

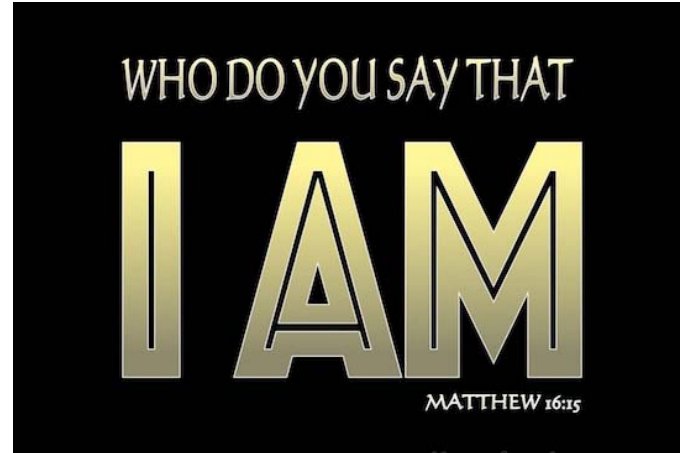


# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 16, 2020



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2020

*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,

If someone knows how to restart the year, please be so kind as to inform me.

In the Gospel for August 16, Jesus tests the faith and persistence of the Canaanite (could also be described as pagan) woman. He even goes so far as to compare her and her demonically tormented daughter to dogs. While there is no direct connection to this Scriptural situation, perhaps we can still compare our current situation with it. Like the woman already caring for her daughter then being seemingly insulted by Jesus, we were already battered by COVID, then this week's storm and aftermath dealt another blow. The woman's example is one of harnessing fortitude to persevere despite the adversity. A great good came for her because of it and the same can happen for us. In the Gospel for August 23, Jesus tells Peter that our heavenly Father has revealed Himself. Let us pray that He continues to reveal Himself to us in many and benevolent ways, especially as we clean up and rebuild.

When the storm hit late Monday morning, I was in the church, the roof of which creaked. Power went out about 11:30 that day and returned at about 4:30 Thursday afternoon. Trees sustained damage, but thankfully no whole trees came down. There were multiple leaks in the building and a minor one in the house. Many thanks to those who helped with cleanup and checked in. If you need help with something and/or know someone who does, please let us know.

Fr. Andrew

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm in **Cry Room**, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for a preparation program

**Marriage:** Contact Fr. Andrew 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 18

6:00pm St. Mary †*Nydia Claussen*  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, August 19

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Stephen & Michael Carpenter*

### Thursday, August 20

8:00am St. Mary †*Tom Bellis*

### Saturday, August 22

5:00pm St. Mary †*Catherine Fanion*

### Sunday, August 23

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

### Tuesday, August 25

6:00pm St. Mary †*Cecelia Morton and son Mike*  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, August 26

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Jim & Margaret Shaw*

### Thursday, August 27

8:00am St. Mary †*Ralph & Neva Cory*

### Saturday, August 29

5:00pm St. Mary †*For the Parish*

### Sunday, August 30

8:00am Holy Cross †*Will and Mikey Carpenter*  
10:00am St. Mary †*Charlie Brendeland*

## Please Wear Your Mask!

When you come to Mass, please bring your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

## Mass Schedule at Holy Cross

**August 16:** Families with J - Z last names

**August 23:** Families with A - I last names

**August 30:** Families with J - Z last names

*You are invited to attend Mass at St. Mary  
on your off week at Holy Cross.*

✝ For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew  
at 515-367-2685 or Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org.

## Change in Parish Practice

If you need to come to the parish office, please contact Fr. Andrew or staff ahead of time to be sure someone is here, or make an appointment.

See <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>  
For updates, livestream Masses and resources.

## 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 form found in the vestibule of St. Mary or Holy Cross and on our website. We are glad you are here!

