

St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9 & 10

Dear Good People,

I hope this letter finds you well. I just wanted to take a quick moment and acknowledge all of our faith formation leaders and catechists. I have noticed that they have been putting in a tremendous amount of work as they prepare for faith formation this year. So a giant thank you to them. I am sure God will bless their work abundantly. I am so excited to welcome the young people back for faith formation. We kicked off the year with holy mass and we are getting right into the swing of things.

Just an update for me. September is kind of a busy time as I have to help the seminarians transition back into school for the fall, so that takes quite a bit of my time. I am also heading to Rome for the diaconate ordination of Mike Mahoney. I will be gone Sept. 24th-Oct. 1st. I am looking forward to that. Speaking of the seminarians you will be getting some information in the mail about supporting the seminarians financially. We do this every year around this time. Your generosity regarding this is greatly appreciated. We will not do a formal second collection at mass, because again, you will be getting this information in the mail. Thank you again and please pray for an increase of vocations (all vocations) in the diocese of Des Moines. Just know that all of you are prayed for each day and many blessings to all of you! 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

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, September 12 8:00am Mass, St. Mary	+ Ardy McDermott				
Wednesday, September 1	13				
5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross	† Pat Phelan				
Thursday, September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross				
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	† Mary Newell				
Friday, September 15					
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	† Donnie & Rita Smith				
Saturday, September 16					
4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary					
5:00pm Mass, St. Mary	<i>+ Catherine Richardson Fanion</i>				
Sunday, September 17					
8:00am Mass, Holy Cross	People of the Parish				
10:00am Mass, St. Mary	† John & Fran Cory				

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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



We celebrate this feast this Thursday with 8:00am Mass at St. Mary.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the

basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149. However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

Becoming Catholic

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic way of life or have you been Catholic all your life, but have not celebrated Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation and want to do so? All are welcomed into an inquiry community to ask questions, discuss experiences and discover more about who we are as Catholic people. If you or someone you know would like to find out how we can help you on your faith journey, please contact Fr. Parker, rparker@dmdiocese.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.

Prayer Before the Holy Cross

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You have suffered death on the Cross for our sins. Oh, Holy Cross of Jesus, be my true light! Oh, Holy Cross, fill my soul with good thoughts. Oh, Holy Cross, ward off from me all things that are evil. Oh, Holy Cross, ward off from me all dangers and deaths and give me life everlasting! Oh, Crucified Jesus of Nazareth, have mercy on me now and forever. Lord Jesus Christ, through Your suffering the Cross grant me strength to bear my Cross without fear or dread and give me the grace that I may follow You. Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: Sept. 19, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council Meeting, Sept. 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Meetings: Sept. 11, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus Sept. 18, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations: Team 5 from Elkhart and Cambridge

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 Sept. 16/17: Maxwell Food Pantry Collection
- Sunday, Sept. 17: Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- Thursday, Sept. 21: Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9:00am, Social Hall

Card Shower to Celebrate 101 Years!!

You are invited to celebrate Mary Ann Cory on her 101st birthday this Thursday, Sept. 14! Birthday wishes can be mailed to her at 3230 NW 102nd Ave, Ankeny, IA 50021.

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; 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 the Maxwell Food Pantry.

Religious Education Registration

We are still accepting registrations, but can't guarantee your preferred time for PreS-6th Grades. Register online: <u>https://forms.gle/ DFn61LKez5juiYx48</u>, or fill out a paper form (on the website and in the vestibule) and send to the office.

Religious Education: Preschool to 6th Grade

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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

We begin our Sessions this week with Good Starts. Good Starts are abbreviated Sessions aimed at easing the children back into the environment. Good Starts will be the first 45 minutes of each session. This will be for the next two sessions. We look forward to getting back to the classroom with your children and encountering Christ with them!

September 13- Good Starts-45 minute sessions September 20- Good Starts- 45 minute sessions September 27- Regular Sessions

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

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, <u>mkahler@saintmaryhc.org</u>, 515-290-2830 Andrea Fisher, <u>afisher@saintmaryhc.org</u>, 515-240-5059 Nicole Cory, <u>ncory@saintmaryhc.org</u>, 515-313-3014

EDGE 7th & 8th

Sept. 13: EDGE parent AND teen meeting from 6:00-7:00pm, Social Hall.

Sept. 20: EDGE Session Kick Off, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

9th & 10th Confirmation:

9th Grade Session: Sunday, Sept. 10, 11:00am (after Mass) to Noon in the Youth Room downstairs at St. Mary.

10th Grade Session: Sunday, Sept. 24, 11:00am (after

Mass) to Noon in the Youth Room downstairs at St. Mary. Teen (9th/10th) / Adult Session: Wednesday Sept. 27, 6:00

-7:30pm in the Social Hall at St. Mary.

