



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

The first reading and Gospel this weekend refer to fear, with Jesus simply saying, "Fear no one." This statement is not to be mistaken as an outright prohibition of fear because later he says, "be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." So, we are meant to have a healthy sense of fear as opposed to unhealthy. Healthy fear is a respect of God and His law, avoiding sin so as to not damage our relationship with Him and others. Unhealthy fear renders us incapable of serving Him and others and even clouding our judgment, eventually leading to sin. The more that we maintain a relationship with God and obtain His grace through prayer, attending Mass, reading Scripture, to name just a few examples, the less likely we will have need to fear anything.

The bishop has cleared Polk County to return to Sunday Mass (also known as phase 2) beginning the evening of June 27. Thanks to the parish council, we have been working on the logistics of returning. You will find the parish-specific guidelines on the back of the bulletin. They will also be on the website. It is not a long document; please take the short time to read it. Please remember that *the dispensation from the bishop regarding obligatory Sunday Mass attendance is still in effect*. If you are sick and/or have a compromised immune system, it is already prudent for you to remain home. Like going anywhere else, coming to church exposes you to what is out there. Lastly, you will notice some liturgical modifications:

1. No singing for at least the first couple weekends. There will still be some instrumental music.
2. No offertory, which means gifts are not brought forward.
3. No Communion from the cup, only the Precious Body.

Such changes may be awkward; they are made for good reason and hopefully they will not be long-lasting. Regardless, it will be good to be back and worship our Lord together as he deserves and what we very much need. ~Fr. Andrew

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St. Mary's Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart

Reconciliation: By appointment only with Fr. Andrew.

Baptism: Contact Fr. Andrew for preparations.

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, June 23

6:00pm St. Mary †Tom Bellis
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, June 24

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ralph and Neva Cory

Thursday, June 25

8:00am St. Mary †Nydia Claussen

Saturday, June 27 First Eucharist Mass

10:00am St. Mary
†For our Students receiving First Eucharist

Saturday, June 27

5:00pm St. Mary †Michael Ahrendt

Sunday, June 28

8:00am Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary For the Parish



TO ALL OUR DADS!!

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.

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 or the parish office. Also, if you are willing to help in some way, please email Barb.

Private Prayer in Church

St. Mary's Church is open for private prayer from 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday through Friday and from 10:00am to 8:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. **Exceptions: This Friday private prayer time will end at 5:30pm due to First Reconciliation and on Saturday, the church will be open Noon to 8:00pm due to First Eucharist Mass in the morning.**

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

Change in Parish Practice

If necessary for you 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 livestream Masses, updates and resources.

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 and on our website. We are glad you are here!

High School Graduates

If you have not yet, please pick up your gift from the parish located on the table near the cry room.

A Contagion of Hope

Christ Our Light!

Your light rises in our darkness and assures us that you are present with us and that your powerful closeness to us transforms our fear into hope.

May we join with our Holy Father, Francis, in spreading a "contagion" of hope "from heart to heart".

Protect all your selfless servants who continue to serve the needs of the most vulnerable by both hands and heart.

Give our elected leaders wisdom of heart in decision-making that the common good of our human family may be achieved and the gift of each person's human dignity respected.

May the new Easter fire of love, energy and resilience burn within our hearts so that we may give witness to the mystery of your resurrected life among us and within us.

Amen

Sister Deborah Troillet

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards you sent me for my 90th birthday. I treasure each one! It is truly a blessing to belong to such a caring and loving parish family. May God bless you all. Sincerely, Jeanne Carpenter

Support Our Parish

From now celebrating daily Mass to calling parishioners, arranging for outreach and more, our parish continues its mission of helping people know and love God. Please continue your prayerful and financial support so that we can continue our mission during these challenging times. Thank you very much to those who have done so.

We also 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/>; on the drop down choose St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart; make your tithe donation (will be included on your year end statement). No fees! The Foundation will send gift acknowledgement letters.

Prayer Chain

If illness or crisis strikes your family or friends, don't hesitate to contact us so we may pray for them. For requests or to offer prayers, contact the office at bliske@saintmaryhc.org / 515-367-2685. If the request isn't for you, please ask their permission to be on our prayer chain.

**Congratulations to these students
who have received or will receive this week
Holy Eucharist for the first time.
Please keep them in your prayers.**

Kayden Babbitt	Brenna Liske
Kaylee Cornelius	Grace Malanaphy
Landon Cornelius	Drew Mueggenberg
Mackenzie Cornelius	Finley Muth
Michael Evans	Will Renoe
Ayla Farmer	Scottie Schierbrock
Ava Guerdet	Dawson Shipley
Luke Hergenreter	Evelyn Smith
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Confirmation 10th Grade Parents: Please respond to my emails regarding Liturgy info needed for our Sacramental records. Many thanks to those who have replied. Please watch your email for updates on our Confirmation Liturgy.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

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Theme: There is nothing to fear if we stay close to Jesus.

Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 • He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-15 • God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33 • Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your family and friends?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

June 14 Budget Week 50

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$9,710	\$5,730

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$294,306	\$286,500	\$288,693

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	\$32,762	\$16,794

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.

Phase 2: Resuming Weekend Masses St Mary's & Holy Cross Parish Guidelines

Per phase 2 of the diocesan guidelines, we will resume normally scheduled weekend Masses at both St. Mary's (SM) and Holy Cross (HC) starting on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th. *If you or direct family members are considered high-risk, we encourage you to continue to worship from home.*

During Phase 2, parishes will follow identical liturgical, hygienic, and cleaning procedures specified for phase 1. Please review the diocesan guidelines at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/Diocese,%20resuming%20weekend%20Masses.pdf>.

Wearing masks is "strongly encouraged" for all parishioners five years of age and older. Please be aware that pregnant women are recommended NOT to wear masks, and for some, wearing a mask may cause nausea. Please be tolerant and respectful of each person's choice.

All parishioners are expected to help in maintaining six feet of spacing with other parishioners not attending as an interrelated group.

Seating adjustments will be made to both churches to maintain social distancing requirements. This includes removing from use every other pew. Ushers will provide assistance with seating of parishioners. Additional adjustments may be required depending on circumstantial awareness.

HC can only accommodate about half the number of parishioners typically attending Mass. Therefore, half of HC parishioners can attend Mass on June 28th and the other half to attend Mass on July 5th. HC parishioners will be divided into two groups by alphabet, by last name. Group #1 includes parishioners with last name beginning with A-I. Group #2 includes parishioners with last name beginning with J-Z. Parishioners restricted from attending Mass at HC can attend Mass at SM.

Chairs will be placed in the social hall at SM for added seating during Mass. The cry room will be available with some seating removed. The adjustment should provide enough seating for the typical number of attendees for both Saturday and Sunday and any additional HC parishioners.

Fr. Andrew and designated Eucharistic ministers will distribute Communion. All parishioners are to remain at their seating location to receive Communion. If you do not plan to do so already, please at least consider receiving the host on your hand so as to not risk contacting the minister with saliva. If you still opt to receive on the tongue, please receive last.

Baskets will be available and marked at church entrances for collections.

Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available. Please consider bringing your own hand sanitizer to meet the expected demand.

* These guidelines may change to adapt currently unforeseen circumstances. Modifications will be communicated in some manner.