



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022



## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

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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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### Parish Information

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### Mass Schedule — Revised

|           |         |            |
|-----------|---------|------------|
| Wednesday | 5:30pm  | Holy Cross |
| Thursday  | 8:00am  | St. Mary   |
| Saturday  | 5:00pm  | St. Mary   |
| Sunday    | 8:00am  | Holy Cross |
|           | 10:00am | St. Mary   |

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

**Baptism:** Please contact the office.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** Please contact the office.

**Marriage:** Contact the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

**Priesthood/Religious:** [www.vocationsonline.org](http://www.vocationsonline.org)

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## Mass and Reconciliation

### Wednesday, August 24

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

### Thursday, August 25

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Jean Miller

### Saturday, August 27

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

### Sunday, August 28

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Bill Jorgensen

10:00am Mass, St. Mary People of the Parish

### Wednesday, August 31

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Nolan Clewell

### Thursday, September 1

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernard Hanlon

### Saturday, September 3

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

### Sunday, September 4

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Craig Hand

10:00am Mass, St. Mary People of the Parish

## 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!

## Final Parish Listening Session

Thursday, August 25, 6:30pm at Albaugh Family Senior Community Center in Ankeny. *Possible discussion questions:*

- What are the strongest qualities of our parish?
- What are the chief matters and concerns of the parish you encourage the new pastor to pay attention to?
- What desires, hopes, and dreams for the parish would you like to express to the new pastor?

Fr. Amadeo and our Parish Council members genuinely want to hear your views, ideas, questions, and aspirations for the parish during this time of pastoral transition.

## The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette Appeal at our Parish September 10/11

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. "They went forth and preached everywhere" (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words to the two children (Maximin and Mélanie), "Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people," echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar, Namibia, Mozambique, Tanzania and the Philippines. *With your cooperation, these missionaries can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.*

## Prayer for Students and Teachers

Dear Lord,  
Give our children a thirst for knowledge,  
wisdom and understanding.  
May their hearts be ready to learn  
at home, school and church.  
Open their ears,  
that they may crave knowledge  
and seek it out.  
Protect them and keep them safe.

We pray for our teachers.  
Watch over them, guide and sustain them,  
enabling them to joyfully interact  
with their students and co-workers.  
Protect them and keep them safe.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Parish Council

Meetings: August 23 & Sept. 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting: September 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting: September 12, 6:00pm, Ed Center

### Knights of Columbus

August 21, 6:40pm Rosary, 7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall

### Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 2 from Maxwell, Colfax, Collins, Nevada

## Coming Events

- ✠ **Weekend of August 20/21:** Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry
- ✠ **Final Parish Listening Session:** Thursday, August 25, 6:30pm, Albaugh Family Senior Community Center, Ankeny
- ✠ **Blood Drive:** Thursday, Aug. 25, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
- ✠ **Weekend of Sept. 3/4:** Buildings & Grounds collection — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses

## ✠ Pastoral Assistance

Emergency contact: Fr. Michael Amadeo, 515-249-5015.

## Blood Drive August 25

There is still time to give the gift of life by donating blood! Appointments are required; there is a sign up in the vestibule of St. Mary's or on-line at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org). Reserve your preferred time today! Your blood is important and needed! There's no substitute for human blood.

It only takes about 30-45 minutes from check-in to check-out and you get to enjoy beverages and homemade treats at our canteen. Can't donate, but want to help? We welcome our drive's famous homemade treats. Contact Lisa and Tim Kautza, [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net); 515-964-7687.

## Church Sign

**Come as you are. You can change inside.**

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Miller who passed away August 5th, and for the repose of the soul of John Krettek, brother of Fr. Dan, who passed away August 5th, and for their families that they 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 classes begin September 7th! There is still time to register for the upcoming religious education year! Please register as soon as possible! Forms have been emailed, can be found on the website and are available at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Please email your completed form to [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org), drop it off at the office or mail it in. We look forward to serving your families.

We are still looking for helpers at our Wednesday sessions! If you are willing to help, please contact one of us.

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

Please register for this Religious Education year! Forms are on the website and available at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Please email completed form to [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org), drop it off at the office or mail it in.

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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**Wednesday, August 31**, 6:00pm, St. Mary Social Hall: Confirmation Parent/teen meeting. Please have at least one parent/guardian attend with your teen.

## Thank You's

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish,

Thank you for the memorial gifts to All Saints Parish in honor of our Father. Thank you for all of your prayers during this difficult time.

