



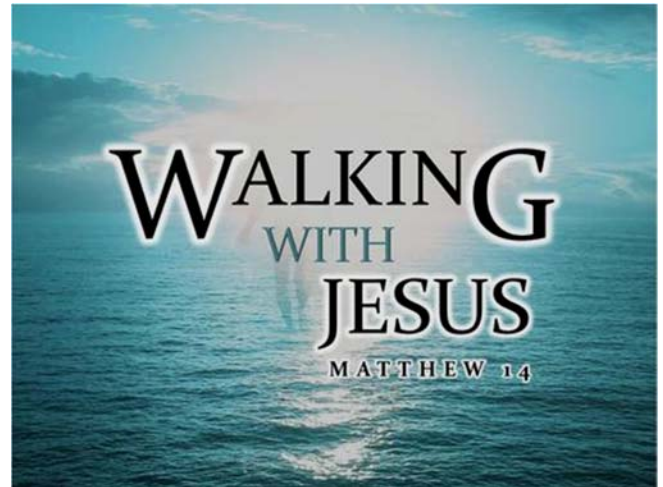
# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Five Loaves, Two Fish, and Jesus

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 2, 2020



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
August 9, 2020

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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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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gospel for August 2 is the story of the famous multiplication of the loaves. It must have been exceptionally important to the early Church because it is one of the few, if not only, story that appears in all four gospels. The Gospel for August 9 is another famous story, that of Jesus and Peter walking on the sea. Unfortunately, there is an effort by some people to explain away these miracles and rather emphasize the importance of generosity in the first Gospel and that the water was shallow in the second Gospel. Such attempts could be a slippery slope when we read about Jesus performing other miracles. In other words, denying one miracle could lead to denying another miracle, which could eventually lead to denying the greatest one of all, the Resurrection. Let us trust our Lord who nourished the crowd and continues to spiritually nourish humanity with his body and blood of the Eucharist. And why could he through whom everything is created not also have dominion over it so that he could walk on the water and comfort his disciples in the midst of turmoil, something from which surely we would benefit at this time? *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	St. Mary

*See inside for Aug. 15 Holy Day Mass*

**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.vocationonline.org>.

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## Mass and Adoration

### Tuesday, August 4

6:00pm St. Mary †Tom Bellis  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, August 5

5:30pm Holy Cross †Nydia Claussen

### Thursday, August 6

8:00am St. Mary †Charlie Brendeland

### First Friday, August 7

9:00am St. Mary †Scott Mitchell

### Saturday, August 8

5:00pm St. Mary †John Richardson

### Sunday, August 9

8:00am Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter  
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

### Tuesday, August 11

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

### Wednesday, August 12

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ralph & Neva Cory

### Thursday, August 13

8:00am St. Mary †Rosemary Dittmer

### Saturday, August 15 Assumption of Mary into Heaven

10:00am St. Mary †Leo & Rosemary Overmohle

### Saturday, August 15

5:00pm St. Mary †Dorothy Gannon

### Sunday, August 16

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish  
10:00am St. Mary †Lowell Brendeland

## 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 2: Families with J - Z last names

August 9: Families with A - I last names

August 16: Families with J - Z last names

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

## Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven

We celebrate this Holy Day with 10:00am Mass on Saturday, August 15 at St. Mary. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation as it falls on Saturday; but we invite you to come celebrate Mary, who, when her earthly life was completed, she was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory!



## 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.

## We Bring Your Love

**Loving God,**

**Help us**

to focus on what we have  
not on what is removed or changed.

**Strengthen us**

when we feel discouraged  
or overwhelmed.

**Embrace us**

so that us we know your loving presence  
within us and among us.

**Walk with us**

as we bring your love,  
and carry your light,  
into our world. **Amen.**

- Sandra Lucas, MDiv., BCC

Finance Council

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

Parish Council

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

Crafts & Social Time

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

## 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!

## Where's the Music?

Like many of you, I and the musicians at SMHC are anxious to bring back singing to our weekend Masses. However, we're erring on the side of safety for both musicians and parishioners and will continue with only instrumental music until further notice. With all of the precautions since Masses resumed, we don't want to add any unnecessary risks. Since cantors can't wear masks when singing, our concern is spreading aerosol droplets to the congregation while they sing. We also are respectful of the same exposure to our cantors and accompanists. You may see accompanists playing from the choir loft as a precaution to them. Thanks for your patience with the limited music during Mass - we all look forward to the day when we can bring back prayer in song!

