

St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7/8, 2023

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, October 10

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Rosemary & Leo Overmohle

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † John Krettek

Friday, October 13

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Fr. Gene Koch

Saturday, October 14

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Bill Devereux

Sunday, October 15

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Will & Mikey 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

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.

October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us to pray the Rosary 20 minutes before weekend Masses in October.

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


Blessings Offered

If you would like a blessing for your fields, flocks, pets, house or another blessing, Fr. Parker is more than happy to come to your home for any of these. Please email him for more information at rparker@dmdiocese.org.

InnerVision Healthcare Baby Bottle Campaign

InnerVisions HealthCare's mission is to empower women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. Next weekend you'll find baby bottles in the vestibule; please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks (made out to InnerVisions) and return it the following weekend. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit www.ivhcare.org. Thank you!

Omelet (Scramlette?) Bar

 'Build-Your-Own' creation after 10:00am Mass next Sunday. You'll choose the ingredients and the K of C chefs will prepare your omelet/scramlette! Fruit, mini donuts/toast, coffee, orange juice and water will also be available. Breakfast, Fellowship and No Dishes! Hope to see YOU there. *Free will offering for the College Scholarship Fund.*

The Magnificat, The Prayer of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: October 17, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting, October 24, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: October 9, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

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

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

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

The Parish office is closed October 13 & 16-20
and opens at Noon on October 23.

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

- † **Weekends in October:** Rosary prayed 20 minutes before each Mass
- † **Weekend of Oct. 7/8:** Buildings and Grounds Collection
- † **Saturday, Oct. 7:** Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass
- † **Weekend of Oct. 14/15:** InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign
- † **Sunday, Oct. 15:** Omelet /Scramlette Bar after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall
- † **Thursday, Oct. 19:** Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9:00am, Social Hall

Bulletin Submissions

Next weekend's bulletin will cover 2 weeks. Please email your information to the office by Noon this Wednesday for that bulletin covering October 15 – 28. Thank you.

Religious Education Registration

Register online: <https://forms.gle/DFn61LKez5juiYx48>, or fill out a paper form (on the website and in the vestibule) and send it to the office.

Religious Education: Preschool - 6th Grade

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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

We enjoyed having the children minister at the 10:00am Mass last Sunday. Children from our Session C will be volunteering for Mass on November 5! If your child will not be at this Mass, please let us know as soon as possible.

October 11- Regular Sessions
October 18- Regular Sessions
October 25- Session C, 9:00am
October 25- No evening sessions, attend Trunk or Treat, 6:00-7:00pm at St. Mary

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

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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

EDGE 7th & 8th

Sessions: October 11 & 18, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall
October 25: Trunk or Treat. EDGE teens can come as soon as they are able to set up and will be asked to stay a bit later to help clean up.

9th & 10th Confirmation:

Sunday, Oct. 8, 11:00am (after Mass) - Noon: **9th grade only session**, youth room, downstairs at St. Mary.
Sunday, Oct. 22, 11:00am (after Mass) - Noon: **10th grade only session**, youth room, downstairs at St. Mary.
Saturday, Oct. 28, 8:00am - Noon: Community Service Day; rain date will be Saturday, Nov. 4.
No Wednesday Family Session for the month of October.

STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Gatherings: October 11 & 18, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Room

Becoming Catholic

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.*

Mass Appeal

Our Parish Newsletter was emailed out last week. Hope you took a few minutes to look it over! If you do not have email, there are a few paper copies on the table.

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.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

October 1 Budget Week 14

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$5,406	\$6,114

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$61,287	\$85,592	\$64,584

Mass Attendance: Sept.30/Oct. 1: 284

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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