~ John Fisher & Family and Patty Devereux & Family

Thank you for the scholarship I will be using at NICC for tools in my John Deere Tech Program. I have really enjoyed being a part of the Holy Cross family and helping serve as usher.

~ Brett Beukema



## Help with Avenue of Flags

Could you assist with raising the flags on Saturday, September 3 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Monday, September 5 at 5:00pm? Each session lasts about half an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147 / [lschreurs@msn.com](mailto:lschreurs@msn.com), to volunteer, for more information, or if inclement weather.

## Parish Calendar

Hang on to your August calendar for the first few days of September. The new month will be on the website before the 1st and printed copies will be in the September 3-4 bulletin.

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

|                  | Received | Budget  |                  |
|------------------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Tithes/Plate/    | \$3,378  | \$5,944 | <b>August 7</b>  |
| Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$9,402  | \$5,944 | <b>August 14</b> |

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

| Received | Budget   | Last Year |
|----------|----------|-----------|
| \$34,820 | \$41,609 | \$28,689  |

## 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Every gift is greatly appreciated. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and can be returned by mail to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. Please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese. If donating by check, please make it out to the Diocese of Des Moines. You can also donate at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown.

| Goal     | Pledged  | Paid     | Unpaid  | Amt. Due       |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|
| \$54,744 | \$51,940 | \$49,740 | \$2,200 | <b>\$5,004</b> |

## Laudato Si

It is important to learn lessons that first present themselves in family life: how to show love and respect for life; the proper use of things; order and cleanliness; respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures; how to learn and mature; how to ask without demanding; saying "thank you" in genuine gratitude; controlling aggressiveness and greed. "These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings." (Laudato Si', 213)

See *On Care for Our Common Home* at

<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

## 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.*

## Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools

We cordially invite you to attend the inaugural Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools on August 27 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Indianola. For more information and to purchase tickets visit [dmidiocese.org/catholic-schools/support](http://dmidiocese.org/catholic-schools/support) or call 515-237-5079. We hope to see you there!

### August 27 & 28 Liturgical Ministers

#### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Tim Kautza  
Host Distributor Joe Rumbaugh  
Ushers Jim Hudson, Joe Rumbaugh  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon, Terri Hamm

#### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Lowell Crouse  
Usher Mike Veasman  
Music Jen Linderblood, Stacey Rooney

#### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Deacon Terry  
Host Distributor Mike Nehring  
Ushers Gregg Richwine *1 volunteer needed*  
Music Christine Muehlenthaler, Karon Lacey, Celeste Muehlenthaler

### September 3 & 4 Liturgical Ministers

By sign up; please contact the office to volunteer.

#### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

*Needed: Lector, Host Distributor, Ushers*  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

#### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

*Needed: Lector*

Usher: Sandra Hunter  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

#### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

*Needed: Lector, Host Distributor, Ushers*  
Music Christine Muehlenthaler, Karon Lacey, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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## Money Counters

**August 21:** Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman

**August 28:** Trish Morris, Sue White

**Sept. 4:** Trish Morris, Kathy Daup



The average person has the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 aluminum cans in their life.

## An Opportunity To Help!

We are looking for hosts for wine and cheese after 5:00pm Mass on December 3.....and hosts for coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross on November 6 and December 4.....and hosts for coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass on October 2 and December 4. **If you have not hosted before we can team you up with someone who has.** Please contact the office for more information or to volunteer.

## Additional Options for Tithing

**Auto Debit:** Designate a monthly amount for withdrawal from your account on the 15th or 30th. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Candy at [bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@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.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20/21

*Theme: Following Jesus calls us to risk and not always take the easy road.*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 66:18-21 • People will gather in God's name from all the nations.

*Reading II:* Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 • Your trials in life bring you strength.

*Gospel:* Luke 13:22-30 • Some who are last will be first, and some who are first will be last.

*Question for Children:* How do you show that you are a follower of Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus tells us that being His disciple will be very hard. Of all the things that Jesus tells us about the way that we are to live our lives, what is the hardest thing for you to do? Why?

*Question for Adults:* As you wrestle with this Gospel, what signs do you see in your own life that you are "with God."

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 27/28

*Theme: Give as God gives - in humility and love.*

*Reading I:* Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 • Conduct your affairs with humility.

*Reading II:* Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a • You have drawn near to the city of the living God.

*Gospel:* Luke 14:1, 7-14 • Whoever exalts self shall be humbled and whoever humbles self will be exalted.

*Question for Children:* Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?

*Question for Youth:* God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

*Question for Adults:* Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?