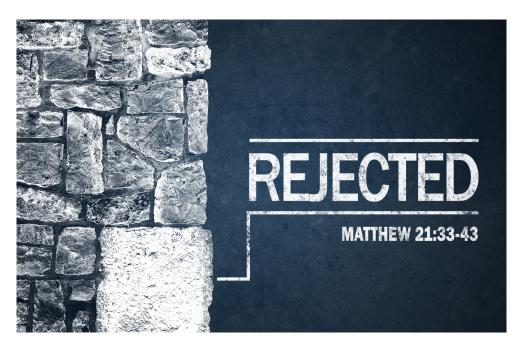


St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



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.

Parish Information

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Deacon Terry Schleisman
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Andrea Fisher - 7th-12th Ministry
Melissa Kahler - 7th-12th Ministry
Barb Liske - Secretary
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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? 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.

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

- ₱ Weekend of Oct. 7/8: Buildings and Grounds Collection
- ₱ Weekend of Oct. 14/15: InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign
- 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 \$6.114 \$5.406

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 \$50,045 \$47,775 \$2,270 \$55,196 \$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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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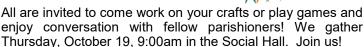
Mike Devereux - devoducks@msn.com

Laudato Si

Consider reducing your coffee or tea consumption to help conserve increasingly scarce water resources. It takes nearly 600 cups of water to grow and process the beans for one cup of coffee, while producing a single cup of tea requires about 130 cups of water. See more at:

https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home.

A Get Together



Host a Trunk for Trunk or Treat & More!

Hope to see you at our TRUNK or TREAT Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6:00-7:00pm at St. Mary. Please plan to participate in hosting a trunk! We ask that you have your cars parked (weather permitting) or tables decorated by 5:45pm.



If you are unable to host a trunk, please consider donating a large bag or two of candy, snacks, small toys and/or trinkets. We will have a large box in the vestibule at St. Mary for your generous donations.

That evening we will be collecting items to donate for an organization called *Mary's Helping Hands* which provides hope, love and support for expecting mothers who need a helping hand with basic needs for their child's first year of life. Items needed are: formula, bottles, diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and diaper cream. If you have any questions, please reach out to Melissa Kahler or Andrea Fisher. Thank you!

Church Sign

Good or bad, your past will live on as long as you choose to recall it.

Liturgical Ministers October 14 & 15

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Tim Kautza Host Distributor Susan Stillmunkes

Cup Bearers Joe Rumbaugh, Tony Kuehn Altar Servers Jack & Tommy Selby

Ushers Joe Rumbaugh, Jin Hudson
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema
Altar Server Titus & Zeke Weber
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema
Music Volunteers needed

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Greg Feldmann Host Distributor Mike Nehring

Cup Bearers Greg Feldmann, Di Schleisman

Altar Servers Jon & Marcus Larsen

Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music Garrett McClain, Karon Lacey,

Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

October 8: Sue White, Trish Morris October 15: Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris



Our Confirmation Students Want to Help You!

Saturday, October 28, the Confirmation students team up with the Knights of Columbus for their 6th annual Fall Community Service Day. If you or someone you know is looking for some help with yard work, please fill out the form in the vestibule and drop it in the provided box. You are also welcome to contact Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014, or Doug Jones, 515-238-4745. The rain makeup date is November 4.

Work Of Our Hands

Enjoy a fun, relaxing time sampling food and finding out more about the goods and services provided by St. Mary-Holy Cross parishioners at our Work of Our Hands Fall Festival November 4 & 5: Saturday 3:00 - 4:45pm and after Mass until 7:30pm and Sunday, after 10:00am Mass until 12:30pm. You'll find locally grown meat, eggs, and honey; handmade crafts; elegant and faith-oriented dinnerware; quality cookware and kitchen tools; natural skin care and professional makeup products; sustainable cleaning and personal care products available for purchase. If you'd like to be a participant, contact Lisa Kautza at 515.238.5557 or kautza@netins.net by October 25. See you at the festival!



Serve Homeless Children

Families of our parish have been preparing a meal for homeless children and their families at the Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter on the second Sunday of each month for more than twenty years. Volunteers are needed for every month in 2024 except May, October and November. One or more families or groups can volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal (about 10 families, up to 34 people) to the shelter in Des Moines. Up to 3 people can now prepare the meal on-site. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt that can be used for a tax deduction. This is the only homeless shelter in the Des Moines area that accepts complete families, both parents and children. To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at kautza@netins.net or 515.964.7687.

We are grateful to the following who volunteered to provide meals in 2023: Arlene & Todd Anderson, Religious Ed students, Pat & Gail O'Connor, Kathy & Rick Daup, Matt & Angie Miller family, JoAnn Meusburger, Geneveve & Tim Loraditch family, Knights of Columbus, Stacey & Tom Rooney, Stacie & Joel Hergenreter family, and Sheri, Matthew & Andrew Olson.

Your generosity is much appreciated by these families.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Oct. 7/8

Theme: Think about the things that are good and true.

Reading I: Isaiah 5:1-7 • Israel is the vineyard of the Lord.

Reading II: Philippians 4:6-9 • Present your needs to God.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 • They killed even the son.

Question for Children: What makes you feel peaceful inside? What makes you feel restless?

Question for Youth: How do you thank God for the talents you have and give back to God by use of those talent?

Question for Adults: What steps do you take to make sure you are doing as Paul directs: "Live according to what you have learned and accepted."?