



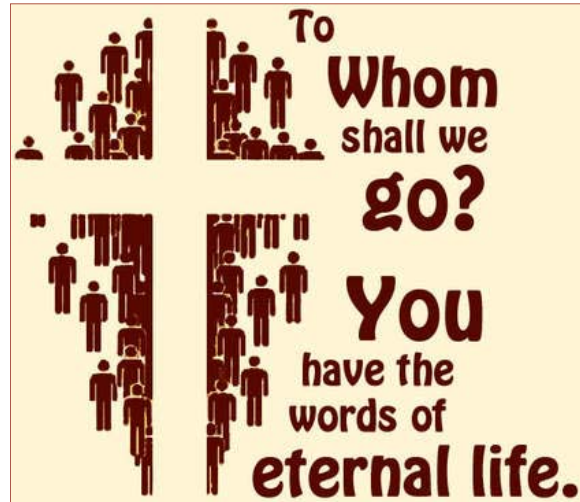
# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 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,

Sunday the 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Normally, it would be the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, but this holy day is of such a high rank that it gets priority. Is the mural on the ceiling of the sanctuary at St. Mary's a depiction of it? I do not know what the artist's intent was, but it seems that is a reasonable conclusion. The assumption refers to Mary's bodily entrance into heaven and is also the fourth mystery of the rosary. It is assurance to us that heaven is a place for those of us who are not divine. We still need to be reconciled to - and justified by - God, which was not necessary for Mary since she was immaculately conceived. Nonetheless, despite being the sinners that we are, it is possible for us to get to heaven and this beautiful mystery gives us that hope.

There seems to be some confusion about the extra Mass that is being offered on the fourth Sunday of this month. It is the same as any of those that are already established. For example, it will use the same readings and the same prayers in English. Some, but not all parts may eventually be spoken in Latin because we are considered part of the Roman or Latin rite of the Church. It is most definitely not the older Mass that is the subject of a recent announcement by Pope Francis. Some differences will be the priest turning to face the same way as the congregation or toward the congregation, depending on whether it involves him leading a prayer or dialoging with the people. Another will be the inclusion of incense, the utilization of which goes back to the Old Testament. It has been and continues to be seen as a symbol of our prayer rising to God. If you would like to learn more, you are welcome to contact me and certainly to attend to worship and learn more! ~ Fr. Andrew

## Parish Information

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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	St. Mary
4th Sunday	12:00pm	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/Religious:** ww.vocationsonline.org

## Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration

### Tuesday, August 17

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Deacon Dan McGuire  
~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, August 18

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Beryl Moreland

### Thursday, August 19

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Rita & Donnie Smith

### Saturday, August 21

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Duane & Martha Untiedt

### Sunday, August 22

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Patrick Phelan

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernardine Gorman

12:00pm Mass, St. Mary For the Parish

### Tuesday, August 24

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Darlene Hughes  
~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, August 25

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †LaMont Schreurs

### Thursday, August 26

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Mary Newell

### Saturday, August 28

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Catherine Fanion

### Sunday, August 29

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Lucille Schmidt

## 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 (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 2181).

## Covid 19 Reminders

The Diocese is recommending, not requiring, masks for parishioners over the age of five during all indoor liturgies and other indoor parish events. Although recent evidence has shown that breakthrough infections can occur in vaccinated individuals, and that vaccinated individuals can be contagious, it is also that infection is less likely for vaccinated individuals, and the risk of severe symptoms is much less likely. There are still ample benefits to vaccination, and our Catholic moral teaching consistently affirms the value of vaccination both for individuals and for the common good.

Masks are required for all clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during the distribution of communion.

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. We have masks and hand sanitizer available. For Diocesan updates please go to: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

## "The Difference" Prayer

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled about me,  
And heavier came each task;  
'Why doesn't God help me?' I wondered.  
He answered, 'You didn't ask.'  
I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on gray and bleak  
I wondered why God didn't show me  
He said, 'But you didn't seek',  
I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys in the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
'My child, you didn't knock.'  
I woke up early this morning,  
And paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

-Author Unknown

## Opportunities Abound!!



### Assistance with Religious Ed Programs:

Our *Purpose Program* (Confirmation 9th & 10th Grade) is seeking volunteers for the upcoming year. If you or someone you know would be a good fit to help with the next generation of our parish, please contact Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org) / 515-313-3014.

EDGE (7th & 8th Grade): We are always seeking energetic, faith filled teens and adults who are willing to help grow our middle school ministry. Reach out to Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830 / [mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:mkahler@saintmaryhc.org), to learn more!

Preschool-6th Grade: We are in need of two catechists for our 5th/6th traditional program. We provide the materials, we just need you to say yes! Please contact Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150 or Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981.

### Calling All Musicians!

We would love to have you join our music ministry to participate during Mass! We are happy to provide training and have you sing or play with mentors. Teenagers welcome! If interested and would like more information, please contact Sue Schmidt, [sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org) / 515-689-9949.

