



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20, 2021



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 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,

If there is a common theme for the readings over the next couple weeks, perhaps it is Jesus' power over creation. In the case of the Gospel for Sunday the 20th, we hear that he stills the wind and the sea, as if to remind his disciples that even though he is like them in the flesh, he is the same God who created that wind and sea. Let this serve as a summons for us to pray to Him for the rain that parts of this country so desperately need. As for the Gospel of Sunday the 27th, Jesus cures the woman who had been suffering for twelve years and resurrects the synagogue official's daughter. These miracles again reveal Jesus as God incarnate and as being personal in relation to us, not as being distant. Not only does Jesus have sheer power over creation, he also cares for it all.

Many thanks (albeit belatedly) to those who made Memorial Day another fantastic experience: Lynn Schreurs and crew, Laurie Phelan, Jeff Ruden, and others I might have forgotten. The weather was almost if not perfect, so we have God to thank for that as well.

Finally, multiple people seem to have commented how good it is to have more people attending Mass, especially how good it sounds. I have also noticed that and agree wholeheartedly. It is very encouraging. ~ 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 |

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 & Adoration

Tuesday, June 22

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Paul Scott Strong

~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, June 23

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †LeRoy Simms

Thursday, June 24

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Rita Smith

Saturday, June 26

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Helen & Dick Opperman

Sunday, June 27

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

10:00am Mass, St. Mary For the Parish

Tuesday, June 29

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Dorothy Ogden

~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, June 30

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

Thursday, July 1

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Clarence & Victoria Becker

First Friday, July 2

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Lyle Carpenter

~ followed by fellowship

Saturday, July 3

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

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

Sunday, July 4

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross The Patrick Phelan Family

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Scott Mitchell



**TO ALL
OUR DADS!!**

**This is your month, and also the year of St. Joseph!
As a tribute to you (and St. Joseph) please take a
bookmark on your way in or out of Mass. God Bless!**

A 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.

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!

† 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.

We've returned to a Communion line. If you wish to receive on the tongue, please be in Fr. Andrew's line (he sanitizes after each). We also now pass the collection basket. 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.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains until further notice. 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: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

Liturgical Ministers

We are taking a look at returning to scheduling lectors, Host distributors and ushers for our Masses. If you are currently a minister or were a minister before covid, please let Barb know (1) if you would like to continue in your ministry at this time and (1a) go back to being scheduled 2-3 months at a time or receive weekly emails for volunteers (2) continue your ministry at a later date or (3) no longer continue as a minister. Contact Barb at bliske@saintmaryhc.org / 515-367-2685. We do not want to schedule anyone who is not ready to return to active ministry so follow-up contact will be made to those who have not yet responded. Thank you.

If you are interested in becoming a lector, minister of the Eucharist or usher, please contact Fr. Andrew.

Return of Capital Campaign Collection

We have a list of things that need to be done at our Churches and some things that we would like to see done, so we are bringing back this collection on the first full weekend of each month beginning July 3/4. Envelopes are included in your tithe packet or available on the table at both Churches. You can also donate by ACH like for tithes. Thank you for your generosity in keeping our facilities & property in good shape.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Registration will be available beginning the week of July 11. Our sessions will fill up fast so be sure to register right away if you have a time preference! 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.

We hope you are having a wonderful summer. As things are opening back up and people are getting back to normal we want to encourage you to make Mass an important part of your weekly routine. Hopefully during this time of uncertainty you were able to lean on your faith and trust God to help you through the pandemic. Mass is the highest form of adoration and it is right and just that we give our thanksgiving to Him through this celebration. And the best part is no matter what our summer schedule is; there's a good chance there are Mass times to accommodate our needs. Just check <https://masstimes.org/> to find a Mass time to fit your schedule!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Parish Office

Barb will not have regular office hours June 22 – 29. She will be in and out during that time and will be checking email and phone messages often. Please be sure she is in the office before stopping by. The office will be open daily during this time.

Parish Council Elections

At Masses the weekend of June 26/27, you will have the opportunity to vote for three new members to our Parish Council. Candidates are David Green, Tammi McClain, Larry Sauer and Celia Shedd. Bios of these candidates were emailed out and are also on the bulletin board at each Church.

Got Stuff? Need To Declutter?

Storm Youth Ministry needs your gently used items for a garage sale. We are raising funds to send 24 of our amazing youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. Our sale will be held Thursday, July 8 - Saturday, July 10. These are just some of the items we could use: clothing, toys, holiday, dishes, home decor, shoes, sports equipment, purses, luggage, backpacks, office supplies, tools, books, vinyl and anything else. We will be collecting things in the north end of Ed Center (Youth Area) at St. Mary's Church. Please understand we are not able to take the following items because we can't sell them: TV's, mattresses, car seats, helmets, and tires. Thank you for understanding. You can also call or text 515-290-2830 to arrange a time that works best for you. We would be happy to provide assistance with pick up. Tell your friends and family. We will take donations now through July 7.

