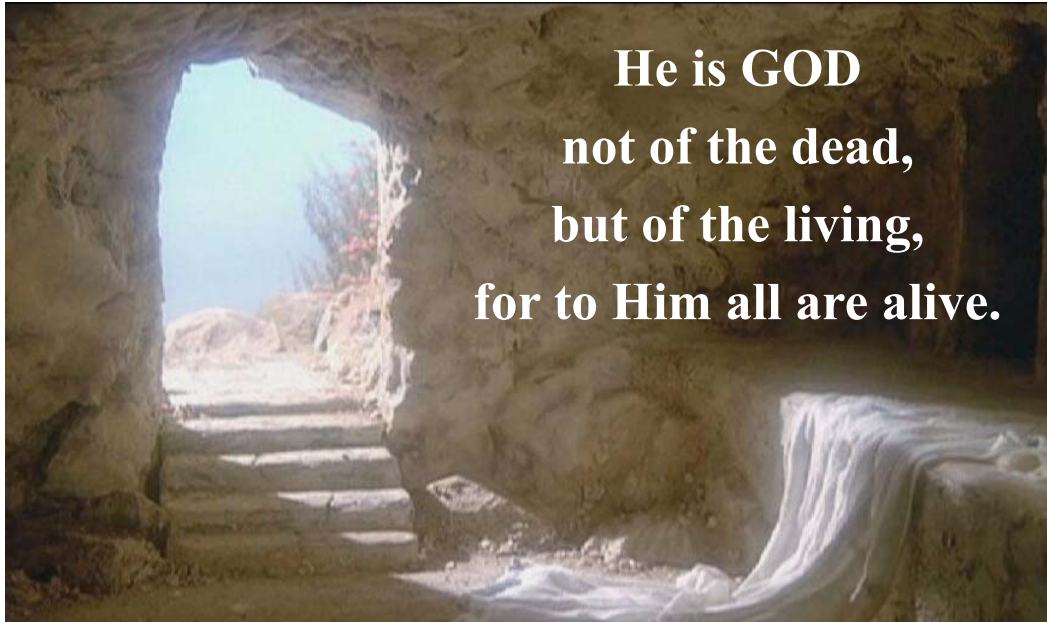




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073  
Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5/6, 2022

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

## Mass, Reconciliation and Rosary

### Wednesday, November 9

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter  
-Rosary prayed at 6:00pm, St. Mary

### Thursday, November 10

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernard Hanlon

### Saturday, November 12

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †John & Eleanor Sabol

### Sunday, November 13

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Craig Hand  
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. Michael Amadeo, 515-249-5015.

## Book of Remembrance

This Book is in the Sanctuary. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones to be remembered at our Masses this month.

## The Ignite! Campaign

*Ignite! Q & A: How are the request amounts for this campaign determined?* Request amounts are based, in large part, on your previous generosity toward the Diocese of Des Moines, your history of parish support, and whether you participated in the planning study. The Diocesan Stewardship Office certainly doesn't know everyone's financial situation, however, Bishop Joensen's goal is to challenge every family to make a meaningful gift. Please note, the suggested pledge amount is not an expectation. It is an invitation for each family to participate at a meaningful level. You can mail your pledge to the parish office or pledge online at: [dmidiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now](http://dmidiocese.org/giving/ignite/give-now).

## Music Notes

The Christmas season will be here before you know it. We would like to have a choir for our Christmas Eve Mass. Please help us to bring the joy of music to this very special Mass. The first practice will be after 10:00am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 13. Future practice dates will be determined by choir member availability. Contact Sue Schmidt at [sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org) for more information.

## St. Mary's Church Accessibility

The church will generally be locked during the week around 4:00pm; there will be exceptions, so please call the office to be sure someone is here before stopping by. On weekends it will be open prior to Mass, then locked after Mass unless we have an event. If you need in the church at other times, please contact the office so arrangements can be made.

## Church Sign

Choose to be better, not bitter.

