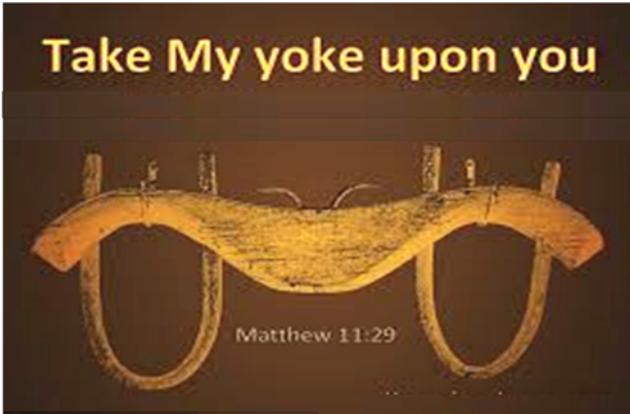


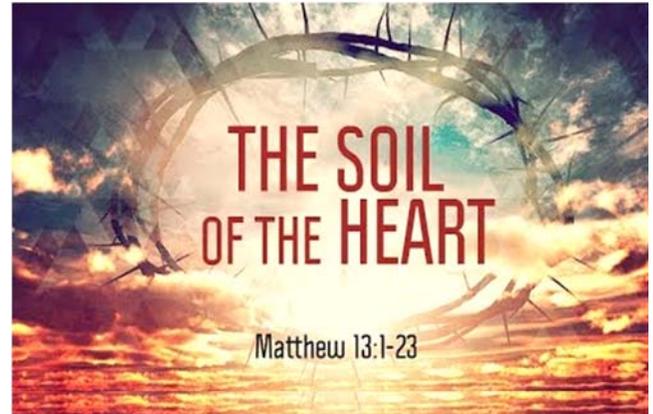


St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2020



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020

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,

Be aware that beginning with this bulletin, it will be published every two weeks for the remainder of the summer.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." Life is already challenging enough as it is. Why does Jesus seem to suggest that we should further burden ourselves? Such a question might be the result of an overly simplistic reading of this part of the Gospel. Without faith, it does not make sense. But with faith, we recognize Jesus as not just another man, he is also the same God who created us and did the work to redeem us. No other man's yoke can free us like his from sin and death.

In the following Sunday's reading, Jesus teaches about the reality that people will have varying reactions to the Gospel. Some will not understand it, some will receive then lose it, and some will bear great fruit. While it does no good to force the faith on anyone, we who have it, however imperfect it might be, still have the responsibility to provide a genuine witness by living according to it. For those who tend to be faint of heart, there are subtle ways of doing so and I encourage you to pray and act accordingly. *-Fr. Andrew*

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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: 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>.

Mass and Adoration

Tuesday, July 7

6:00pm St. Mary †*Lowell Brendeland*
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, July 8

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Robert Gustafson*

Thursday, July 9

8:00am St. Mary †*Mike Lacey*

Saturday, July 11

5:00pm St. Mary †*Cecelia Morton & son Mike*

Sunday, July 12

8:00am Holy Cross †*Lyle Carpenter*
10:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

Tuesday, July 14

6:00pm St. Mary †*Albert & Helen Schmidt*
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, July 15

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Will & Mikey Carpenter*

Thursday, July 16

8:00am St. Mary †*Tom Bellis*

Saturday, July 18

5:00pm St. Mary †*Charlie Brendeland*

Sunday, July 19

8:00am Holy Cross †*For the Parish*
10:00am St. Mary †*Ralph & Neva Cory*

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome these families who have joined our Parish:

Jeff and Lynda Baker and children Alexia and Dylan, who live in rural Bondurant

Zachary and Kaitlyn Osborn, who live in Adel

Sven and Kelly Larsen and children Jonathan, Marcus, Maire and Tage, who live in Clive

Bring Your Mask!

If you're coming to Mass, please bring 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

July 12: Families with A - I last names

July 19: Families with J - Z last names

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.

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

Church Sign

Spiritual investments always yield growth.

A Prayer for Those Suffering From the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.

May those infected receive proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence.

May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.

Give solace to those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.

Help us to rise above fear.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Retiring of Flags

Sunday, July 5, 4:00pm, Holy Cross Cemetery

Crafts & Conversation

Thursday, June 16, 9:00am, Social Hall
(with social distancing)

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 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 form found in the vestibule of St. Mary or Holy Cross and on our website. We are glad you are here!

Change in Parish Practice

If you need to come to the parish office, please contact Fr. Andrew or staff ahead of time to be sure someone is here, or make an appointment. Phone messages and email are checked frequently.

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

Provide a Meal!

We are looking for three volunteers to provide a Sunday evening meal for guests at Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter on the second Sunday of September, November and December. One or more families can volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal. Currently because of COVID - 19, although we hope it won't be the case come September, the shelter does not allow meal providers into the shelter and accepts the meal at the front door. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt to use for a tax deduction. To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687. Peace of Christ to all during this unsettling time.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Registration for the 2020/2021 Religious Education Year will begin in August. In collaboration with the Diocese, we are putting into practice safety measures that will bring peace of mind to our families and keep our catechists and children safe as we continue to ponder the mysteries of our faith with the next generation. We look forward to serving your families in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss different options for the upcoming year, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email or phone.

We are happy to hear from you!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Confirmation 1 & 2: We are making plans for our 2020 Confirmation Liturgy. Please respond to the survey you received via email. Also watch your email for our final lesson for 2020 and our plans for next year.

