



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 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,

In the Gospel for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time (July 4), the connection between Jesus' miracles and faith is made. In fact, verses five and six indicate that "he was not able to perform any mighty deed" because of "their lack of faith." Does this not shock us? If Jesus is really God, then should he not be able to do anything regardless of what others think? Of course, he can, but the point is that he wants our cooperation. The Gospel for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary (July 11) shows us the results of cooperating with him and putting the faith in action, "the Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them." In other words, we should not be surprised to find ourselves doing much of what he is able to do!

The presider's and assistants' chairs have been moved to the edge of the sanctuary. I had become increasingly uncomfortable sitting in the center, concerned that it gives the wrong impression of who we worship. ~ 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 6

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Doris Olson
~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, July 7

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

Thursday, July 8

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Delores Staber

Saturday, July 10

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, July 11

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Steve Sutter

Tuesday, July 13

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Chris Culp
~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, July 14

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

Thursday, July 15

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Rick McQuiston

Saturday, July 17

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

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

Sunday, July 18

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross Patrick Phelan Family

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Chuck Nehring

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

Adjustments to Regathering Guidelines

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.

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.

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.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass remains in place until July 23. The weekend of July 24/25 this obligation 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.

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

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Rain

Heavenly Father,
we thank You for the rain showers
we have received.

Thank You for hearing the cries of Your people
and sending the rain to refresh and replenish
the earth You created.

We thank You for being the compassionate
and merciful God who cares for His people.

Gracious Father,
You said to be thankful for all things.

We are grateful for the rain.

You are an awesome God and we praise
Your glorious Name!

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: July 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall

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

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!

Parish Council

Congratulations to our new Parish Council members: Tammi McClain, Larry Sauer and Celia Shedd. Thank you to our outgoing members, John Fisher, John Roberts and Stacey Rooney for their service to the parish.

An Opportunity to Serve



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

Mark Your Calendar and Spread the Word!

GARAGE SALE Our Youth's NCYC Fundraising Garage Sale is July 8 through July 10. We will be located in the social hall of St. Mary's. Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9, the hours of the sale are 9:00am to 6:00pm. Saturday, July 10 hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm. We will have an exclusive parishioner shopping time following 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, July 10. Thank you to all who have donated items for our garage sale we appreciate your continued support of the young church!

Movie Reviews: www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Registration will be available beginning the week of July 11. We will email current families the registration form and it will also be available on our website. Our sessions will fill up fast so be sure to register right away if you have a time preference! Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help out.

Priority will be given to catechists, in-parish families and we have an out-of-parish waiting list. We will start filling this waiting list beginning August 15, so please register as soon as possible to secure your child's place in class.

This year's schedule: Session A: Wednesday 4:45-6:15pm

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

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

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

EDGE and Confirmation registration for Fall classes will begin the week of July 11. Registration forms will be available on our website and by email. 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!

July Social Events!

**CRAFT
PROJECTS**

Join us to work on your crafts, play a game or and share in conversation on Thursday, July 15, 9:30am in the Social Hall.

What could be better than a glass of wine, crackers, and delicious cheeses in the social hall after our 5:00pm Mass? Parishioners will have a chance to enjoy one another's company and reconnect with each other! Please join us on Saturday, July 24!



On Saturday, July 31, the Knight of Columbus will be teaming up with the Stewardship Committee 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!



Mark your calendar to attend these events!!

Jesus Asks Us to Feed the Hungry

We are looking for volunteers to prepare a meal for the families at Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter on Sunday, December 12. One or more families can prepare and deliver a meal. Covid precautions are taken; meal providers do not enter the shelter and masks are to be worn. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt for a tax deduction. Please share your love with some families who are experiencing unexpected and dire changes to their lives. To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net.

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Church Sign — Use things, not people

Weekly Collection Financial Update

| | Received | Budget | |
|------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Tithes/Plate/ | \$9,954 | \$4,860 | June 20 |
| Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$1,767 | \$4,860 | June 27 |

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

| Received | Budget | Last Year |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$277,259 | \$252,720 | 295,296 |

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

| Parish Goal | Payments | Unpaid Pledges | Amt. Due |
|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| \$51,038 | \$43,503 | \$5,627 | \$7,535 |

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.