### 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](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

### Wine & Cheese and Coffee & Donuts

We would like to provide this once a month after each of our Masses and are looking for people to host them. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Barb Liske, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org) / 515-367-2685.

Thank you for considering these volunteer opportunities!

† For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew at 515-367-2685 or [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul those who have passed away: **Tom Arndorfer**, brother-in-law of Linda and Tom Froehlich on July 15; parishioners **Darlene Hughes** on July 28 and **Pat Phelan** on August 8.

May they be at peace in the loving embrace of our Lord and their families find comfort and strength, and know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,* ✠  
*and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Religious Education begins on September 1st! The updated calendar is online. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible! 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

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

**EDGE (7th & 8th graders) Parent/Teen Meeting,**  
Wednesday, September 8, 6:00pm - 6:30pm, Social Hall

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

**Purpose (Confirmation 9th & 10th graders) Parent/Teen meeting:** Wednesday, September 8, 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Please plan to have your 9th and/or 10th graders attend along with at least one parent.

## Food Pantry Collection

The weekend of August 21/22 we will take up a monetary collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need.

## Change of Information?

Moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline? New email?  
Please email the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. *Thank you!*

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  
Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: Sept. 13, 6:00pm, Social Hall

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$6,986	\$5,642	<b>August 1</b>
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$3,674	\$5,642	<b>August 8</b>

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$28,688	\$33,852	\$26,491

*One time Building Fund Donation: \$20,000*

## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Unpaid Pledges</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$51,038	\$47,689	\$5,191	<b>\$3,349</b>

Thank you to those who have been so generous to this year's assessment. We are almost there! 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 to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. 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 this month on the 22nd 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](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.*



## Blood Drive

Thursday, August 26, 3:00-7:00pm 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 blood? 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.lifefervebloodcenter.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](mailto:kautza@netins.net); 515-964-7687.

## America at the Crossroads:

### Conversations All Americans Need to Have

Dr. Lewis Brogdon is one of the featured speakers at the September 14 annual fundraiser for the Center for Social Ministry. In June 2021, Dr. Lewis Brogdon wrote an op-ed in the Louisville Courier Journal that continues to gain national attention, where he addresses the soul of America, the undercurrent and common thread of hate animating the American crisis and reestablishing its moral character. He reminds us as divided as we are, we are citizens of one nation. Join us to be a part of this national conversation and learn what part you can play in the fight for the soul of America. Visit the Center for Social Ministry at [centerforsocialministry.org](http://centerforsocialministry.org) for more information.

## JustFaith Registration Open

The Center for Social Ministry is excited to be offering the following JustFaith Ministries programming locally this fall:

- Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege
- Faith and Racial Healing: Embracing Truth, Justice, and Restoration
- JustEngagement: The Power to Change

View our full online catalog at [csm.coursesform.com](http://csm.coursesform.com). Here you can register for any classes, simulations, or other events. We believe that you will find classes for everyone, so take a look and find something new to learn.

## You Are Invited

Bishop William Joensen invites you to join him for a Holy Hour every Monday at 5:00pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral. You can also join him virtually at [Facebook.com/dmdiocese](https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/bishopinitiatives/eucharistic-renewal/holy-hours). You will find a list of reflections for prayer at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/bishopinitiatives/eucharistic-renewal/holy-hours>.



More than 28 billion glass bottles and jars go to landfills every year. That's enough to fill two Empire State Buildings every three weeks.

## 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](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org) or find the form on the table at church or 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 sends gift receipts.

*Thank you for considering using one of these for your tithing and thank you to those who do already.*

## Get Your Team Together For a Golf Outing!

Join the Catholic Charities team in Polk City on Monday, August 30, at the beautiful Tournament Club of Iowa with a shotgun start at 12:45pm. Enjoy an afternoon of golf and mingle with Bishop Joensen and the staff from Catholic Charities. It will be a great time to gather for fun with the benefit of helping families across central and southwest Iowa! Sign up today at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/2021-golf/>. For questions or sponsorship, please contact Holly at [hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org).

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15

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

*Reading I:* Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10 • She was clothed with the sun and moon.

*Reading II:* 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 • In Christ, all will come to life again.

*Gospel:* Luke 1: 39-56 • The Magnificat

*For Children:* How does your relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary help your faith?

*For Youth:* Mary said YES to God, to cooperating with God's plan for her life. What do you think God wants for your life? How well are you cooperating with God's plan?

*For Adults:* In your own words, how would you describe the role of Mary in work of Christ.

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22

*Theme: Jesus - the Bread of Life Eternal*

*Reading I:* Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b • We will serve the Lord!

*Reading II:* Ephesians 5:21-32 • Christ loves us as spouses love each other.

*Gospel:* John 6:60-69 • You have the words of eternal life.

*For Children:* Who and what help you believe in Jesus?

*For Youth:* Who do you know who really struggles with believing? How can you help them struggle through doubt?

*For Adults:* To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life's questions?