## Church Sign

You may be the Hope someone finds today.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadine Gorman, mother of Helene Uhlenhopp, grandmother of Carrie Heaps and great-grandmother of Tanner and Kiernan Heaps, who passed away Friday, August 7th. She is now at peace with our Lord. May her family know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

✝ *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.* ✝

## Strength for This Challenging Time

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through his challenging season.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide,  
may we also approach each day in faith and peace,  
trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.  
Amen.

## Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7:00pm, Social Hall  
Crafts & Social Time

Thursday, August 20, 9:30am, Social Hall  
Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall  
Blood Drive

Thursday, August 27, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

## Blood Drive

Our Community Blood Drive is **Thursday, August 27, 3:00-7:00pm** in the Social Hall. LifeServe will disinfect all surfaces they will use before, during, and at the conclusion of the drive. All team members will wear face masks and donors are required to wear their own. LifeServe will practice social distancing, have added new donor screening questions, and they are monitoring the health of every team member.

All blood donors must schedule an appointment, walk-ins are NOT accepted. Please pre-screen your temperature and refrain from giving blood for 28 days if in the past 28 days you have: 1) *traveled to a country in which the CDC has identified outbreaks*, 2) *been diagnosed with or is suspected of having COVID-19*, 3) *have lived with an individual or individuals diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19*.

**Volunteers ARE needed** to assist with the blood drive to serve food and beverages to donors in accord with social distancing. Parishioners are asked to provide snacks. Contact Lisa and Tim Kautza 515-964-7687 to volunteer.

**Schedule an Appointment:** Sign-up in the vestibule of St. Mary or visit <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/>. If you have difficulties or questions, call LifeServe, 800-287-4903, and mention Elkhart Community Drive..

**Congratulations to these students  
who will receive the  
Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**Please keep them in your prayers.**

Brayden Bartleson	Grace Johnson
Brett Beukema	Garrett Jones
Valerie Beukema	Weston Kahler
Ellie De Costa	Brooke Kiley
Emily Devereux	Sadie Kuehn
Marcus Doyle	Katelyn Lappe
Jacob Feldmann	Veronica Loraditch
Grace Fisher	Lucy Schaffer
Avery Fricke	Martin Shugar
Nathan Hines	Hailey Volz

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Registration packets were emailed August 3. You can also find that information and the registration form on the website. We have a few paper copies of the packet at each Church. We encourage you to read them closely as a number of things have changed due to the pandemic. We are hoping every family from last year registers, as we have tried to accommodate every situation/comfort level. Our class sizes will be reduced due to Covid, so registration will be limited. Priority will be given to catechists, in-parish families and we have an out-of-parish waiting list. We will start filling this out-of-parish waiting list beginning September 1, so please register and pay at least \$50 of the fee, as soon as possible to secure your child's spot.

In these challenging times all of our lives are disrupted and full of changes; we all need community more than ever, especially our children.

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

#### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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#### EDGE (7th & 8th) and PURPOSE (9th & 10th) Families!

Registration is ongoing; a form and information was sent via email August 3. This material is also on the website and a few paper copies are available at church. Please register as soon as possible as we have had a number of people from outside the parish ask to join our programs, but want to give first priority to our parish families. We will let you know when we have additional program details. Please let us know if you have any questions. Peace and Blessings.

*Andrea, Nicole & Melissa*

#### PURPOSE (Confirmation 1 & 2):

The final lesson for this year was sent to your email in early July. Please take as much time as needed and let me know when its been completed.

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### Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget (est.)</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$7,222	\$4,520	<b>August 2</b>
Youth/Bldg. Fund	No report available		<b>August 9</b>

*August 2, Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund*

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$26,491	\$21,250	\$23,257

### 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Information and a pledge card have been mailed to each household. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and mail your pledge to the parish or donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal-giving>, being sure to designate our parish for proper credit. Each gift is vital to reaching our assessment. Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$49,556	\$38,947	\$36,197	<b>\$13,359</b>

*Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), for additional information or find the form in the vestibule or on our website home page in the lower right hand corner.*

## We Are Here to Help!

If you are homebound, at high risk, caring for family, or know someone who is, and are in need of help with errands, picking up prescriptions or groceries, etc., please contact Fr. Andrew. Also, if you are willing to help in some way, please contact the parish office.

