



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021



Seventeenth in Ordinary Time

July 25, 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,

Good Shepherd is the theme that is pervasive through the first reading, psalm (the famous and probably most-recognized Psalm 23), and Gospel for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 18). Shepherding is an occupation with which the people of both the Old Testament and the New Testament would have been familiar. With more people now living in towns and cities, we are not as familiar. However, we still learn that a good shepherd cares and provides for his sheep and in doing so, sometimes he makes sacrifices. Even though we take a break from the routine of continuing with successive Gospel readings on the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 25), there is still a connection between the two Sundays. The second Sunday's Gospel comes from chapter six of John and begins the Bread of Life discourse. While we first encountered Jesus as the Good Shepherd who nourishes his sheep, we now begin to realize that he does so both on a spiritual and a physical level. He cares about our bodies just as much as he cares about our souls, and so should we. The premier means by which he nourishes us is with the Eucharist, which is why attending Mass is so important to him and for us, and in that sense, it is an obligation. ~ Fr. Andrew

Parish Information

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| Mass Schedule | 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: 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 and Religious Life: See Diocesan website at <http://www.vocationsonline.org>.

Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration

Tuesday, July 20

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Ron Hamm

~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, July 21

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

Thursday, July 22

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Donnie and Rita Smith

Saturday, July 24

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Jerry Hahn

Sunday, July 25

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernardine Gorman

Tuesday, July 27

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Wilbur and Mary Percy

~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, July 28

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

Thursday, July 29

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Helen Schleisman

Saturday, July 31

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, August 1

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Tom and Sylvia Hart

10:00am Mass, St. Mary Melvin Ward

Father of All Nations

We recall the day when our country
claimed place among the family of nations;
for what has been achieved we give you thanks,
for the work that still remains we ask your help,
and as you have called us from many peoples
to be one nation, grant that, under your
providence, our country may share
your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: Collect for Independence Day, New Roman Missal

Knights of Columbus

July 18: 6:40pm Rosary, Church

7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall

Finance Council

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

Parish Council

Meeting: July 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: August 9, 6:00pm, 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!

Upcoming Social Events!

Join us in the social hall on Saturday, July 24 after 5:00pm Mass for a glass of wine, crackers, delicious cheeses and a chance to enjoy one another's company and reconnect with each other!



On Saturday, July 31, come for a picnic meal after the 5:00pm Mass. Brats, hot dogs and hamburgers will be served, along with chips and a dessert. If the weather is nice, please bring a lawn chair. This is a great opportunity for fellowship!

Calling All Musicians!

Do you like to play the piano or sing at Mass? If so, we would love to have you join the music ministry at St. Mary-Holy Cross to participate during Mass. Accompanists can play on the organ, piano or electric piano. We understand that you are all busy, so schedules are flexible and provided on an advance two month notice. We are happy to provide training and have you sing or play with mentors. Teenagers are welcome! If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Sue Schmidt at 515-689-9949 or e-mail sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org.



Correction: Parish Council

The last bulletin stated in error that John Roberts was an out-going member of the Parish Council. He has one year remaining and we thank him for his continued service!

Obligation to Attend Mass

On the weekend of July 24/25 the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass is restored in our Diocese.

There will always be cases where individuals are excused or dispensed for serious reasons. These reasons would include, but are not limited to, personal illness, known or suspected exposure to COVID-19, or if you are a caretaker of a member of the vulnerable population and your participation in Mass would expose him or her to a significant risk of contracting COVID-19. If you are unsure of your situation, please consult with Fr. Andrew who can assist you in your discernment.

If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please be in Fr. Andrew's line (he sanitizes after each). Social distancing is still expected to be practiced to the extent possible. Extra seating remains in the social hall for those who prefer to sit there.

Parishioners who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask at Mass and parish events. We will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer available.

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days, or have been exposed to the virus (considered 15 minutes within 6 feet of known or suspected COVID-19 case), or shown symptoms at any time in the previous 10 days are to stay home.

For updates please go to: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

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Registration is underway for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year! We look forward to serving your families again. Forms were emailed out, or can be found on our website and a few paper copies are available at both churches. Please return form and payment to the office.

Our sessions this year are

Session A: Wednesday, 4:45-6:15pm

Session B: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm

Session C: Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm

We will begin filling our waiting list on August 15, so please send your registration in as soon as you can to get your preferred session.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

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Registration for EDGE and Confirmation is open. The form is available on our website and at church. We are always seeking energetic, faith filled teens and adults who are willing to help grow our middle school and Confirmation ministry. Reach out if you want to learn more!

Noon Mass

A noon Mass will be offered on the fourth Sunday of every month beginning in August for anyone who would like to attend. More elements of our tradition are included, for example at certain times the priest faces the same way as the people, incense, inclusion of some Latin. A potluck meal, catechesis, and/or fellowship will follow. Please contact Fr. Andrew if you plan to attend the meal let him know what you might be able to bring.

