



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2022



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022

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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Mass Schedule

Wednesday	8:00am	St. Mary
	and 5:30pm	Holy Cross
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

Mass and Reconciliation

Wednesday, August 10

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Isaac Beying

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Larry Pitts

Saturday, August 13

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Johnny Richardson

Sunday, August 14

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Craig Hand

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

Monday, August 15

Holy Day, Assumption of Mary into Heaven

6:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Anita Brendeland

Wednesday, August 17

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Darlene Hughes

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Ashley Carpenter

Saturday, August 20

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

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

Sunday, August 21

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

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



Welcome To Our New Members!

We welcome to our Parish Family

Nancy Moore Overturff who lives in rural Altoona

Samantha Groark who lives near Cambridge

Pastoral Assistance †

In case of emergencies, please contact Fr. Michael Amadeo, 515-249-5015.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed Thursdays, August 11 and 18; St. Mary Church building will be open 8:00am to 8:00pm.

Plan to Attend a Parish Listening Session

- 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?

These are just a few of the questions you are welcome to discuss. The purpose of the Listening Sessions is to hear the views, ideas, questions, and aspirations for the parish during this time of pastoral transition.

Dates and Locations

All parishioners are welcome to attend one of the four sessions on the date and a location convenient for you.

- Wednesday, August 10, Maxwell Area Community Center
- Wednesday, August 17, St. Mary-Holy Cross Social Hall
- Thursday, August 18, Bondurant Community Library
- Thursday, August 25, Albaugh Family Senior Community Center in Ankeny

All meetings begin at 6:30pm and last until approximately 8:00pm. Fr. Amadeo and our Parish Council members genuinely want to hear from you!

Prayer for Rain

*Almighty God,
We are in need of rain.
We realize now,
looking up into the clear, blue sky,
what a marvel even the least
drop of rain really is.
To think that so much water
can fall out of the sky,
which now is empty and clear!
We place our trust in You.
Look on our dry hills and fields, O God,
and bless them with soft rain.
Then the land will rejoice,
and the rivers will sing Your praises,
and the hearts of all will be made glad.
In Your Name, we pray. Amen.*

Parish Council

Meetings: August 23, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: August 16, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: August 15, 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 6/7:** Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass, Coffee & donuts after 8:00am & 10 am Masses
- †**Parish Listening Sessions:** Dates and locations listed to the left.
- †**Blood Drive:** Thursday, Aug. 25, 3:00-7:00pm, 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 card found in the vestibule of St. Mary or Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven



We celebrate this Holy Day with 6:30pm Mass on Monday, August 15 at St. Mary. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation as it falls on Monday; but we invite you to come celebrate Mary, who, when her earthly life was completed, she was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory!

Summer Bulletin Submission

If you wish to have something included in the next bulletin, please email it to bliske@saintmaryhc.org by Noon on Wednesday, August 17 for the 21 & 28 bulletin. Thank you!

If being hurt by the church causes you to lose faith in God, then your faith was in people, not God.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harry Fisher, Father of Patty Devereux and John Fisher, who passed away July 23, and for his family that they 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, 515-556-4150
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We would love your help in our RE program this year. We could use assistant catechists at our Wednesday 4:45 and 6:30pm sessions. Please email us for more information.

Registration form is on the website, was emailed, and available at both churches. Completed forms can be mailed, emailed (bliske@saintmaryhc.org), or dropped at the office.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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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 / 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.*

Stay Cool

Sign-up to cool off at our August 25 blood drive in the vestibule of St. Mary Church or on-line at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org. Our social hall is always kept at 65 degrees for our drives as requested by the Blood Center. Reserve your preferred time today. Appointments are required. Your valuable blood is important and needed for people needing surgeries, giving birth, and for anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatments, serious burns, etc. There's no substitute for YOUR REAL 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 to say nothing about the conversation with our wonderful volunteers! Can't donate, but want to help? We welcome our drive's famous homemade treats. Contact Lisa and Tim Kautza, kautza@netins.net; 515-964-7687.

History of St. Mary - Holy Cross

Were you married at St. Mary or Holy Cross or had other family historical events related to our parish for which you have photos or documents? Larry Sauer is looking for mementos of these events that we could borrow to have reproduced for preservation and display in future St. Mary-Holy Cross history books. The plan is to find a display case for other historical artifacts that can be displayed too. If you would like to share your history with our parish, please contact Larry at 515-710-2421. Thank you!

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$2,074	\$5,944	July 24
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$5,801	\$5,944	July 31

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$22,040	\$29,721	\$21,015

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.

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>	<u>Amt, Due</u>
\$54,744	\$47,740	\$45,415	\$2,325	\$9,329

Laudato Si

A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Pope Francis writes that the disappearance of an entire culture "can be just as serious, or even more serious, than the disappearance of a species of plant or animal." We should strive to listen to indigenous peoples, protect their lands and involve them in processes and decisions that affect them.

See *On Care for Our Common Home* at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Diocesan Collection for Church in Africa

Help support our brothers and sisters in faith in Africa. Envelopes are available at both churches through August 20. Please return your gift in the collection basket. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Marriage is a Journey!!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pazazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, this may be just the thing to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. For more information contact Denise & Greg, 563-920-9419/drubner9419@gmail.com. Dates: September 9-11 in Dubuque or November 18-20 in Holstein.

August 13/14 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector John Roberts
Host Distributor Tony Kuehn
Ushers Glenn Hobin 1 volunteer needed
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis
Usher Mike Veasman
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Kris LeRoy
Host Distributor Jill Swanson
Ushers Gregg Richwine 1 volunteer needed
Music Sue Schmidt, Karon Lacey, Celeste Muehlenthaler

August 20/21 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Lisa Jones
Host Distributor Lisa Jones
Ushers Doug Jones, Mike Devereux
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Sheri Fogarty
Usher Sandra Hunter
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Garrett McClain
Host Distributor Tammi McClain
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar
Music Jen Linderblood, Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

August 7: Sharon Morris, Sue White
August 14: Trish Morris, Brenda Nehring
August 21: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman



Approximately 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the United States.

Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools

In honor of Bishop Joensen's passion for education, 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. The dress code is business casual. For more information and to purchase tickets visit dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools/support or call 515-237-5079. We hope to see you there!

Christ Our Life Conference Speaker

September 24 & 25

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow: Once again, founder and CEO of the global non-profit charity Mary's Meals, Scotsman Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, returns to provide updates and information about the recent work of Mary's Meals. This organization is now providing a nutritious meal every day to more than two million of the world's poorest children at their place of education. Mary's Meals has a presence in 19 developing countries, and continues to expand its presence internationally.

If you are traveling this summer....check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at

www.Masstimes.org



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 6/7

Theme: Do not live in fear. Live, and be ready!

Reading I: Wisdom 18:6-9 • You always protect us.

Reading II: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 • In faith we believe what we do not see.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 • We must be ready for God to act in our lives at any time!

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to always be ready to hear him. What are some ways that he speaks to us?

Question for Youth: If Jesus were to knock on your door and give you a report card on your life as His disciple, what grade would you get? What areas need improvement?

Question for Adults: What are some ways to keep yourself "ready for God to act?" How do you pay attention to God's often-less-than-obvious actions?

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 13/14

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

Reading I: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 • Jeremiah was saved by God.

Reading II: Hebrews 12:1-4 • Keep your eye fixed on Jesus!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 • I have come to light a fire on earth!

Question for Children: What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

Question for Youth: What do you do to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

Question for Adults: Share a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?