Thank You

Stewardship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship!
Thanks for your support as I continue my education.

~ Joseph Devereux



Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water.

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 14 for July 18 & 25 Bulletin

July 28 for August 1 & 8 Bulletin

August 11 for August 15 & 22 Bulletin

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass July 17/18; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist the Huxley Food Pantry.



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.

Holy Hour with Bishop Joensen

Bishop Joensen invites you to join him for a Holy Hour every Monday at 5:00pm at St. Ambrose Cathedral, or you can join him virtually at [Facebook.com/dmdiocese](https://www.facebook.com/dmdiocese). Bishop Joensen is praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we emerge from the pandemic.

Tuition Grants for Enrolling at St. Joseph School

If your child attends a public school, St. Joseph's is offering a Welcome Tuition Grant. This grant entitles each child to \$1,000 off tuition the first year and \$500 off the following year. The school would love to schedule a tour for you to check out our school! Please contact Principal Jodi Halligan for more information, jhalligan@stjosephcatholicdsm.org or 515-266-3433.

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

Keep the Fireworks Going in Your Marriage!

Join our marriage enrichment ministry *The Third Option*. This program is for all couples whether they are facing obstacles in their marriage or just trying to make a good thing better! Couples will walk through 14 skills-based workshops, listen to a couple who has overcome comparable frustrations, and provides support group discussions on suggested exercises/tools. *The Third Option* meets every 2nd and 4th Monday "IN PERSON" at All Saints Catholic Church, 650 NE 52nd Avenue in Des Moines. The workshop is held from 7:00 -9:00pm and participants are welcome to join anytime.

If you have questions, or would like to register contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5056. You can also contact Barb Berenguel at barbberenguel@yahoo.com or 515-229-0535.

Iowans for LIFE Summer Fundraising Dance

Join us Friday, July 23 from 6:30-10:00pm at Jasper Winery Open Air Tent, 2400 George Flagg Parkway in Des Moines. You will enjoy live music from The Fabulous Riviera's (50's & 60's Classic Rock), appetizers, sweets and beverages. A cash bar (beer/wine) will be available along with a dance contest with prizes and a live auction. Tickets on sale now - \$25 - at www.iowansforlife.org or mail your check to Iowans for LIFE, 1450 E. 33rd St. Des Moines, IA 50317. Questions? Contact Maggie DeWitte at 515-255-4113.

Position Opening

Emmaus House is seeking a highly qualified part-time Office Assistant. About the Position: The Office Assistant supports the day-to-day communications and administration of Emmaus House. The ideal candidate will have excellent interpersonal and written communication skills, as well as experience working with social media. Working with the Co-Director and Treasurer, the Office Assistant also performs duties in support of the financial bookkeeping of the organization. The ideal candidate has experience with Quickbooks Online, Donor Management Software, and Microsoft 365. The Office Assistant maintains strict confidentiality, offers a warm and welcoming presence to all who visit or contact Emmaus House, and supports the mission, vision, and values of Emmaus House.

For more detail regarding this position, as well as instructions for applying, please go to <https://www.theemmaushouse.org/office-assistant>.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, July 4

Theme: We must believe in Jesus ourselves.

Reading I: Ezekiel 2:2-5 • I am sending you.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 • When I am powerless, I am actually strong.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a • What kind of wisdom is he endowed with?

For Children: What helps you have deeper faith in Jesus?

For Youth: When have you struggled to speak the truth among your friends? What makes this difficult? What are the consequences?

For Adults: Name a time when you placed your trust in God even though those around you did not believe.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, July 11

Theme: We work together to share the Good News of Jesus.

Reading I: Amos 7:12-15 • The Lord has called and sent me.

Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14 • We have been chosen in Christ.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13 • He sent them out to preach and teach, giving them power to do so.

For Children: Who do you think most needs to hear the Good News about Jesus?

For Youth: How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

For Adults: Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two, rather than alone?