



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10/11, 2022

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 and Reconciliation

Wednesday, Sept. 14 ~ Feast of the Holy Cross

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Maureen Connors

Thursday, September 15

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Isaac Beying

Saturday, September 17

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary Keith & Norine Harvey

Sunday, September 18

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross People of the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernardine Gorman

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. Michael Amadeo, 515-249-5015.

Ignite! Campaign to Begin this Fall

This fall, our parish will participate in the Ignite! Campaign. All 80 churches in our Diocese will take part in this historic campaign. The effort will positively impact our Catholic schools, parishes, priests, seminarians, and every family in Southwest Iowa. Our parish will keep 50% of all funds raised. You can learn more about the campaign goals at: dmidiocese.org/giving/ignite. Our Goal: \$360,000.

Be on the lookout for regular updates in the weeks ahead!

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

We celebrate this feast on Wednesday of this week with Mass at Holy Cross at 5:30pm.

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.

Your Assistance is Welcome (and needed!)

We are looking for helpers for our Preschool-6th grade Religious Ed Program on Wednesday evenings from 4:45-6:15pm. We provide the materials, we just need you to say yes! Pray about it and let us know! Please contact Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981 or Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150.

Gather With Us!

This Thursday, join us at 9:00am in the Social Hall. We play board games or cards, work on crafts, or just visit with fellow parishioners. This is for guys too!!

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: September 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: September 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: September 12, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Building & Grounds

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

Knights of Columbus

Sept. 18: 6:40pm Rosary, 7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 2 from Maxwell, Colfax, Collins, Nevada

Coming Events

- †**This weekend:** The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette Appeal at our Parish; Fr. Thomas Vellapallil, MS is our Mass celebrant
- †**Monday, Sept. 12:** Training for Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, Sept. 15:** Crafts, games & conversation, 9:00am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of Sept. 17/18:** Collection for Maxwell Food Pantry
- †**Sunday Sept. 18:** Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross sponsored by K of C

Can You Spare an Hour or Two Every Other Week to be Jesus to Someone?

Our parish is in need of implementing a ministry to bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners. And, of course, this requires volunteers! We would like to get enough people signed up so that the time commitment will be minimal. Not a Eucharistic Minister currently? No problem! We have a training session on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Additional training will be offered if needed. Please prayerfully consider being part of this opportunity to bring the Body of Christ and a much-needed personal visit to those in our parish who are no longer able to physically be with us at Mass each week. Please contact Deacon Terry with any questions, 515-669-6758 / digiterry@netscape.net.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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

We had a great first week of class last week. Just a reminder this week is also a shorter session of 45 minutes.

We are still looking for assistants in our early session starting at 4:45. Teenagers are welcome to help too.

Sept. 14: Session A 4:45-5:30pm; Session B 6:30-7:15pm

Sept. 16: Session C 9:00-9:45am

Sept. 21 & 28: Session A 4:45-6:15pm; Session B 6:30-7:45pm

Sept. 23 & 30, Session C 9:00-11:30am

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Please register for classes! Forms are on the website and available at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Please email form to bliske@saintmaryhc.org, drop it off at the office or mail it in.

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830
Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059

EDGE (7th & 8th Graders)

Sept. 14: EDGE session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Sept. 21: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Sept. 14: Youth Gathering/Kick Off 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room

Sept. 21: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

Wednesday, Sept. 28, Confirmation Session 1, 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall — Don't forget to fill out a registration form for your child if you haven't already.

If You Have a 7th or 8th Grader....

We invite you to register and join us for faith formation through our EDGE middle school ministry program. We meet most Wednesdays from September 2022 through April 2023 from 6:00-7:30pm in St. Mary's Social Hall. If you have questions please contact Andrea, Nicole or Melissa.

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Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for pancakes and sausage and a time of fellowship after the 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, September 18. The breakfast is prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus.

Listen to Creation

Pope Francis exhorts us to listen to the voice of creation during this year's ecumenical Season of Creation which began September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on October 4 with the feast of St. Francis. If we are attentive to God's presence in the natural world, we can hear a kind of dissonance ... a sweet song in praise of our Creator and an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of our common home. You can find Pope Francis' short care of creation message at www.saintmaryhc.org/seasonofcreation2022.

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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Weekly Collection Financial Update

September 4 Budget Week 10

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$6,568	\$5,944
<i>Year to Date:</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Budget</i>
	\$45,369	\$59,441
		<i>Last Year</i>
		\$46,476

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$53,015	\$50,815	\$2,200	\$3,929

Pledge cards available in vestibule; return by mail or collection basket. Checks payable to Diocese of Des Moines. Donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown.



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.

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.*

Change of Information?

Moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline? New email? Please email the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. *Thank you!*

Healing Service

Join us for this service on Wednesday Sept. 21, 5:30pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral. All are invited to experience God's healing presence.

Eucharistic Banner & Poster Exhibition of 150 Miracles

Venerable Carlo Acutis, an Italian teen whose beatification Pope Francis approved in February, is known for his gift for computer programming. Carlo is known to have called the Eucharist his "highway to heaven". The summer after his 14th birthday, he spent researching Eucharistic miracles and creating a website to catalog and share the information with others. The website Carlo created was the genesis of [The Eucharistic Miracles of the World](#), an international exhibition.

Please join us and take time to admire this beautiful exhibit at St. Theresa Church and Parish Hall (1230 Merle Hay Road) September 27 - 30 and October 3-7: 8:30am - 8:30pm
October 1 and October 8-9: 8:00am - Noon, 3:00 - 7:00pm
October 10: 8:30am - 8:30pm

Please enter through carport door on west side of building.

September 17 & 18 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Bob Selby
Host Distributor Tony Kuehn
Ushers Brodie Gillian Family
Music Drew Hanlon Terri Hamm, Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Jackie Crouse
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema
Music Jen Linderblood, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector David Green
Host Distributor Mike Nehring
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music Garrett McClain, Karon Lacey, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

Sept. 12: Dona Cowman, Kathy Daup
Sept. 19: Sue White, Kathy Daup

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 laying 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,
not in ourselves, but in you.

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



Join the Diocese of Des Moines as We Celebrate the Gift of the Sacrament of Marriage!

Bishop Joensen will be celebrating two anniversary Masses this fall to pray with, bless and honor couples celebrating milestone anniversaries. Certificates of blessing and reserved seating is available for couples celebrating 1, 10, 25 and 50+ years of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass.

Saturday, October 1, 4:00pm, St. Ambrose Cathedral, DSM
Saturday, October 15, 5:00pm, St. Michael Parish, Harlan

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdiocese.org

Church Sign

Laughter is a Mini Vacation

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 17/18

*Theme: Come home. God's forgiveness is always there.
God forgives before we even ask for forgiveness.*

Reading I: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 • God has mercy on us.

Reading II: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 • God has treated us mercifully.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 • God is watching for us to return to him.

Question for Children: The father in this story welcomed his son home, even after he ran away and did bad things. How do you know God welcomes you after you do that?

Question for Youth: The prodigal son was welcomed home even though he had sinned. How hard is it for you to ask for forgiveness? Is it hard for you to believe that you are still loved even when you have sinned?

Question for Adults: When you wander away from being true to your faith, how do you know God will take you back? What signs do you see?