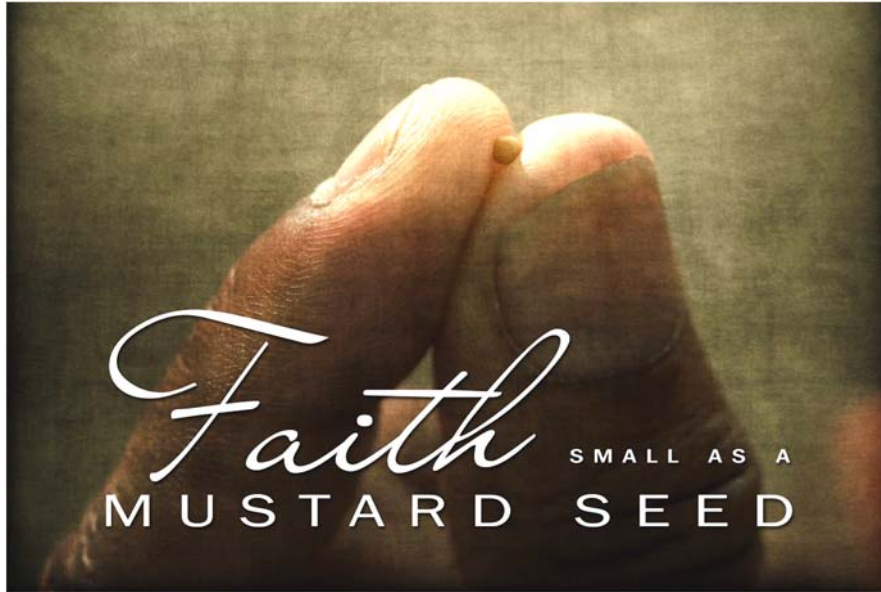




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1 & 2, 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, Reconciliation and Rosary

Wednesday, October 5

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Stephen & Michael Carpenter

Thursday, October 6

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bill Hurd

Rosary Prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Saturday, October 8

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, October 9

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Craig Hand

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

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit



Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith this little one who has been baptized:

Mason Edwin

Son of Nicholas and Kristen Schramm

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome *Shelby Duncan and Casey Meeker* who live in Elkhart.

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.

Pray the Rosary with Us



Please join us twenty minutes before each weekend Mass this month to pray the Rosary.

If you'd like to lead the Rosary, please email Anne Davis, annedavis06@gmail.com.



Blessing of Pets

Bring all your pets to St. Mary parking lot at 1:00pm today (Sunday) for a blessing to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of ecology and animals.

Buildings and Grounds Collection

The Buildings and Grounds Committee would again like to recognize and express our appreciation to HRTLND (Heartland) Companies for the excellent work they did with repairing the water damage to the Sanctuary of St. Mary's Church. It looks fantastic! Thank you!

The funds collected in our second collection this weekend will be allocated to repair the water and structural damage of the steeple at St. Mary's. If you have any questions please contact a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Thank you for your support.

Church Sign

God believes in you!

Harvest Time Prayer

Gracious and Holy God,

We thank you for the bounty of the land and for those who plant and harvest that the world might be fed.

We are grateful for the harvest that has been successfully and safely completed.

And, we pray that you graciously watch over those farmers yet to complete their harvest.

Grant them favorable weather and keep them safe.

Where there is anxiety, give peace.

Where there is depression, restore hope.

Where there is economic uncertainty, grant protection.

Life-giving God, we trust in your faithfulness and your promise to abide with us always.

So, we are bold to pray that joy and gladness be restored to our farms, orchards and ranches.

We pray in the name of Jesus,

in whom we have our hope and salvation. Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: October 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: October 18, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: October 10, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Oct. 16: 6:40pm Rosary, 7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 3 from Ankeny

Coming Events

- †**Oct. 1 & 2 Weekend:** Building & Ground collection — Wine & Cheese after 5pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8am & 10am Masses — Blessing of Pets, 1pm St. Mary parking lot — Life Chain, 2:00 - 3:30pm, Des Moines
- †**Weekend of Oct. 8/9:** Kick off for Ignite Campaign
- †**Weekend of Oct. 15/16:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny
- †**Sunday, Oct. 16:** Road trip to Summerset Winery in Indianola, 12:30-5:00pm
- †**Thursday, Oct. 20:** Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9am Social Hall
- †**Saturday, October 22:** Spaghetti Dinner after 5pm Mass

Ignite! Campaign: What to Expect

October 8 & 9 marks the official start of our Ignite! Campaign. All 80 parishes in the Diocese of Des Moines are participating in this milestone effort. We are in the third of three waves that are running throughout 2022. This month you will receive a case statement and a letter from Bishop Joensen and Father Amadeo inviting you to participate. After receiving the letter, you may hear from a volunteer who will be available to answer any questions and encourage you to participate. Volunteers will NOT know what is being requested of you. Please know that the request for your support will be an invitation, not an expectation. Consider the request a starting point as you discern what is feasible and meaningful for you and your family.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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We have been delving deeper into the Bible and studying many mysteries! Some of the children have spent a bit of time pondering the three moments of our salvation history; Creation, Redemption and Parousia. Parousia is that time when Jesus comes again and God will be "all in all". The children love pondering this moment and many proclaim; "I hope it happens tomorrow!"

We look forward to spending this time with your children each week. Thank you for making Religious Education an important part of your lives.

