



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073

Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



“Come and See”

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 13/14, 2024**

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*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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## Parish Information

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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](http://www.vocationsonline.org)

## Mass and Reconciliation

### Tuesday, January 16

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bill Roberts

### Wednesday, January 17

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Patrick Phelan

### Thursday, January 18

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †James H. Fickbohm

### Friday, January 19

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Jack Housby

### Saturday, January 20

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

### Sunday, January 21

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

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

In case of an 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](mailto:rparker@dmdiocese.org).



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more? If so, join us for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). All are welcome! Gatherings are held 11:00am to 12:30pm on Sundays beginning today through April 28 (location will vary). Today's meeting is in the Youth Area in the Ed Center. Please contact Nicole Cory for more information, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014.



## Chili and Cinnamon Rolls!

We have eight entries for our chili cook-off and our Cinnamon Roll bake-off has two! It's not too late to enter one (or both!) of these contests; please contact Tammi at 515-290-3904 or [tammimcclain71@gmail.com](mailto:tammimcclain71@gmail.com). All are invited to join us after Mass next Saturday, January 20 to enjoy the tastes of their labor!

## Blood Drive

Thursday, January 25, 3:00 - 7:00pm in the Social Hall. There is no substitution for the blood supply that is in so much of a demand. Only you can make the difference in helping to saving lives by making this special donation. Appointments are required; no walk ins. Schedule at: [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/). Volunteers and treats are needed; please contact Larry Sauer, [sauerld@outlook.com](mailto:sauerld@outlook.com) / 515-710-2421.



## Bulletin Deadline

The next bulletin will be for two weeks, January 21 & 28. If you would like to submit something for this bulletin, please email it to the office by 9:00am this Wednesday. Thank you.

## Morning Prayer

Gracious God,  
Thank you for the gift of today.  
Refresh me. Invite me to discover your presence  
in each person that I meet  
and every event that I encounter.  
Teach me when to speak and when to listen  
When to ponder and when to share.  
In moments of challenge and decision  
attune my heart to the whisperings of your Wisdom.  
As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks,  
gift me with simple joy.  
When my day goes well, may I rejoice.  
When it grows difficult,  
surprise me with new possibilities.  
When life is overwhelming,  
call me to Sabbath moments  
to restore your Peace and Harmony.  
May my living today reveal your Goodness. Amen.

- Pat Bergen, C.S.J.

### Parish Council

Meeting: January 16, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting, January 23, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting: Feb. 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Gatherings: Sundays now through April 28, 11:00am-12:30pm, location varies

### Knights of Columbus

Jan. 14, 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 here at the parish.

To reach him please email, call or text:

[rparker@dmdiocese.org](mailto:rparker@dmdiocese.org) or 515-720-3434.

### Upcoming Parish Office & St. Mary's Building Hours

Monday, Jan. 22: Open 10:00am to 1:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Open 10:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Closed

Thursday, Jan. 25: Open 10:00am to Noon

Friday, Jan. 26: Closed

Monday, Jan. 29: Open 10:00am to 1:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 30: Open 10:00am to 1:00pm

If you need in the building at other times, contact Fr. Parker.

## Coming Events

- † **Next Weekend:** Collection for Huxley Food Pantry
- † **Saturday, Jan. 20:** Chili cook off and Cinnamon Roll contest after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall
- † **Sunday, Jan. 21:** Noon - 4:30pm Social Hall in use
- † **Thursday Jan. 25:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- † **Saturday, Jan. 27:** 9:00am - 3:00pm Social Hall in use

## Religious Education: Preschool - 6th Grade

### Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150  
Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

We hope you enjoyed the snow this past week! Just a reminder- when North Polk cancels, so will we. Considering so many of us are from different communities, always consider your situation in determining your ability to make it to RE safely. We are looking forward to this growing time after the great feast of Christmas to delve into the parables and different parts of the Mass. Some of our older children will begin their study on Abraham- the father of our faith. As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like the opportunity to observe in the classroom.