## Prayer of Thanks

*O Loving God, we thank you  
For your amazing power and work in our lives.  
For your goodness and your blessings over us.  
For the hope you bring through the toughest of times,  
strengthening us for your purpose.  
For your great love and care.  
That you are always with us and will never leave us.  
For your Son Jesus, for the truth of his word  
and the example of his life.  
Replenish our spirits with new strength and prepare us  
to meet each day with renewed gratitude and joy.  
Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.  
We love you and we need you, this day and every day.  
May all our words and actions give you praise and glory.  
May your peace, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard our hearts and our minds.  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

### Parish Council

Meeting: Nov. 29, 6:30pm, Social Hall - **date change**

### Finance Council

Meeting: Nov. 15, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting: Nov. 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Knights of Columbus

**Monday, Nov. 21:** 6:40pm Rosary, 7pm meeting, Hall

### Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 4 from Bondurant and Altoona

## Coming Events

- †**This Weekend:** Buildings & Grounds collection  
— Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass with BINGO and pizza! — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am & 10:00am Masses
- †**Weekend of Nov. 12/13:** Blessing for our Veterans at Masses
- †**Sunday, Nov. 13:** Choir practice after 10:00am Mass
- †**Thursday, Nov. 17:** 9:00am Social time with games and working on your crafts
- †**Weekend of Nov. 19/20:** Food Pantry collection for *The Blessings Box* in Elkhart

## Pray the Rosary on Wednesdays

Cory and Lisa Schoening & family will pray the Rosary at 6:00pm on Wednesdays when Religious Education is in session. You are invited and encouraged to join them. The intention of the Rosary will be for our parish.



## Help With Avenue of Flags for Veteran's Day

Could you assist with raising the flags at Holy Cross on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11:00am and/or retiring them on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 4:00pm? Each session lasts about 30 minutes. Please contact Lynn Schreurs at 515-577-8147 or [lschreurs@msn.com](mailto:lschreurs@msn.com), to volunteer, for more information, or if inclement weather. Thank you!

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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One of the tools we use to form the moral life of the child are the maxims of Jesus. Maxim comes from a word that means greatest. This alludes that these words to live by are the greatest ways to live. The sayings aren't always easy. For instance the children seem to have a tough time at first with "Do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27). But through our discussion many times we recognize how good it feels to rise to the challenge of these words. Then, we are able to understand that this Christian way of living isn't easy, but it is the greatest way for us to live!

**Regular Sessions:** November 9/11 & 16/18  
November 23/25- **No Sessions**- Happy Thanksgiving!

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

**Nov. 9 & 16:** EDGE Sessions, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall  
**No Session** Nov. 23 Have a blessed Thanksgiving  
**No Session** Nov. 30 Confirmation night

### S.T.O.R.M. Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

**Nov. 9 & 16:** Gatherings, 7:30-9:00pm, Social Hall  
**No Gathering** Nov. 23 Have a blessed Thanksgiving  
**No Gathering** Nov. 30 Confirmation night

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

**Teen/Sponsor Prayer Stations: Saturday, Nov. 12, 10am-2pm & Sunday Nov. 13, 11am-2pm, Social Hall:** 10th Graders only and their sponsors are invited to come to this open house style event. See email for more details.  
**Wednesday, Nov. 30:** 6:00-8:00pm, Session, Social Hall

## Blessing For Our Veterans ✠

We will have a blessing for all veterans at our Masses next weekend to honor them for their service and sacrifice for us and our country's protection and safety. We thank you!!

## Thank You

Dear Friends of Holy Cross and St. Mary's,  
Although the last several months have held some significant losses for our family, we have been blessed by the kindness of our friends and family found in our faith community. It's been said somewhere that "a person suffers greatly by loss, when they have been shown great love"...that is certainly the case for us. Knowing that Aiden joins his Papa Jeff, Grandpa Pat, Uncle Mike, Aunt Jerrica, and many more loved ones, makes things a bit easier on our hearts. The love and kindness that surround us from this community have been a constant through each loss we've endured. We're thankful for all of you because you're a source of great strength in these surreal times. I think we've been blessed with great love and now, as with the season's change, because of your kindness—we'll enter a different season stronger together.

