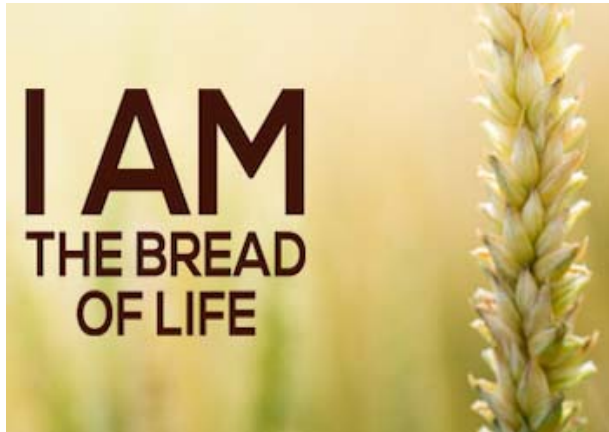




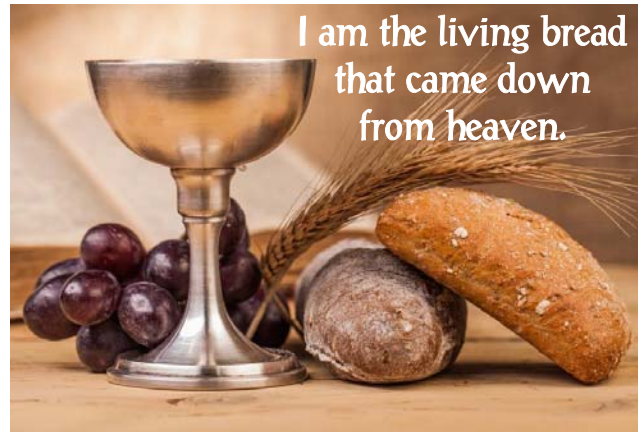
St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

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,

Unlike the other gospels, John does not have what is called the 'institution narrative' of the Eucharist, in other words, his instruction to the apostles to consecrate bread and wine. This might be because he assumed that whoever reads his gospel is familiar with the others. Instead of a narrative, he included a section that is referred to as the "Bread of Life Discourse" in chapter six, which we started reading last Sunday and will continue to do so this weekend and the next three Sundays. The discourse itself begins in the gospel reading for Mass on the 31st and 1st. It is another way by which Jesus explains that the Eucharist is definitively his body and blood. Let us pray for the faith/trust that we need to believe him and receive this most holy and gracious gift.

Thanks to the stewardship committee for hosting wine and cheese after the Saturday evening Mass on July 24. It was good to gather like that again after a year and a half. I look forward to a bratwurst after the Saturday evening Mass on July 31, the cookout of which is hosted by the stewardship committee again as well as the Knights. - Fr. Andrew

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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: Tuesdays 5:15 - 5:45pm; Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm; after 9:00am First Friday Mass or by appointment .

Baptism: Contact Fr. Andrew

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, Reconciliation and Adoration

Tuesday, August 3

5:15 - 5:45pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Al Claussen
~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, August 4

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, August 5

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Father Dan Gahler

First Friday, August 6

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernard Hanlon

Saturday, August 7

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, August 8

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

10:00am Mass, St. Mary For the Parish

Tuesday, August 10

5:15 - 5:45pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Father David Smith
~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, August 11

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

Thursday, August 12

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †John & Fran Cory

Saturday, August 14

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †John Richardson

Sunday, August 15

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Sharon Dunbar



Welcome To Our New Members!

We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

Michael and Debra Larson, Huxley

Tim and Heather Laake & children Margaret & Glenn, Huxley

Jeffery and Karen Schwendinger, Bondurant

Kevin and Marsha Cowles, Ankeny

Glenn and Ruth Hobin, Ankeny

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!

The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass has been restored in our Diocese. Individuals are excused or dispensed for serious reasons.

Covid 19 Reminders

If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please go to Fr. Andrew (he sanitizes after each). Social distance seating remains in the Social Hall. Parishioners not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask in our buildings. We have masks and hand sanitizer available. For Diocesan updates please go to: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

Prayer For Compassion

Dear Heavenly Father,

Help me to be gentle towards every person I encounter today, in thought, word and deed.

May I recognize that others are facing difficult circumstances which I know nothing about.

Oh Lord, that others would encounter You when they meet me today!

Still my tongue and open my heart. Fill me with a spirit of forgiveness and generosity.

Lord, help me speak the words that others need to hear today. *Amen.*

Stewardship Committee

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

Knights of Columbus

August 15: 6:40pm Rosary, Church, 7:00pm Meeting, Hall

Finance Council

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

Parish Council

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



Opportunities to Be Involved in Our Parish!

Calling All Musicians!

Do you like to play the piano or sing at Mass? We would love to have you join our music ministry to participate during Mass! Accompanists can play on the organ, piano or electric piano. Schedules are flexible and provided on an advance two month notice. We are happy to provide training and have you sing or play with mentors. Teenagers welcome! If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Sue Schmidt, sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org/515-689-9949.

Hosts for Wine & Cheese and Coffee & Donuts

We would like to gather after Mass again if we have volunteers to host these events. Coffee and donuts are the last Sunday of the month at Holy Cross, and at St. Mary, wine and cheese is the first Saturday and coffee and donuts is the first Sunday of the month. If you have questions or would be interested in hosting, please contact Barb Liske, bliske@saintmaryhc.org/515-367-2685. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers

We are looking for additional lectors, ushers and Host distributors for our Masses. Training provided. If you have questions about these ministries or are interested in serving, please contact Fr. Andrew at Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org.