S.T.O.R.M. Families: The Radix Retreat is a diocesan retreat that was cancelled due to COVID-19. The Radix leaders have put together a great opportunity for high-school graduates as they prepare to head into the uncertainty and excitement of the next chapter of their lives. This virtual retreat is FREE, and very simple to access: go to www.dmdiocese.org/Radix, click "Registration HERE", enter information and you will receive an email with a PDF retreat guidebook, complete with all the links/information you will need to go on a self-guided Radix retreat at your own pace.

While the retreat was designed with high-school seniors/graduates in mind, it's certainly not exclusive to them. With a focus on remaining rooted in Christ and adopting practices to remain that way, Radix is a retreat for anybody to enjoy; it's all virtual and can be done at your convenience.

We wish you a happy and healthy summer!

~ Andrea, Nicole, Melissa

A Get Together!

Join us to work on your crafts and for conversation on Thursday, July 16, 9:30am in the Social Hall. We will have the tables set for social distancing.

Interactive Online Event for Students!

Franciscan University is holding an event called LIVE. It's all online, yet is interactive. The speakers are amazing! This event replaces the Steubenville Conferences that were cancelled this year. If you planned to attend Steubenville this year, you will be able to join in on LIVE events for free. If you are interested, but did not plan to attend Steubenville, we have a few open spots; we do ask that you consider a donation to the church. You will need to be registered ahead of time to participate in this event on Friday and Saturday, July 17 and 18, and then as part of this event, we will gather together at St. Mary on Sunday, July 19 from 2:00 to 7:00pm (with social distancing). For more information or to register, please call Andrea Fisher at 515-240-5059.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	June 28	Budget Week 52
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$6,522	\$5,730

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$302,453	\$297,960	\$299,795

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	\$36,597	\$33,267	\$16,289

Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, 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.



It requires 95% less energy and water to recycle a can than it does to create a can from virgin materials.



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.

If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.

Help Us, Help You!

Had a baby? Moved? Dropped your landline?
Have you provided your cell phone number to us?

Please contact the parish office with any new information so our records can be as accurate as possible. Thank you!

Online Giving

We have online giving available through the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa. Use this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>; and on the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation will send gift acknowledgement letters. Your donation will be included on your year end statement.

Fun Family-friendly Event at CYC!

This fun family-friendly event is an evening under the stars showing the movie *Toy Story 4!* We are so excited to invite you to join us on Saturday, July 11 at Catholic Youth Camp for some fresh air and summer magic! We are teaming up with our good friends over at *HD on the Go* to bring you a movie night under the stars. SO pack some snacks and a blanket, load up your kiddos, and head on out to camp!

Arrival is between 6:15-7:00pm with the feature film beginning at 7:05 sharp. Music and family friendly entertainment will begin at 6:15pm.

The cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (ages 3-12). Space is limited; reservations will only happen through this facebook event, <https://www.facebook.com/events/553599685317852/>.

In an effort to reduce contact spread of COVID-19 through money handling, individual PayPal invoices will be sent directly to the email provided after confirmation.

**We ask that each family practice responsible social distancing. While we LOVE to see kids playing together (it's what we do after all!), please help us follow CDC guidelines by setting up your blanket(s) at least 6 feet apart. The rest of campus (including the playground) will be closed for use.*

**This event is alcohol free.*

**Movies will not take place in the event of rain. Please check your email for updates.*

Meals From the Heartland

The impact of Covid-19 has created a massive need to get food to hungry people here in Iowa and around the U.S. With social distancing restrictions in place, Meals from the Heartland developed safe and creative ways to continue packaging meals on a limited basis. You are invited to come help package meals and help those in need! For more information and to sign up please go to <https://mealsfromtheheartland.org/covid-friendly-meal-packing/>.

Christ Our Light Conference

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is known as the Dynamic Deacon across America and beyond. His title is well-earned! Deacon's passion is intense as he drives home the critical importance of the sacraments, marriage and the family in the face of the current cultural climate. This international speaker and national radio host joins six other world-class speakers and performers at one of the largest Catholic conferences of its kind in the nation. Join thousands at Wells Fargo Arena Saturday and Sunday, September 26 & 27, or live stream the entire event. **Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!**

Christ Our Life Catholic Regional Conference will follow guidelines to protect attendees from COVID-19. Attendees must protect themselves appropriately, assuming all risks associated with their attendance. Any individual with symptoms, or been exposed to COVID-19, or has COVID-19 is asked to refrain from attending the conference.

Beyond the Book

The Center for Social Ministry is launching *Beyond the Book*, a two-hour Zoom gathering. Like a book club, the first hour of the gathering will focus on a discussion of a book relevant to social justice. The second hour focuses on a discussion with a Des Moines community member who is actively engaged in the featured social justice work. For details please email centerforsocialministry@gmail.com.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 5

Theme: Jesus refreshes and strengthens us for ministry.

Reading I: Zechariah 9:9-10 • Shout for joy! He comes in peace!

Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13 • Live by the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 • Come to me all you who are weary.

Question for Children: When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?

Question for Youth: Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

Question for Adults: As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 12

Theme: Discipleship—opening our hearts to Jesus' word and acting upon it.

Reading I: Isaiah 55:10-11 • My word shall accomplish my will.

Reading II: Romans 8:18-23 • We bear our suffering in light of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 • A sower went out to sow.

Question for Children: Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

Question for Youth: When the sower sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

Question for Adults: Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life?