



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10/11, 2019



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17/18, 2019

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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last weekend Di and I went down to Conception Abbey in Conception Junction, Missouri for Deacon Study Days. The topic of the weekend was "How to Live with Hope." Hope is a theological virtue, as well as an emotion and psychological trait. The speaker pointed out that hope anchors our lives, as well as our spiritual journey.

As I move into retirement from diaconal parish ministry, there are many uncertainties as to what that means to Di and me in our everyday lives. One chapter is closing, but a new chapter also begins. These beginnings and endings happen to all of us in a multitude of ways throughout our lifetimes. It may be getting married or divorced, the birth of a child, the loss of a job, the death of someone we are close to. Many emotions rise to the surface in each chapter and verse, some negative, some positive. One thing is certain, it is much easier to face all our challenges in life when we do so with hope. Sometimes finding that hope is hard, and that's when we particularly need to rely on the Lord and trust that He is present in all our circumstances. The speaker pointed out that one exercise to help us hope and trust is to reflect on times in our lives when we knew that God was at work in a certain situation. Another exercise is to focus on the good things that have happened in our lives over the years and to thank God for these things. Some of them may be very, very small, but gratitude lifts our spirits as well as helps to give us hope.

So, it is with hope that I begin this next chapter of my life, knowing that I will need to rely on God to walk with me through the many emotions that I'm sure will surface as time goes on. I encourage all of you to do the same!

God's peace, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	9:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m.
St. Mary, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office about a preparation program.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Priesthood and Religious Life: See Diocesan website at <http://www.vocationsonline.org>.

Mass and Adoration

Tuesday, August 13

6:00pm St. Mary †Gale & Margaret Campbell
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, August 14 Holy Day Vigil

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mikey & Will Carpenter

Thursday, August 15 Holy Day Assumption of Mary into Heaven

8:00am St. Mary †Cecelia & Michael Morton

Saturday, August 17

5:00pm St. Mary †Dorothy Ogden

Sunday, August 18

8:00am Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Tuesday, August 20

6:00pm St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, August 21

5:30pm Holy Cross †Nydia Claussen

Thursday, August 22

8:00am St. Mary †Sue Reding

Saturday, August 24

5:00pm St. Mary †Catherine Richardson Fanion

Sunday, August 25

8:00am Holy Cross †For the Parish
10:00am St. Mary †Don Murphy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meetings: Mondays, August 12 & September 9, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Meetings: Sundays, August 18, 6:30pm with 1st Degree and September 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5
Mary Cory, Kelly Muth, Karen Stafford

Upcoming Events

†**Sunday, August 11:** Social Hall in use, 5:00-9:00pm

†**Thursday, August 15:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Weekend of August 17/18:** Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry

†**Thursday, August 29:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Hall

†**Sunday, August 25:** Coffee & donuts after 8am Mass

†**Sunday, Sept. 15:** Prairie Pilgrimage, 1:30-2:30pm, Holy Cross

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 and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

† Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven



Join us to celebrate Mary! When her earthly life was completed, she was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory. Masses for this Holy Day are Wednesday, August 14, 5:30pm Vigil at Holy Cross and 8:00am Thursday, August 15 at St. Mary.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for our Masses. Please sign up at Church or call the parish office to volunteer. Thank you!

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of August 17/18; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need. Your donation will assist Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

Can Drive

NCYC teens will be hosting a can drive to help cover the expenses of the conference for 10 of our SMHC teens. Please start saving your empty cans for our drive to be held the month of September. There will be a trailer parked at St Mary's. Thank you for your continued support!

Music News

Music Coordinator: Sue Schmidt

515-689-9949 / sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org

If you enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument, please consider giving back of your talent during Mass. We are especially in need of piano or organ accompanists. Maybe you know someone outside our parish who has some of these talents. Young and old – all are welcome to spread their musical wings in the best house in town. No experience is necessary as we will work with anyone interested. Please contact me for more information.

Thank you for considering this request.

Thank You

St. Mary-Holy Cross Family,

Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be gratefully remembered and deeply appreciated. Your donation to Hospice of Siouxland was a wonderful gift. From February till her passing, they made mom's life very comfortable for her to enjoy more outings with her family and friends.

~ Susan & Greg Stillmunkes
and the family of Delores Staber

St. Mary-Holy Cross Church,

The members of the Elkhart Community Betterment Committee (ECBC) and Elkhart City Festival Committee thank you for your generous support of the Elkhart City Festival on June 22. Without your donation of time, money and/or materials we would not have been able to put together such a grand community event. The proceeds collected from the event are being earmarked for the planning and construction of community related projects.

~ Andrew Cory, Chairman ECBC

Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

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Thank you to all the families who have registered for Religious Education! We are still accepting registration for the Fall, but classes are filling up fast, please register as soon as possible to get your preferred session!