~ Sue Schmidt - Music Coordinator

## Thank You

St. Mary and Holy Cross Family:

Thank you for your words of sympathy and caring gestures as we grieve the loss of our loved one.

~ The Family of Scott Mitchell

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$145.00 to the Huxley Food Pantry. We moved to a new location in April and we are still trying to figure out what our "normal" attendance will be. It is a comfort to know that as we become busier, we have the funds needed to feed our people. Your generosity is very much appreciated! Sincerely, ~ Jackie Rasmussen

## Religious Education

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Registration packets will be available beginning Monday, August 3. We will send them via email, as well as have hard copies at church and you will also find them on the website. 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 waiting list beginning September 1, so please register as soon as possible to secure your child's spot.

In these strange times everyone is finding their plates very full but we all need community more than ever, especially our children.

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

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### Confirmation 1 & 2:

The final lesson for this year was sent to your email on July 6. Please take as much time as needed and let me know when its been completed.

**Sacrament of Confirmation Liturgies** will be Sunday, August 16 and Sunday, August 23, 2:00pm at St Mary. We will split into the groups below and social distancing measures will be practiced. Please watch your emails for specific details.

#### August 16

Brett Beukema  
Valerie Beukema  
Ellie De Costa  
Emily Devereux  
Marcus Doyle  
Grace Fisher

Nathan Hines  
Garrett Jones  
Katelyn Lappe  
Lucy Schaffer  
Martin Shugar  
Hailey Volz

#### August 23

Brayden Bartleson  
Jacob Feldmann  
Avery Fricke  
Grace Johnson  
Weston Kahler  
Brooke Kiley  
Sadie Kuehn  
Veronica Loraditch

**Looking ahead to next year:** We are finalizing plans for Confirmation Preparation. Information and a registration form will be emailed to you on Monday, August 3. I will let everyone know if we have additional program details.

### EDGE families!

Registration will begin Monday, August 3. Information and a registration form will be sent via email for our Preschool - 10th Grade programs. This material will also be on the website and a few paper copies will be available at church. We are asking that you please register as soon as possible this year. We have had quite a few people from outside the parish ask to join us and we want to be sure to have enough space for parishioners first. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Peace and Blessings, *Andrea, Nicole & Melissa*

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

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget (est.)</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$9,121	\$4,520	<b>July 19</b>
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$1,524	\$4,520	<b>July 26</b>

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$19,369	\$17,000	\$16,520

## 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	\$37,497	\$34,372	<b>\$15,184</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.



## Hello from Me and My House!

I hope you're all managing through the summer heat. It's been a while since you've heard from me. The last few months have been something right? We have to make decisions on upcoming elections amid the COVID-19 pandemic and while our nation is fraught with protests and changing policies surrounding civil liberties. The entire world seems to be at odds. How do we handle it all?

First and always, pray without ceasing. Take time every day to talk to God. This is so important. He is listening and He answers, but sometimes you must be still enough to hear it. Slow down and reflect, even if it's just for a few minutes each day.

If you have still not made it back to weekend Masses due to health concerns, take the time to worship during the time that you normally would. Go over the readings of the day and reflect on them. These can be found online at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings> And always feel free to reach out to Father Andrew and other church staff for anything you may need at home.

Furthermore, take the time to go out and educate yourself while taking a break from the news and social media platforms. I don't know about anyone else, but I've never had much of a problem with anxiety until beginning right around this past March. And trying to follow the media for updates only made it worse. It didn't ease up until I stopped tuning in every day and turned off all notifications on my phone. Now, if I need to know something I just go out and look for it when I need to know it. It's made life a bit more pleasant.

I am going to leave you with Psalms Chapter 46. God is always with us, no matter what is happening in the world. It can be hard to remember during trying times.

