



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 30, 2020**



**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 6, 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 readings for the first weekend (August 30 or 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) of this bulletin, particularly Jesus' stark admonition of Peter's denial of the Passion, are a reminder of the importance of prayer. Constant and consistent prayer helps us reconcile our thoughts with God's. However, as Jesus also reminds us, life still involves suffering and that salvation cannot be had without it. Part of suffering involves sin, whether it is our own or that of others against us. In the readings for the second weekend (September 6 or 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time), we are encouraged to help others turn away from their sin. Speaking of reconciliation, Jesus aids us by establishing a protocol whereby a sinner is brought back into the good graces of fellow Christians. It is a wonderful model that would surely bring greater peace to our turbulent world that seems to be greatly divided and sometimes violently so.

The finance committee is still looking for new members to serve the parish. While it is not required for all members to have knowledge of finances, we would like especially to leverage the expertise of someone with such a background. If you are interested and/or know someone who fits this description, please contact me.

*Fr. Andrew*

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## 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

**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.vocationsonline.org>.

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## Mass and Adoration

### Tuesday, September 1

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

### Wednesday, September 2

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ray and Muriel Schreurs

### Thursday, September 3

8:00am St. Mary †Dorothy Gannon

### First Friday, September 4

9:00am St. Mary †Lowell Brendeland

### Saturday, September 5

5:00pm St. Mary †Tom Bellis

### Sunday, September 6

8:00am Holy Cross †Jim & Rita Rooney  
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

### Tuesday, September 8

6:00pm St. Mary †Cecelia Morton & Son, Mike  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, September 9

5:30pm Holy Cross †Stephen & Mike Carpenter

### Thursday, September 10

8:00am St. Mary †Jim & Margaret Shaw

### Saturday, September 12

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

### Sunday, September 13

8:00am Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter  
10:00am St. Mary †Ralph & Neva Cory

### Monday, September 14 Feast of the Holy Cross

5:30pm Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

## Prayer for Healing and Anxiety

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth  
You showed Your love and caring  
by healing people of all ages and stations of life  
from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments.  
Be present now to all who need Your loving touch.  
May they feel Your power of healing  
through the care of doctors and nurses.

Take away the fear, anxiety,  
and feelings of isolation we may have  
and wrap us safely in your loving arms.  
Protect our families and friends  
and guide us to peace among all. Amen.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.*

– Philippians 4:6

### Stewardship Committee

Monday, Sept. 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Crafts and Social Time

Thursday, Sept. 17, 9:30pm, Social Hall

### Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## Please Wear Your Mask!

When you come to Mass, please wear 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 30: Families with J - Z last names**

**Sept. 6: Families with A - I last names**

**Sept. 13: Families with J - Z last names**

*Please join us for Mass at St. Mary  
on your off week at Holy Cross.*

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

## Coming to the Parish Office?

If you need to see a staff member, please contact them ahead of time to be sure they are here, or make an appointment.

For Diocesan updates, livestream Masses and resources, see <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>

## 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!

## We Are Here to Help!

If you are homebound, at high risk, caring for family, or know someone who is, and are in need of help with errands, picking up prescriptions or groceries, etc., please contact Fr. Andrew. Also, if you are willing to help in some way, please contact the parish office.

## SMHC High School/College Students & Adults

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our EDGE program. If you are interested in helping and could spare 3-6 hours a month we would LOVE your help! If you are interested in learning more or want to help, please contact Melissa, 515-290-2830 or Andrea 515-240-5059. We will be happy to share information about our EDGE program with you. We have had a wonderful EDGE core team in the past and look forward to adding new people. Thank you for considering helping grow our young church!

## YOU Are Needed!

We are still looking for a few adults to teach in our Religious Education program on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Geneveve (515-556-4150 / gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org) or Tracy (515-520-7981 / tmiller@saintmaryhc.org). Thank you!

## Avenue of Flags for Labor Day

Could you assist with the raising of flags on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Monday, Sept. 7 at 6:00pm? It won't take long! It would be helpful for planning purposes if you could let Lynn Schreurs know you are coming to help. Please contact him at 515-577-8147. Thank you!

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Terry Seeman, husband of Karla, father of Traci Naragon, and grandfather of Tyler and Olivia, who passed away August 22. May he be at peace with our Lord and his family know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

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

## 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

**September 1st is the deadline to register for Religious Education before we open spots to the families on the waiting list.** To help each family feel as comfortable as possible we have limited class sizes this year, as well as an at home program. We are hopeful that each family will take advantage of the opportunities available to them to grow in faith this school year. Please email your registration to Barb at [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org).

**Each Session will kick off the year with an Opening Mass.** In order to social distance at Mass, each session will have their own Mass listed below.

*Session B: Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6:00pm*

*Session A: Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:00pm*

*Session C: Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6:00pm*

*At Home Program: Thursday, Sept. 24 at 6:00pm*

Please see the calendar on the website for additional schedule information.