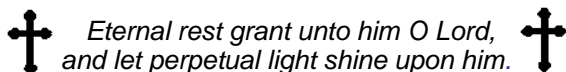
Capital Improvements Collection

The weekend of August 7/8 our 2nd collection is for improvements here at the parish. Your donations will help with current and future improvements. Thank you for your faithful support! A list of parish projects can be found at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/Project%20list%207-29-2021.pdf> which is our Parish Website, Communicate tab, then Meeting Minutes and under Parish Council Minutes.

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

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Arndorfer, Brother-in-law of Linda and Tom Froehlich, who passed away July 15. May he be at peace with our Lord and his family find comfort and strength and know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.



Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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We are hosting weekly material making nights in the Ed Center each Wednesday, 6:00-8:00pm during August. We would love for any parishioners to come and join us.

Registration is underway for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year! We look forward to serving your families again. Forms were emailed out, or can be found on our website; a few paper copies are available at both churches. Please return form and payment to the office.

Our sessions this year are

Session A: Wednesday, 4:45-6:15pm

Session B: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Session C: Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm

We will begin to fill our waiting list August 15, so please send your registration in soon to get your preferred session.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

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**Please register for EDGE and Confirmation.
The form is on our website and at church.**

SAVE THE DATE: EDGE Parent/Teen Meeting, Wednesday, September 8, 6:00pm- 6:30pm in the Social Hall

EDGE Session: September 15, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Blood Drive



Do you know someone who received a transfusion? That blood was donated by someone like you. It's always in great demand. There's no substitute for REAL human blood and it is always in great demand! Consider donating at our drive on Thursday, August 26, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Donors 16 or 17 years old need a permission form at their first donation; forms are available at St. Mary. You can sign-up to donate there, too, or find that form or sign-up at <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org>. We hope to see you there!! After you donate, have a beverage and parishioner's homemade treats! Questions, contact Lisa and Tim Kautza, kautza@netins.net; 515-964-7687.

Breakfast or Lunch?

Stop by the Maxwell Old Settlers Celebration on Friday, August 6 between 10:00am and 3:00pm and let the St. Mary-Holy Cross NCYC youth and adult attendees feed you while you watch the sand volleyball tournament and check out Old Settlers. We will be serving breakfast and lunch in the city park at Maxwell that day for a free will donation. Thank you for your continued support!

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$9,013	\$5,642	July 18
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,650	\$5,642	July 25

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$18,028	\$22,568	\$17,754

Food Pantry Collection: \$421.00

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Unpaid Pledges</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$51,038	\$44,806	\$6,474	\$6,232

Thank you to those who have been so generous to this year's assessment. If you have not made a pledge, please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese and return your pledge card from Bishop Joensen to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Church. If donating by check, please make it out to the Diocese of Des Moines. Pledge cards are also available in the vestibule and there is an option to donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; and choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you.

Noon Mass

This Mass will be offered on the fourth Sunday of every month beginning in August for anyone who would like to attend. More elements of our tradition are included; at certain times the priest faces the same way as the people, incense, inclusion of some Latin. A potluck meal, catechesis, and/or fellowship will follow. Please contact Fr. Andrew if you plan to attend the meal let him know what you might be able to bring.

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 / 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.*

Thank You!

Saint Mary - Holy Cross,

Thank you very much for your generous donation. The money was used to buy food items that the food pantry does not typically stock. Thanks again! ~ *The Blessing Box*

Bulletin Deadline

If you would like to have something included in our August 15 / 22 bulletin, please email your information to the Parish Office by Noon on Wednesday, August 11. Thank you.

Diocesan Collection for Church in Africa

Help support our brothers and sisters in faith in Africa. Envelopes are available at both churches through August 8. Please return your gift in the collection basket. Blessings for your generosity.

Pro-Life Quote

"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral."

~*Cardinal John O'Connor*

Sacred Relics of the Saints, Treasure of the Church!

Christ the King Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Monday, August 2, at 6:30pm, with Mass at 5:30pm.

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry.

Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



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Two Additional Options for Tithing

Auto Debit: Please consider using this type of tithing. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Sarah at sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org or find the form on the home page of our website.

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.

Thank you for considering using one of these for your tithing.

TGIF: Today God Is First!

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".



Before you travel...check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at www.Masstimes.org.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 1

Theme: Jesus is the Bread of Life

Reading I: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 • The Lord provides what we need.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 • Be renewed in the spirit of your mind; put away your old self.

Gospel: John 6:24-35 • Do not work for food that perishes; work for food that endures for eternal life.

For Children: Why is Jesus compared to bread? How can his teachings be like food?

For Youth: Jesus is the bread that gives us life. How does believing in Jesus make your life different?

For Adults: How do you partake of the nourishment that Jesus provides? How often?

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 8

Theme: Jesus the Living Bread

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:4-8 • The angel of the Lord came back to him.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:30-5:2 • Live in love.

Gospel: John 6:41-51 • No one can come to me unless my Father draws him or her.

For Children: Name one way that your faith nourishes you? How does it help your life?

For Youth: Bread nourishes us physically, and Jesus as the living bread nourishes spiritually. How can you be more open to Jesus and the ways that he can feed you?

For Adults: What nourishes your life? What does the phrase "living bread" mean for you?