Sincerely, *Teri Phelan-Ruden and the Phelan 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

October 30 Budget Week 18

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$6,247	\$5,944

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$89,989	\$106,994	\$95,190

## 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$53,165	\$51,065	\$2,100	\$3,679

We are getting close! We appreciate your continue payments on previously made pledges—with those we will almost be done!!

## Laudato Si

There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world around us."

(Laudato Si', 211) See *On Care for Our Common Home* at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

## Work of Our Hands Festival

Parishioners who are service providers, hobbyists, or willing to provide their service or goods for a fee or barter are welcome to participate and exhibit their goods or services at this Festival on December 3 & 4 in the Social Hall. Please contact Lisa Kautza at [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515- 964-7687 or text at 515-238-5557 **before November 15** if you'd like to participate or for more information.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us on Thursday, November 24 for 9:00am Mass at St. Mary, to give thanks to our God for all He has blessed us with!

## Are You an Idea Generator?

Do you like making people feel welcome? Are you in the mindset to celebrate with each other? We are looking for 1-2 new members to join the Stewardship Committee. Please reach out to a current member for more information or contact Tammi, [tammimcclain71@gmail.com](mailto:tammimcclain71@gmail.com).

## Ladies Christmas Party!

Save the date of Monday, December 12 for our gathering! Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm with dinner and party to follow. More details to come.

## 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](mailto: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.*

## November 12/13 Liturgical Ministers

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

Lector Bob Selby  
Host Distributor Lisa Jones  
Ushers Bill Schmitt, Mike Devereux  
Music Maggie Bruce, Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

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

Lector Heidi Ackerman  
Usher Sandra Hunter  
Music Jenn Linderblood

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

Lector Jill Swanson  
Host Distributor Jill Swanson  
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory  
Music Sue Schmidt, Karon Lacey, Mary Ortmann

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## Money Counters

**November 7:** Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris  
**November 14:** Trish Morris, Dona Cowman



Electronic waste totals approximately 2% of the waste stream in the U.S.

## Thank You

To Confirmation Students and Knights of Columbus, Thanks to each of you who participated extensively in our yard work. Your service was exceptional and we are indeed blessed to be a part of the SMHC Community.

~ Steve and Marion Panyan

## Roofing Shingles

We have 18 bundles of CertainTeed Sherwood Forest shingles and 10 ridge bundles from the previous roof of St. Mary's. If you have a use for them, please contact the office.

## From the Diocese of Des Moines

Several people across the Diocese of Des Moines received a publication called "Iowa Catholic Tribune." Be assured that the publication did not come from the Diocese of Des Moines. Our newspaper is the "The Catholic Mirror." We did not produce nor fund the mailing and the Diocese does not share its mailing list with other groups. If you have questions, feel free to email [communications@dmdiocese.org](mailto:communications@dmdiocese.org).

## Dowling Catholic's Annual Open House

Today (Sunday) 11:00am - 2:00pm. Prospective students and their families can learn about the academic program, student life and activities, formation and ministry, school culture, and athletics. There will be student-led tours of the campus, a parent panel discussion, and the opportunity to meet faculty and staff. Their tuition assistance representative will be available to answer your questions as well. Visit <https://www.dowlingcatholic.org/admissions> to learn more.

## If I Should Die Before I Wake...

Join us on Thursday, November 10 at Emmaus House, as Fr. Jim Kirby shares his recent experience and photographs from his time covering the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. The same presentation will be offered 1:00-2:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm that day. There is no cost to attend this presentation. For more information and to RSVP please go to [www.theemmaushouse.org/ukraine-presentation](http://www.theemmaushouse.org/ukraine-presentation).

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 5/6

*Theme: God strengthens us and we live with him forever.*

*Reading I:* 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 • They marveled at his courage.

*Reading II:* 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 • May God console your heart.

*Gospel:* Luke 20:27-38 • God is not a God of the dead but of the living.

*Question for Children:* God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?

*Question for Youth:* Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn't the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

*Question for Adults:* Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?