



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021



## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 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,

Ember Days are the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday that follow the feast of the Holy Cross. This year, those days are on September 15, 17, and 18. It is a time to give thanks to God for the first fruits of the harvest. This has traditionally involved a blessing of farms. If you would like your farm to be blessed around this time and/or know someone who does, please contact me. - 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
	4th Sunday	10:00am	St. Mary
	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 31

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Terry Seeman  
~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, September 1

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Stephen & Michael Carpenter

### Thursday, September 2

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Roger Cory

### First Friday, September 3

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Al & Nydia Claussen

### Saturday, September 4

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

### Sunday, September 5

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Myron White

### Tuesday, September 7

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Fr. Dan Gahler  
~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, September 8

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

### Thursday, September 9

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Fr. David Smith

### Saturday, September 11

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Colleen Hindman

### Sunday, September 12

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

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



## Our New Members!

We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

*Jonathan and Christina Weber  
& children Titus, Zeke, Samson & Asher, Cambridge*

*Ben and Dani Hoskins  
& children Lucas & Ryan, Elkhart*

*Angie McClannahan  
& children Leah & Brock, Bondurant*

## 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!

## 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.

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>.

## A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God,

You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

*-Pope Francis, Laudato Si'*

## Upcoming Parish Building Repair

One of the top Buildings and Grounds priorities for our parish has been the ceiling repair needed in the Social Hall. Scott Turczynski with Heartland and a member of our parish, has offered to donate this work. With Religious Education starting soon we are scheduled to start the ceiling repair on Monday, August 30. We apologize for any inconveniences this causes. The work is expected to take approximately two weeks. Arrangements are being made to accommodate any parish activities affected by this work. Thank you for your patience with this matter. ~ John Roberts, Parish Council Chair

## I Can Help!

**Assistance with Religious Ed Programs:** Our *Purpose Program* (Confirmation 9/10th Grades) 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, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org) / 515-313-3014. *EDGE (7/8th Grades):* We are 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!

**Calling All Musicians!** We would love to have you join our music ministry to participate during Mass! We provide training and you can sing or play with mentors. Teenagers welcome! If interested, or for more information, 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 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!*

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, [gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org), 515-556-4150  
Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

Religious Education begins September 1st! Please register your children before that day so we can plan accordingly. We are honored and humbled to grow in faith again this year with the children of our parish. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Upcoming Schedule

**Sept. 1/3 & Sept. 8/9 -Good starts:** Session A 4:45-5:30pm  
Session B 6:30-7:15pm Session C 9:00-10:15am  
**Sept 15/17 - Regular sessions:** Session A 4:45-6:15pm,  
Session B 6:30-8:00pm Session C 9:00am  
**Sept 22/24 - Regular sessions**

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, [afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org), 515-240-5059

### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

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

**EDGE (7th & 8th graders) Parent/Teen Meeting,**  
Wednesday, Sept. 8, 6:00pm - 6:30pm, St. Mary Church

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

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

## We Are Starting a Parent Group

Parents, please join us during the 6:30pm Religious Ed session each week as we grow in our own faith and support each other as we work to create strong Catholic values in our homes. Please know that our topics will be chosen based on the requests of the group. We will meet in the Conference Room in the Office area. If you have any questions please reach out to Michele Hand at 515-460-0239. All are welcome to join at any time; see you Wednesday!

## Avenue of Flags for Labor Day

Could you assist with the raising of flags on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Monday, Sept. 6 at 6:00pm? It won't take long! It would be helpful for planning purposes if you let Lynn Schreurs know you are coming to help. Please contact him at 515-577-8147. Thank you!