If you haven't already registered your child please do as soon as possible.

Please contact Nicole Cory if you have any questions.

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Sept. 13: NO Youth Gathering due to EDGE parent meeting Sept. 20: Youth Gathering/Kick Off, 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room

Thank You For Your Vote!

Thank you everyone for participating in the ISU/Iowa Bucket Vote NCYC Fundraiser. We made a total of \$241.50. As usual, ISU swept the vote bringing in a whopping \$182.50 while Iowa's voting was \$47. \$14 from those of you who didn't care who won.

Additional Options for Tithing

Auto Debit: Designate a monthly amount for withdrawal from your account on the 15th or 30th of each month. To begin ACH or if you have questions, please contact Candy at <u>bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org</u>. The form is also on the table at church and the home page of our website.

Online Giving: Go to <u>https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/</u> <u>make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/</u> and choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation sends gift receipts. Thank you!

Thank you to those who already use one of these for tithing.

Weekly Collection Financial Update September 3 Budget Week 10 Received Budget Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund \$6.013 \$6.114 Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund Received Budget Last Year \$61,137 \$42,238 \$43,705 Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$1176 Mass Attendance: September 3/4: 220 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal Assessed Pledged Paid Unpaid Amt. Due \$50,215 \$47,815 \$55,196 \$2,400 \$7,381

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Laudato Si

Consider planting trees and/or shrubs next to your house. They will help keep you cool naturally in warmer weather, lessening the desire for air conditioning, and they help to pull carbon from the atmosphere. See more at: https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home.

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>.

Ukraine: The War Drags On

Join us at Emmaus House on Thursday. September 14 as Father Jim Kirby shares stories and photographs from his third trip to Ukraine.

"The horrible war in Ukraine continues. The Ukrainian people are tired but resilient. I recently returned from my third trip to Ukraine since the war started and as with each trip there, I meet amazing people, doing herculean things everyday. There is constant need for support physically, mentally and spiritually. This past trip I was able to accompany the Rotary club "Kharkiv Nadiya" toward the front where we supported the military and civilians with the supplies we collected this past spring. I was also able to accompany the organization of Women For a Free Ukraine as they visited the hospitals and supported the wounded soldiers. It is always an honor to accompany the brave soldiers and civilians in their constant work in the midst of this horrible war. I plan to return to Ukraine at the end of December this year." ~ Fr. Jim Kirby Learn more and register at

https://www.theemmaushouse.org/upcoming-events

SAY Recycling one ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1,000–2,000 gallons of gasoline.

Liturgical Ministers September 16 & 17

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

LectorBill SextonHost DistributorKris SextonCup BearersLisa Schoening, Bill SextonAltar ServersVolunteers neededUshersBrodie Gilligan FamilyMusicDrew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector	Heidi Ackerman
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Servers	Claire & Oliver Hand
Usher	Jerry & Patty Hilton
Music	Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector	Jill Swanson
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Cup Bearers	Jacki Ausman, Jill Swanson
Altar Servers	Emma Swanson, Hailey Conover
Ushers	Tom & Jacki Ausman
Music	Garrett McClain, Karon Lacey,
	Maggie Bruce

Money Counters

Sept. 10: Kathy Daup, Trish Morris Sept. 17: Trish Morris, Dona Cowman

Anniversary of 9/11 Prayer

O God, our hope and refuge,

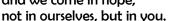
in our distress we come quickly to you.

Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness,

a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laving down their lives for friends.

We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity. We come remembering and we come in hope,



As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security.

In commemorating this tragedy,

we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.

- Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon

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The Third Option - Building a Better Marriage

This FREE marriage enrichment for couples is starting again October 9. This program is for all couples whether they are facing obstacles in their marriage or just trying to make a good thing better! Couples will walk through 14 skills-based workshops, listen to a couple who has overcome comparable frustrations, and provides support group discussions on suggested exercises/tools. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Mercy College, 928 6th Ave, DSM. Please park in the north parking lot and enter the Northeast doors. The workshop is held from 7:00-9:00pm and participants are welcome to join anytime.

If you have questions, or would like to register contact Julie Burdt at 515-201-4766 or <u>julie.burdt@gmail.com</u> or Adam Storey at <u>astorey@dmdiocese.org</u>.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 9 & 10

Theme: We are called to help one another grow as a community of faith.

Reading I: Ezekiel 33:7-9 • The wicked will not prosper.

Reading II: Romans 13:8-10 • Whoever loves his or her neighbor, fulfills the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 • When you join yourselves together in faith, I am with you.

Question for Children: What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

Question for Adults: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.