October 5/7- Regular Sessions
October 12/14- Regular Sessions
October 18/21- Regular Sessions
October 25- No Session - Trunk or Treat!!
October 27- Regular Session

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

Oct. 5: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall
Oct. 12: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall
No EDGE on Oct. 19- Confirmation Night
Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat: All of S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE, Confirmation, Youth Group) will be needed to help with this

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Oct 5: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room
Oct 12: Youth Gathering 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room
No Youth Group Oct. 19- Confirmation for 9th & 10th grades
Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat: All of S.T.O.R.M (EDGE, Confirmation, Youth Group) will be needed to help with this

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Wednesday, Oct. 19: 6:00-8:00pm, Session 2, Social Hall
Saturday, Oct. 29: 8:00am - 12 Noon, Confirmation/KofC
Community Service Day. Watch for emailed signup genius.

*Don't forget to fill out a registration form
for your child if you haven't already.*

St. Mary's Church Accessibility

There has been some mischievousness around St. Mary's lately so the church will now be locked when the last staff member leaves for the day. This will generally be around 4:00pm; but there will be exceptions, so please call the office to be sure someone is here before stopping by in the afternoon. On the weekends, the building will be open closer to Mass times and then locked after Mass unless we have an event following Mass.

If you need in the church at other times, please contact the office so arrangements can be made.

Thank You

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for your prayers for my Aunt Josephine at her passing. It brought us comfort knowing our parish family was praying for her and our family. *Sharon Morris & Family*

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 25 Budget Week 13

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,118	\$5,944

Year to Date:	Received	Budget	Last Year
	\$61,167	\$77,274	\$62,206

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Refund
\$54,744	\$57,820	\$55,670	\$2,150	\$926

We have met our assessment!! If unpaid balances are paid our refund will be larger! Thank you!!

Laudato Si

Familiarize yourself with life-affirming legislation and with church teaching on the sanctity of life, including St. Pope John Paul's "Evangelium Vitae," which is available online.

See *On Care for Our Common Home* at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Save the Date - Spread the Word!



S.T.O.R.M. (EDGE/LIFETEEN/Confirmation) Youth of our Parish invite you and your family to TRUNK OR TREAT on Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 to 7:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary. (If it rains we will be in the Social Hall.) All Parish families, friends and surrounding community members are welcome to attend!

We will be collecting items for pro-life pregnancy centers. Such as shampoo, conditioner, body soap, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine products, dish soap, laundry soap, multi-purpose cleaner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washcloths, dish towels, diapers Size NB-6, baby lotion and wash, baby wipes.

Wear your costume (non-scary please) and "trunk or treat" at the different cars. Be sure to vote for your favorite decorated car. Games, candy and hot cocoa will all be FREE!

We need your help with this growing community outreach! Please consider donating 1-2 large bags of wrapped candy to hand out to the 200+ trunk or treaters! If you are able to help with this, there will be a tub in the Social Hall labelled "Trunk or Treat Candy". We could also use gently used toys such as happy meal toys, small cars, action figures, tiny baby dollies or even gently used books. We will be collecting these items through October 23!

If you are interested in helping in any way or hosting a trunk, please contact Melissa Kahler at 515-290-2830.

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.*

October 8 & 9 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Susan Selby
Host Distributor Deacon Terry
Ushers Jim Hudson, Bill Schmitt
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Heidi Ackerman
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Kris LeRoy
Host Distributor Mike Nehring
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar
Music Karon Lacey, Sue Schmidt, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

October 3: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman
October 9: Brenda Nehring, Trish Morris



Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours.

Listen to Creation

Pope Francis exhorts us to listen to the voice of creation during this year's ecumenical Season of Creation which began in September 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' message at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2022/documents/20220716-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>.

Sunday Social Road Trip!



Come on this road trip with us to Indianola on Sunday, October 16, where we will enjoy live music and wine at Summerset Winery (bring your own snacks and chair). Carpool leaves St. Mary's parking lot at 12:30pm and we will return to the parking lot around 5:00pm. Contact Beth Hart, 515-306-4916, to join us or with questions.

Parish Gathering!!



All are welcome to attend a spaghetti dinner after Mass on Saturday, October 22. Please bring a dessert to EITHER enter into the dessert contest or share with fellow parishioners. Hope you can make it!! This is a great opportunity to connect or reconnect with your parish family!!

Diocesan Collection for Seminarians

Each registered household received a brochure and return envelope through the mail. Please return your gift directly to the Diocese, or make a gift at dmdiocese.org/giving. Thank you for assisting the men who one day will assist us!

Life Chain

Today (Sunday) from 2:00 - 3:30pm at Des Moines Fellowship Church, 950 - 35th Street in Des Moines. We will stand in unity for the unborn. Join us in rain or shine in our prayerful stand for life. Bring the entire family!

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 1 & 2

Theme: Faith is the anchor and force of life.

Reading I: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 • The just one lives by faithfulness.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 • Stir into flame the gift of God.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 • Increase our faith.

Question for Children: Our faith is powerful and with it, we can do great things. We can forgive, love, and share with others. Which of these do you do most often?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us even a little bit of faith is enough to make amazing things happen. How are you keeping your faith alive and growing? What good things happen in your life because of your faith?

Question for Adults: Being "in Christ" means living as Christ teaches. What signs do you see of generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, or any other of Jesus' teachings?