Love Your Neighbor

Donors at our blood drive have saved or sustained more than 3450 lives in 7 years. We hope you will seriously consider donating if you have never done so before and join the usual 40 regular donors. It only takes 20 minutes plus about 5 minutes to check your health history and vitals to ensure you're healthy and 15 minutes in our canteen with beverages and treats homemade by parishioners. Jesus directs us to love our neighbors and this is one easy way to do so.

Your donation will help someone with planned or emergency surgeries, child birth, blood disorders, cancer treatments, anemia, serious burns, and more. Do you know someone who received a transfusion or maybe you have yourself? That blood was donated by someone like you. It's always in great demand. There's no substitute for REAL human blood.

Consider donating at our drive 3:00 – 7:00pm, Thursday, August 26, at St. Mary. Donors 16 or 17 years old need a permission form at their first donation. Forms are available in the vestibule of St. Mary Church. You can sign-up to donate there, too, or you can find a permission form or sign-up on line at <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org>. We hope to see you there!! Questions? Contact Lisa and Tim Kautza, kautza@netins.net; 515-964-7687.

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Church Sign — A strong church - a strong nation.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

| | <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> | |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Tithes/Plate/ | \$3,481 | \$5,642 | July 4 |
| Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$2,884 | \$5,642 | July 11 |

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

| <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| \$6,365 | \$11,284 | 2,090 |

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

| <u>Parish Goal</u> | <u>Payments</u> | <u>Unpaid Pledges</u> | <u>Amt. Due</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| \$51,038 | \$44,806 | \$6,474 | \$6,232 |

Thank you to those who have been so generous to this year's assessment. 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 from Bishop Joensen to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Church. 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.

Wine & Cheese and Coffee & Donuts

We would like to gather after Mass once again for these but are in need of people to host these events. We have coffee and donuts on the last Sunday of the month at Holy Cross, wine and cheese on the first Saturday of the month at St. Mary and coffee and donuts on the first Sunday of the month at St. Mary. If you have questions or would be interested in being on a schedule to host one of these, please contact Barb Liske, bliske@saintmaryhc.org/515-367-2685, and let her know which you would like to host. Thank you!



An Opportunity to Serve

We are looking for additional lectors, ushers and Host distributors for our Masses. If you have questions about these ministries or are interested in serving, please contact Fr. Andrew at Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org. Training provided.

Cards for Home-Bound and in Care Facilities

If you know someone who might like to receive cards from parishioners, ask them if we may put their address in the bulletin so cards can be sent. Please contact the Parish Office with their address.

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.



Before you travel...check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at www.Masstimes.org.

Stress-Free Retirement Planning Webinar

Presented by Joe Jordan

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Join us Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00pm for an informative online presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Joe will discuss how to plan for your financial future and a secure retirement. Joe believes in the mission of the Knights to protect families by providing economic security and stability.

Here are some of the topics that will be covered:

- The importance of "Living a Significant Life" that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth
- Eight steps to financial security
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes
- The importance of having a plan and a partner
- Why long-term care doesn't have to be a financial nightmare
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance
- Why patience pays when claiming Social Security
- Six risks to a secure retirement and how you can insure against them

His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. To register for this webinar, please call Knights Agent Dan Ginther at 515-460-3411.



A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose -- and even longer if it's in landfill.

Thank You!!

We are grateful to report that due to your support and generosity our recent NCYC Fundraising Garage Sale was a HUGE success! This was our largest fundraiser to date and the youth and adult leaders profited over \$4000! We graciously thank all who donated, set up, sorted, cleaned up and worked at the garage sale. Without you this would not have been possible. We were blessed immensely and we were able to share in that blessing when 80+ community members in need came through to take what they needed on our community "free" shopping days.

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 6 from 10:00am to 3:00pm — the St. Mary-Holy Cross NCYC youth and adult attendees will be serving breakfast and lunch in the city park at Maxwell for Old Settlers for a free will donation. Thank you again for your continued support!

Two Week Bulletins During the Summer

If you would like to have something included in our summer bulletins please have your information emailed to the Parish Office by Noon on these Wednesdays:

July 28 for August 1 & 8 Bulletin

August 11 for August 15 & 22 Bulletin

For movie reviews see www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 18

Theme: Sometimes we need to pause for rest with Jesus.

Reading I: Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Woe to those who mislead their sheep.

Reading II: Ephesians 2:13-18 • He announced the Good News to those who were far off and to those who were near.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34 • They went to a deserted place to rest.

For Children: How do you keep Sunday as a day of rest?

For Youth: Who are the people you are moved with pity for? What can you do to help them?

For Adults: Why is rest important, and how do you make sure you get enough of it in your own life?

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 25

Theme: Jesus generously provides and cares for us.

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44 • Give it to the people to eat.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6 • Bear with one another lovingly.

Gospel: John 6:1-15 • Jesus gave the people all the food they wanted.

For Children: How do you share with others what you have?

For Youth: Generosity is key to today's Gospel. What do you have that you should be sharing with others? Think of your possessions, your talents, and your time. How can you use these for the good of others?

For Adults: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?