## A Get Together!

Join us to work on your crafts and for conversation on Thursday, August 20, 9:30am in the Social Hall. We will have the tables set for social distancing.

## On The Radio

Tune in to Iowa Catholic Radio (1150 AM, 88.5 FM or 94.5 FM) most Fridays around 7:15pm to hear Fr. Andrew discuss that coming Sunday's Gospel. At 9:00am every Friday tune in for the Bishop's weekly radio show, "Making it Personal With Bishop Joensen"



## 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 at 515-367-2685 or [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org). *If the request is not for you, please ask permission the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.*

## Help Us, Help You!

Had a baby? Moved? Dropped your landline?

Have you provided your cell phone number to us?

*Please contact the parish office with your updates. Thanks!*

## Online Giving

This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation will send gift receipts and amounts will be included on your parish year end statement. Thank you for considering using this for your tithing!

## Job Openings at St. Luke the Evangelist

Inquiries about the following school openings should be sent to [misty.hade@slte-school.org](mailto:misty.hade@slte-school.org)

**Food Service Director:** Oversees/manages daily operations for School Cafeteria. Duties include menu development with USDA and state guidelines, cost and inventory controls, management of staff, accurate accounting practices, training volunteers, and communications. Hours: 9:00am to 1:30pm. Hourly employee.

**Kindergarten Associate:** Assists Kindergarten teacher with day to day activities with the students. Hours: 8:30am-12:30 pm. Works when school is in session. Hourly employee.

**St. Luke's Care:** Seeking after school, early dismissal and full day associates. Hours: Monday through Friday 3:15-5:30pm on school days; 12:30-5:30pm on early dismissal days; times to be decided on no school days. Hourly employee.

**Director of Faith Formation:** Focuses on all levels with primary on Children's Religious Education. Salary based upon skills and experience. Benefits available. Inquire/send resume to: Father Ken Halbur, St. Luke the Evangelist, 1102 NW Weigel Dr., Ankeny, Iowa 50023 ([frken@slte.org](mailto:frken@slte.org)).



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## School Kitchen Help Needed

Saint Theresa Catholic School is hiring part-time employees to work in the kitchen. If you would be interested in working during the 2020-2021 school year, please contact Kenneth Seymour at [kseymour@stsdsm.com](mailto:kseymour@stsdsm.com) or 515-277-0178 ext. 8100. Hours will vary from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

## Want to Strengthen Your Marriage?

Join our marriage enrichment ministry, *The Third Option*, which meets the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00pm at All Saints Catholic Church in Des Moines. *The Third Option* is an ongoing support group for marriages, which is built upon 14 skill-based workshops that cover a comprehensive set of tools to help couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. This is a program meant for couples that are hurting and for couples that just want to make a good thing better! Come join a community focused on the skills that help marriages thrive! For more information contact Adam Storey or Barb Berenguel or visit [dmidioce.org](http://dmidioce.org) and click on Marriage and Family Life.

For movie reviews see [www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm](http://www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm).

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16

*Theme: Trust in God and never be afraid to ask Him for anything.*

**Reading I:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 • Observe what is right and do what is just.

**Reading II:** Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 • God's gifts can never be taken back.

**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28 • She insisted that Jesus help her, and he did.

**Question for Children:** What is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

**Question for Youth:** Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

**Question for Adults:** When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23

*Theme: God is creating a church, built on rock.*

**Reading I:** Isaiah 22:19-23 • David will rule the people.

**Reading II:** Romans 11:33-36 • How deep is the wisdom of God!

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20 • On this rock, I will build my church.

**Question for Children:** What are three things you know about Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** Today's Gospel is about identity – the revealing of Jesus' true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

**Question for Adults:** If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?