Thank you so much for your support of our young people!

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Church sign — Let the Son shine in!

Weekly Collection Financial Update

| | Received | Budget | |
|------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Tithes/Plate/ | \$2,801 | \$4,860 | June 6 |
| Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$2,401 | \$4,860 | June 13 |

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

| Received | Budget | Last Year |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$265,538 | \$243,000 | 284,401 |

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

| Parish Goal | Payments | Unpaid Pledges | Amt. Due |
|-------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| \$51,038 | \$42,106 | \$6,524 | \$8,932 |

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's

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship! I will use the money to better my education and to start my journey! Thanks again! ~ *Megan Theulen*

Dear Stewardship Committee,

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the 2021 St. Mary's-Holy Cross Scholarship. I am honored to receive it! It means a lot to have been selected by members of my church! I look forward to continuing to serve my church community as I further my education. Thanks again!

Sincerely, ~ *Thomas Jones*

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:

June 30 for July 4 & 11 Bulletin

July 14 for July 18 & 25 Bulletin

July 28 for August 1 & 8 Bulletin

August 11 for August 15 & 22 Bulletin

Junípero Serra, Priest, 1713-1784

No person had more influence on the settlement of California than Padre Junípero Serra. Born Miguel José Serra to parents of humble means, living in Petra on the Mediterranean island of Majorca. His early education took place there at the Franciscan convent of San Bernardino. The church there had several small chapels on either side of the main altar dedicated to saints. Young Miguel developed a strong love for these saints while attending Mass, and their names—including San Diego, San Juan Capistrano, Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles, San Francisco—later became the names of the cities and missions which he established along the Camino Real in California.

Since he was a boy, Junípero Serra had dreamed of becoming a missionary in the New World. When the opportunity came, he joined about thirty other Franciscan missionaries who sailed to Mexico, arriving on December 2, 1749. For most of the next twenty years, Padre Serra served as a missionary in the harsh environment of the Sierra Madres of northeastern Mexico and as a professor at the College of San Fernando in Mexico City.

Serra believed that the colonization of California was secondary to the conversion of the Indians and his lifework reflected this. His biographers write of his love for his "dear children," the more than 6700 Indians whom he baptized and the more than 5000 whom he confirmed. During the period in which Padre Serra worked among the Indians, he raised the health and living standards and introduced training in agriculture, letters, crafts, and music.

A man of vision, Junípero Serra's concept was to build a "ladder" of missions one day's journey apart between San Diego and San Francisco. Between 1769 and 1782, Padre Serra actually established nine missions along this route, most of which are still active today.

The process of sainthood for Junípero Serra began in 1934 and has continued with his beatification in 1988. He is honored by an optional memorial on July 1.

Junípero Serra undertook a bold journey in coming to the New World. Our physical travels may not be as far-reaching as Serra's, but we are all on a spiritual journey whose course can often be as dramatic. We, too, can hold steadfast to our goal of reaching God's kingdom.



Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two person household for one year.

Help with Avenue of Flags

Could you assist with raising the flags on Saturday, July 3 at 9:00am and/or retiring them on Sunday, July 4 at 5:00pm? Each session lasts about half an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147 / lschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer or for more information.



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.*

Five to be Ordained Priests

For the first time in 30 years, we'll have five men ordained priests during the same liturgy! Watch the ordinations of Deacons Max Carson, Jacob Epstein, Reed Flood, Brad Robey and Nick Stark on Friday, June 25, 5:00pm at [Facebook.com/OLIHAnkenyIA](https://www.facebook.com/OLIHAnkenyIA) or www.oli.org/mass.

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

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time, June 20

Theme: Awe.

Reading I: Job 38:1, 8-11 • God has made the heavens and the earth.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 • Now all is new in Christ.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 • Be still.

For Children: Jesus makes the wind and the sea peaceful. How would you have felt if you were with Jesus and the disciples during the storm?

For Youth: Jesus is capable of great things, even calming storms. What is one thing that you wish he would calm in your own life?

For Adults: When and where have you been awed by God's action?

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, June 27

Theme: We are made rich.

Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 • God does not make death.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 • May you abound in your work of charity.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 • The family's astonishment was complete!

For Children: Why does sharing with others bring happiness to you?

For Youth: What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

For Adults: What is your personal response to St. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians today? How will this change your personal habits with money and possessions?