Catechists please plan to come to our beginning of the year meetings August 21 and 28 from 6:15-8:00pm. We will go over many important details for the upcoming year including the abbreviated sessions beginning in September!

Mark your Calendars!

Sept. 3- Tuesday session- First Class Family Mass and Social at 6:00pm.

Sept. 4- Wednesday session- Both sessions join together with their families for Mass and Social at 6:15pm.

Sept. 10/11- Good Starts**- 30 Minute Session

Sept. 17/18- Good Starts**- 30 Minutes Sessions

Sept. 24/25- Regular Sessions begin

**Good Starts are shorter sessions intended to allow for smooth transition into Regular Sessions. They begin at your child's normal class time and conclude about thirty minutes later.

Please contact one of us with any questions you might have!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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

Wednesday, August 28: EDGE team planning & training 7:00-8:00pm in the youth area.

Wednesday, Sept. 4: EDGE 7th/8th & PreS-6th student & parent Mass, 6:00pm at St Mary, followed by a brief EDGE parent meeting in the Ed Center to discuss the EDGE calendar, meal plan and other important information.

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & 18: EDGE Session 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Please register your 9th & 10th graders for Confirmation as soon as possible. Forms are in the vestibule and on the website. Please contact me with any questions you have.

We will have some **exciting changes** coming to our Confirmation program this year. Please join us for an informational parent meeting on Wednesday, August 28 from 6:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall at St. Mary. Your teens are welcome and encouraged to attend as well.

Blood Drive

Our blood drive is Thursday, August 29, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. May we count on you to donate? A appointment sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net, to make an appointment. *Make a difference in saving lives by making this special donation!*

Please also contact Tim and Lisa if you are able to assist with any of the following: Help unload the van and set up (2:00pm) or help return supplies to the van (7:45pm). Light lifting. Volunteers are also needed to assist during the drive.



CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

This team functions as the Pastoral Council for the parish. It consists of members from each ministry (e.g. RE, Stewardship, K of C, Liturgy, Finance Council, etc.), as well as others from the parish. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$3,035	\$5,730	July 27/28
Youth/Guests	\$8,913	\$5,730	August 3/4

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$28,469	\$28,650	\$28,001

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Amt. Due
\$48,797	\$34,844	\$32,532	\$16,265

Each family's help is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and truly appreciated. **Pledge cards available at each Church.** Please return to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Please contact Sarah Baumberger, parish bookkeeper, for more information (sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org).

Me and My House

Hello SMHC!! It's been a while since you've heard from Me & My House. The last time I wrote it was about the communities we belong to and what our role might be in each of them. I wanted to take some time and talk about our involvement in the parish community.

I think that a lot of people have their own idea of what a church community should look like. What each member should do and contribute. And I am not going to say that there is a certain way to do things because there just isn't. What works for one parish may not work for another.

We all have unique gifts, there is no reason to expect the same involvement from each of the members of our parish. I am so thankful for those who are called to cantor because I have a huge case of stage fright! I thank God for catechists, many of them with years of service. We have our Ushers, Lectors, Finance Council, Friends of St Francis, Stewardship committee, Cemetery committee, Building & Grounds and so many more! It takes a lot of hands working together to keep a parish up and running.

Being an active member of your parish isn't a competition, or at least it shouldn't be. I've seen it and felt it more than a few times. It's a slippery slope, and one that I've stumbled down before. I feel guilty if I have to step down from one thing for a while in order to give more attention to something else. Whether that is inside or outside of church. I get stuck in a rut thinking about what everyone else must think of me in that moment. Is it the intentions of others to build me up or break me down? It's hard to tell. And this is where we run into how many different opinions there are on how to maintain a parish community. It might take a while, but I always get there: I'm exactly where I'm always meant to be, along with everyone else.

The world is changing and with that our parish must evolve as well. And you know what they say about Catholics and change right?? With some things, the way we've always done it might not work. And with other things, we may need to go back to the basics. Acts 2:42 says: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." What better way is there to build a parish community than around the teachings of the apostles, communal life, mass and prayer? What are your gifts? Do you like to cook or bake? Are you good at decorating? Good with numbers? Do you like working with kids? Maybe you like to work behind the scenes planning events? Maybe your place is in the pews during mass, and that's okay. There are so many places to use our gifts within a parish community. Nothing is too big or too small. Ask yourself, what do I like to do? What am I good at? Or better yet, what do I *want to do*?

We are very lucky to have kind and giving people in our Parish. But as with any community there comes a time when the next generations take a step forward. So, how will you use your gifts?

Email joshua2415smhc@gmail.com with any thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have.



Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria

Presented by Collins Travel and Pilgrimages



Hosted by Father Andrew Windschitl,
pastor of St. Mary /Holy Cross Parish
in Elkhart in the Diocese of Des Moines....

...and Jason Collins, Masters of Theology
founder of Collins Travel and Pilgrimages
member of St. Francis Parish, West Des Moines

Join us for this Incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure to Germany and Austria July 24-August 2, 2020!

Things we'll do in Germany

- * Watch world-renowned "Passion Play"
- * Explore historic Munich city center
- * Visit Dachau Concentration Camp
- * Tour breathtaking Neuschwanstein Castle
- * Experience famous Hofbrauhaus
- * Dine on local cuisine and beverages
- * Engage with local Germans

Things we'll do in Austria

- * See Eucharistic Miracle location in Seefeld
- * Take ride to majestic alps mountaintop
- * Explore gorgeous resort town of Seefeld
- * Exciting tour of Salzburg salt mine
- * Nostalgic Sound of Music Tour
- * Discover unique and beautiful Salzburg
- * Dine on local cuisine and beverages
- * Engage with local Austrians

This trip includes daily Mass, confession and time for shopping and relaxation!

Cost: \$4,699

Includes round-trip
coach airfare,
transportation in Eu-
rope, breakfast, lunch
and dinner, museum
fees and local guides.
Sign up by December
31st for \$100
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August 17/18 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 17, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Di Schleisman
Cup Bearers	Diane Cronk, Joe Rumbaugh
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Alexis Hergenreter, Emily Devereux Abigail Devereux
Ushers	Mark Birchmier, Joe Rumbaugh, Dawn & Mason Reynolds

Sunday, August 18, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Jill Beukema
Ushers	Sandra Hunter, Mike Phelan

Sunday, August 18, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Matt Miller
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Julia Fisher, Tim Loraditch
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Peyton Loraditch, Leah & Griffen Muth
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Dennis Schmidt, Andrew Cory, Doug Zehr

August 24/25 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 24, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	Kathy Claussen
Cup Bearers	Cory & Lisa Schoening
Host Distributor	JoAnn Meusburger
Altar Servers	Bennett Bruns, Jessica Schoening, Daniel Schoening
Ushers	Mark Lengel, Bill Schmitt, Jim Hudson, Tom Bowman

Sunday, August 25, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Kathy Daup
Lector	Doug Heger
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Mike & Mary Winders

Sunday, August 25, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Garrett McClain
Lector	Matt Miller
Cup Bearers	Jacki Ausman, Mike Nehring
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Altar Servers	Sawyer Smeltzer, Lauren Feldmann, Andrew Ausman
Ushers	Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Merle Olberding, Thom Hamm

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Money Counters

August 4: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman

August 11: Sue White, Carol Weber

August 18: Kathy Daup, Lisa Kautza

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**Going on vacation? Go to www.Masstimes.org
or call 1-858-207-6277 for nationwide
Mass times and Catholic Church locations.**

Our bulletin can be found on our website at
<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/bulletin>



Thousands of marine creatures die by mistakenly swallowing plastic bags that resemble jellyfish.

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, contact Barb at 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.*

Pilgrimage in the Prairie

Inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si' and the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation, we are hosting an interfaith prayer service during the Season of Creation. Join us on Sunday, September 15, 1:30-2:30pm at Holy Cross Church (outdoors along the prairie; will move inside if needed). We begin our Prairie Pilgrimage with prayers and poems that shout the joy of creation and guide us to embrace its gifts and blessings. We will also have a short reflection by Matt Russell, Director of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light. ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring a chair and wear walking shoes.

*Our time together in an Iowa prairie can be a source
of prayerful praise and move us to closer unity
with others and the earth.*

Partners: Friends of St. Francis at St. Mary-Holy Cross Church,
Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, Interfaith Green Coalition,
Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10/11

Theme: Do not live in fear. Live, and be ready!

Reading 1: Wisdom 18:6-9 • You always protect us.

Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 • In faith we believe what we do not see.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 • We must be ready for God to act in our lives at any time!

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to always be ready to hear him. What are some ways that he speaks to us?

Question for Youth: If Jesus were to knock on your door and give you a report card on your life as His disciple, what grade would you get? What areas need improvement?

Question for Adults: What are some ways to keep yourself “ready for God to act?” How do you pay attention to God’s often-less-than-obvious actions?

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17/18

Theme: God's power among us gives us strength.

Reading 1: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 • Jeremiah was saved by God.

Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4 • Keep your eye fixed on Jesus!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 • I have come to light a fire on earth!

Question for Children: What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

Question for Youth: What do you do to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

Question for Adults: Share a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel."

What signs did you see then that God remained with you?