*Please let us know if you have any questions!*

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

**Hello EDGE (7th & 8th graders) families!** We hope you are all off to a good start to the 2020-2021 school year! It will be a blessing to have our EDGE kids back together toward the end of September. Parents please mark your calendars for our EDGE Parent (only) meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:00pm in the Social Hall at St Mary.

**Our first EDGE session with the students** will be Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please contact one of us if you have questions; Our contact information is above.

*Blessings, Melissa and Andrea*

### PURPOSE (Confirmation 1 & 2, Grades 9 & 10):

**If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.**

**We are looking for program volunteers.**

**2020/21 Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:15pm in the Social Hall at St. Mary. For safe practices we ask that only one parent attend and there is no need for children to attend. We will go over everything with them during the first session.

**First Session:** Wednesday, Sept. 30, 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Social Hall at St. Mary.

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## PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget (est.)</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$6,036	\$4,520	<b>August 9</b>
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$9,325	\$4,520	<b>August 16</b>
	\$1,553	\$4,520	<b>August 23</b>

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$43,506	\$34,000	\$40,915

## 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	\$38,947	\$36,197	<b>\$13,359</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.*

## 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 Fr. Andrew via phone at 515-367-2685 or via e-mail at [fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org).



## 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](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org). If the request is not for you, please ask permission the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.

## Special Collections for Disaster Relief

August has wreaked havoc in our backyards and across the globe. A terrible explosion in the port of Beirut, Lebanon was followed by a straight-line windstorm, known as a derecho here in Iowa. The explosion in Beirut cost at least 160 people their lives and thousands of people remain injured or homeless. The derecho caused severe damage to crops, businesses, and homes. Tens of thousands of individual and families remain without power while they assess damages and remove debris. The recovery process for both disasters is expected to be lengthy and costly.

In response to these local and global disasters, Bishop Joensen has asked that a special collection be taken up at in the parishes. Donations can be placed in the collection baskets noted for disaster relief, this weekend and next. Gifts may also be made online at [dmdiocese.org/giving](http://dmdiocese.org/giving) or mailed directly to the Diocese of Des Moines (601 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309). Contributions to disaster relief efforts in Beirut will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. The Diocese of Des Moines is working with our local Catholic Charities to help the individuals and families most severely affected by the derecho. Thank you for your assistance in helping those affected by these disasters.

## Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

"The critical challenges and enormous potential facing Africa today serve as the opportunity for--and test of--our mutual solidarity. Our response to this vocation of solidarity with the Church and peoples of Africa enables us to express love 'in deed and in truth' (1 John 3:18), a love that creates no borders and sets no limits to what might be accomplished together in Christ." -- *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, A Call to Solidarity with Africa*.

We will have donation envelopes available at Church this weekend; please return them next weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity for these Diocesan collections.

## St. Joseph Catholic School is Enrolling Now!

If your child attends a public school, we are offering a Welcome Tuition Grant to attend St. Joseph's. This grant entitles each child to \$1,000 off tuition the first year and \$500 off tuition the following year. We would love to schedule a tour! Please contact Jodi Halligan for more information, 515-266-3433 or [jhalligan@stjosephcatholicdsm.org](mailto:jhalligan@stjosephcatholicdsm.org).



Recycling just one glass jar saves enough electricity to light an 11 watt CFL bulb for 20 hours.

## Christ Our Life Conference

This legendary regional Catholic conference is less than a month away! Join us at Wells Fargo or through the livestream from your home for just \$25. This two-day conference will renew your relationship with Jesus Christ through the Mass, faith stories, music, and the sacraments. Tickets for adults are \$25 (livestream or in person); tickets for children and students (livestream or in person) are \$15; children under age 6 attend free! If you purchase an in person ticket, you can switch it to an online ticket.

Contact Dona Cowman ([racefans@iowatelecom.net](mailto:racefans@iowatelecom.net) / 515-383-4482) or Heidi Ackerman ([heidimdittmer@gmail.com](mailto:heidimdittmer@gmail.com) / 641-203-5322) with questions or to buy tickets.

## 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 and amounts will be included on your parish year end statement. Thank you for considering using this for your tithing!

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30

Theme: The cross is a way that leads to true life.

*Reading I:* Jeremiah 20:7-9 • I suffer for the sake of doing God's work.

*Reading II:* Romans 12:1-2 • Be transformed.

*Gospel:* Matthew 16:21-27 • Take up your cross.

*Question for Children:* Jesus tells us that we each are called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

*Question for Adults:* Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 6

Theme: We are called to help one another grow as a community of faith.

*Reading I:* Ezekiel 33:7-9 • The wicked will not prosper.

*Reading II:* Romans 13:8-10 • Whoever loves his or her neighbor, fulfills the law.

*Gospel:* Matthew 18:15-20 • When you join yourselves together in faith, I am with you.

*Question for Children:* What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

*Question for Adults:* How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.