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

Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: Sept. 13, 6:00pm, Social Hall  
Knights of Columbus  
Sept. 19: 6:40pm Rosary, Church, 7:00pm Meeting, Hall  
Finance Council  
Meeting: Sept. 21, 6:30pm, Social Hall  
Parish Council  
Meeting: Sept. 28, 6:30pm, Social Hall

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**Church Sign — Wait! Jesus wants to talk to you!**

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$10,461	\$5,642	<b>August 15</b>
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$ 2,365	\$5,642	<b>August 22</b>

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$41,515	\$45,136	\$41,952

*Food Pantry Collection: \$679.00*

## 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.

## Buildings and Grounds Collection

The weekend of September 4/5 our second collection is for improvements here at the parish. Your donations will help with current and future projects. Thank you for your faithful support! A list of projects can be found at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/Project%20list%202017-29-2021.pdf>, which is our Parish Website, Communicate tab, then Meeting Minutes and under Parish Council Minutes.

## Iowa, Iowa State or I Don't Care?!

"CAST YOUR VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM" S.T.O.R.M - NCYC Fundraiser! Who is ready for some FOOTBALL?! The BIG ISU vs. U of I game is quickly approaching and we want your "VOTE". NCYC attendees will hold the voting event following all Masses September 4/5; the weekend before the big game. Please show your support for YOUR favorite team by dropping your monetary donations into the "IOWA, IOWA STATE or I DON'T CARE" bucket. After we count the "votes" the team's bucket with the most money is the WINNER! So even if your team isn't favored to win the BIG game, they still have the chance to be the WINNER here! The SM-HC winner will be revealed in the vestibule and in the bulletin following the game. THANK YOU, for your continued support!

## 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.*

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA)

Are you yourself and/or do you know someone who would like to become Catholic and/or would like to know more about the faith? "The rite of Christian initiation [...] is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully." For further information contact Father Andrew, 515-367-2685 or [fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

## Diocesan Collection for Seminarians

This year we recognize that our Priests are called by God to be Men of Communion, and as such, Christ is the sustaining force for these men along with the people to whom they minister. You will be receiving a brochure and return envelope in the mail from Bishop Joensen. Gifts to this collection are used to cover tuition, room and board, and provide a small monthly stipend for pre-theologians and theologians. This year, more than \$200,000 is needed to enable the academic formation of our fifteen seminarians. Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and charitable donation to support the seminarians.

## "Chip In" For Charity

Join St. Vincent Paul Society for the Fight Food Insecurity Golf Fundraiser Friday, September 17 at Copper Creek Golf Club. One out of ten Polk County Residents suffer from lack of food. All proceeds from this event will go towards keeping our healthy food pantries open to help nobody goes hungry. Thank you for your continued support and helping us help others. Registration and details at [www.svdpsdm.org](http://www.svdpsdm.org).



Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt lightbulb for four hours.

## 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.*

## Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

**Food Pantry:** Wednesdays, Noon–3:45pm to help distribute food and or pack food items for clients.

**Emergency Family Shelter:** Tuesday or Thursday afternoon 1:00–5:00pm to help answer phones, light admin work and aid with afternoon snack.

To volunteer or for additional information, please contact Holly Ackermann, [hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org) or 515-237-5027. Thank you.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 29

*Theme: Your heart must be full of faith.*

**Reading I:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 • Hear the decrees which I am teaching you.

**Reading II:** James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 • Welcome the word which has taken root in you.

**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 • This people pays me lip service.

**For Children:** What steps can you take to more humbly welcome Christ into your heart?

**For Youth:** Jesus warns about the things that will lead us away from God. What tempts you away from being the person that God created you to be?

**For Adults:** Based on this reading from James, what is the sign in one's life that faith is present?

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 5

*Theme: Opening up to the power of Jesus.*

**Reading I:** Isaiah 35:4-7a • Be strong! Fear not!

**Reading II:** James 2:1-5 • Did not God choose the poor to become rich in faith?

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37 • He makes the deaf hear!

**For Children:** How do you shun others whom you don't like?

**For Youth:** Who are the people in our world today who sometimes go unnoticed? What could you do to help them?

**For Adults:** : In what ways do you discriminate in your heart against those whom you judge less than fully worthy?