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| 1 For the leader. A song of the Korahites.<br>According to alamo.                              | 8 The LORD of hosts is with us;<br>our stronghold is the God of Jacob.  |
| 2 God is our refuge and our strength,<br>an ever-present help in distress.                     | 9 Come and see the works of the LORD,<br>who has done fearsome deeds on earth;  |
| 3 Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken<br>and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, | 10 Who stops wars to the ends of the earth,<br>breaks the bow, splinters the spear,<br>and burns the shields with fire; |
| 4 Though its waters rage and foam<br>And mountains totter at its surging.                      | 11 "Be still and know that I am God!<br>I am exalted among the nations,<br>exalted on the earth."                       |
| 5 Streams of the river gladden the city of God,<br>the holy dwelling of the Most High.         | 12 The Lord of hosts is with us;<br>our stronghold is the God of Jacob.   |
| 6 God is in its midst; it shall not be shaken;<br>God will help it at break of day.            |   |
| 7 Though nations rage and kingdoms totter,<br>he utters his voice and the earth melts.         |   |

Email [joshua2415smhc@gmail.com](mailto:joshua2415smhc@gmail.com) with any thoughts, ideas and opinions you have.





## 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.

*If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.*

## Blood Drive



Our next Elkhart Community Blood Drive is **Thursday, August 27 from 3:00–7:00pm** in the Social Hall. Covid safety measures to be taken: LifeServe will disinfect all surfaces in the Social Hall that 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 and have implemented new donor screening questions. They are monitoring the health of every team member.

All blood donors are to schedule appointments (see below if you don't already have an appointment). Walk-in donations are NOT accepted. Donors are asked to pre-screen their temperatures. Donors should refrain from giving blood for 28 days if in the past 28 days ...

- Donor has traveled to a country in which the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has identified outbreaks.
- Donor has been diagnosed with or is suspected of having COVID-19
- Donor has 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 on the bulletin board in the vestibule of St. Mary or visit <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/>. Select "Donate;" then "Schedule Your Donation;" then "Schedule a Donation Now;" then "Sponsor Name Search;" enter "Elkhart;" then "Search;" Elkhart Community should show up, then select "Schedule;" and pick an available time and either log in or create an account. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center, 800-287-4903, and mention Elkhart Community Drive and they will assist you.

## Online Giving

We have online giving available through the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa. Use this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>; and on the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation will send gift acknowledgement letters. Your donation will be included on your year end statement. Thank you for considering using this for your method of tithing!

## The Catholic Mirror

Our diocesan newspaper is having its annual subscription drive. Please consider supporting this important tool for evangelization. It brings us the bishop's monthly column, stories of inspiration and faith, and helps us see our parish as part of a broader, diocesan faith community. You can take a subscription by going to [dmdioocese.org/giving](http://dmdioocese.org/giving).



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## A Summer Blessing



**Walk along beside me, Jesus, these months of summer.  
As I work, play, enjoy family time and friendships,  
may I hear your voice within me,  
guiding me toward all that is right and good.  
Give me faith in Your presence,  
knowing that You walk beside me in everything I do.  
Thank you for the gift of summer.  
May the warmth of its sun and the beauty of its light  
remind me daily of Your love for me. Amen.**

## Campus Ministry

We can help your college student connect with his or her campus Catholic community. Our Campus Ministry program will share that information with the college Catholic community at the school your student attends. Please send your college student's name, school and contact information to [campusminister@stcatherinedrake.org](mailto:campusminister@stcatherinedrake.org).

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2

*Theme: God answers all our needs.*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 55:1-3 • Come to the water!

*Reading II:* Romans 8:35, 37-39 • What can separate you from the love of Christ?

*Gospel:* Matthew 14:13-21 • You give them something to eat!

*Question for Children:* What are the ways that Jesus shows he loves you?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus was very attentive to his followers. He cared for them and for their needs. What are your needs? What can Jesus do to help you?

*Question for Adults:* In your experience, what "false obstacles" have you or people you know experienced separating them from Christ? Things such as divorce? Or marrying outside the church? Or not attending Mass? Or others?

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9

*Theme: If we believe, we will be saved.*

*Reading I:* 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a • The Lord will be passing by.

*Reading II:* Romans 9:1-5 • I speak the truth in Christ.

*Gospel:* Matthew 14:22-33 • Lord, save me!

*Question for Children:* What does God's voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

*Question for Adults:* Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in "tiny voices" rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.