALL the time!*

Huxley Clothes Pantry

This pantry is manned by volunteers from various churches all year long. Our parish is in charge of providing volunteers in December. It is open to the public most Wednesdays (5:00 to 7:00pm), Saturdays (10:00am to Noon) and Sundays (1:00 to 3:00pm). If you would be willing to help for a 2 hour shift, please contact the parish office, 515-367-2685 or bliske@saintmaryhc.org. Thank you. The pantry is closed December 23, 24 and 31.

Liturgical Ministers November 4 & 5

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector	Lorrie Hanlon
Host Distributor	Drew Hanlon
Cup Bearers	Lisa Schoening, Susan Stillmunkes
Altar Servers	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Ushers	Drew Hanlon, Bill Schmitt
Music	Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer	Michele Hand
Altar Server	Claire & Oliver Hand
Usher	Jerry & Patty Hilton
Music	Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector	RE Student
Host Distributor	Di Schleisman
Cup Bearers	Greg Feldmann, Tracy Miller
Altar Servers	RE Students
Ushers	RE Students, Andrew Cory
Music	RE Students, Sue Schmidt, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

October 29: Sue White, Kathy Daup

November 5: Sue White, Kathy Daup

November 12: Brenda Nehring, Sharon Morris

Change of Date for Confirmation Service Day!

Saturday, November 4, 8:00am-Noon. If you, or someone you know, would like some help with yard work, there's still time to sign up! Fill out the form in the vestibule and drop it in the box provided or contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014.

Trunk or Treat

The weather cooperated and what a beautiful evening it turned out to be. We had around 150 trunk or treat participants and it was a wonderful way to show the community how welcoming and hospitable our little parish truly is. There were 15 creative trunks and a special visit from the Elkhart Fire Department. The S.T.O.R.M youth were hard at work hosting the different game and activity stations. Thank you to all who donated candy and time to make this such an enjoyable event.

We collected items for the *Mary's Helping Hands* organization as well. We would like to fill a few baskets with items needed to help this important organization. If you are able, please consider purchasing a few of the following items: formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and diaper cream. These items will help *Mary's Helping Hands* with their mission to provide hope, love and support for expecting mothers who need a helping hand with basic needs for their child's first year of life. We will continue to collect baby items through mid-November. Look for the tall box in the vestibule labeled *Mary's Helping Hands*.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the young church!

Help With Veteran's Day Avenue of Flags

Could you assist with raising the flags at Holy Cross on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 5:00pm? Each session lasts about 30 minutes. Please contact Lynn Schreurs at 515-577-8147 or lschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer, for more information, or if inclement weather. Thank you! *Note: Future flag prices for 2024 will be \$250 due to price increases.*

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, bliske@saintmaryhc.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 28/29

Theme: The Greatest Commandment - "Love".

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26 • Take care to be just, especially to widows and the poor.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 • Your faith is an example for others.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 • The great commandment.

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

Question for Adults: Share how each of these two commandments has become part of your life.