### Upcoming Dates

January 17- Regular Sessions  
January 24- Regular Sessions  
January 31- Regular Sessions

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

### Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, [mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:mkahler@saintmaryhc.org), 515-290-2830  
Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org), 515-240-5059  
Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

### EDGE (7th & 8th Grades)

**Sessions:** Jan. 17 & 24, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

### Confirmation (9th & 10th Grades)

**Sunday, Jan. 14,** 11:00am (after Mass) - 12:30pm: 9th grade Teen/Parent Workshop, Social Hall

**Sunday, Jan. 28,** 11:00am (after Mass) - Noon: 10th Grade only session, Youth Room at St. Mary

**Wednesday, Jan. 31,** 6:00-7:30pm: 9th & 10th Grade family session, Social Hall

### STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Grades)

**Gatherings:** Jan. 17 & 24, 7:30-9:00pm, Hall

## 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 Huxley Food Pantry.

## End of Year Statements

To receive your year end statement, please email Candy, [bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org](mailto: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.

## 2024 Youth Tithes

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

## Change of Information?

Moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline? New email? Your adult children moved away and/or joined another parish? Please email the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. *Thank you!*

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

January 5 Budget Week 28

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$3,130	\$6,114

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$137,567	\$171,183	\$141,929

Mass Attendance: January 6/7: 257

Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$3168.18

## Count Your Blessings...Not Your Problems.

## 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 switching to, or at least trying, a shampoo bar rather than bottled shampoo for your hair. A bar typically comes with minimal packaging, and when it is gone there is no container to recycle or toss in the trash. 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, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org).



## The Snow Came and Will Come Again!

We have the equipment, but need people power at St. Mary! We currently have no volunteers signed up. A list of activities will be emailed to you. Sign up to help out at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA4A722A2FB6-46550958-sidewalk>. Contact Bill Schmitt, 515-291-8005 / [isucui@isualum.com](mailto:isucui@isualum.com) with questions. Thank you in advance!

## Additional Options for Tithing

**Auto Debit:** Please consider using this type of tithing. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on the 15th or the 30th. For questions or to begin ACH, contact Candy at [bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org) or find the form on the table on the home page of our website.

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

*Thank you for considering one of these for your tithing, and thank you to those who already use one of these for your tithing.*

## Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

### Saturday, January 20, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Bill Sexton  
Host Distributor Bill Sexton  
Cup Bearers Lisa Schoening, Kris Sexton  
Altar Servers Caleb & Callahan Coffelt  
Ushers Doug Jones, *1 volunteer needed*  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

### Sunday, January 21, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis  
Cup Bearer Laurie Phelan  
Altar Servers Nick Shedd  
Ushers Sandra Hunter  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

### Sunday, January 21, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Greg Feldmann  
Host Distributor Tim Loraditch  
Cup Bearers Greg Feldmann, *1 volunteer needed*  
Altar Servers Peyton & Justice Loraditch  
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory  
Music Jen Linderblood, Mary Snyder

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## Money Counters

January 14: Sue White, Dona Cowman  
January 21: Kathy Daup, Trish Morris



Each year, Americans throw out enough soda cans and bottles to reach the moon and back 20 times.

## 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 Masses or activities, it will be on TV Channel 8 only.

## Thank You

Parish of St. Mary-Holy Cross,

Thank you so much for helping us care for the families we serve at the Catholic Charities' Emergency Shelter by providing a meal once a month. Our mission is to *Empower Individuals and Strengthen Families* and we do so daily with dignity, compassion and respect. Thank you again for your generosity and kindness!

*Bobbi Jo Smith & Randy Jansen, Catholic Charities*

## 9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, beginning this Tuesday, January 16 through Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).

## Nourish for Caregivers

This is an on-going ministry that gathers once a month to support the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. *Nourish* gives you the tools and resources to help you connect with your faith and encounter Christ, so you can see the grace and blessings in your caregiving journey. *Nourish for Caregivers* gatherings focus on issues pertinent to all caregiving, whether you are caring for an aging parent, spouse or disabled child. The next meeting is Thursday, January 25 from 6:00-7:00pm at St. Pius X Parish (DSM) in the Archangels room.

For additional information contact Deacon Dan Maxcy at [danm@holytrinitydm.org](mailto:danm@holytrinitydm.org) or Deacon Jim Houston at [pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@saintpiuschurch.org).

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 13/14

*Theme: God calls us to follow Christ.*

*Reading I:* 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 • Here I am. You called me.

*Reading II:* 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 • You belong to Christ.

*Gospel:* John 1:35-42 • We have found the Messiah!

*For Children:* What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

*For Youth:* Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

*For Adults:* In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?