



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

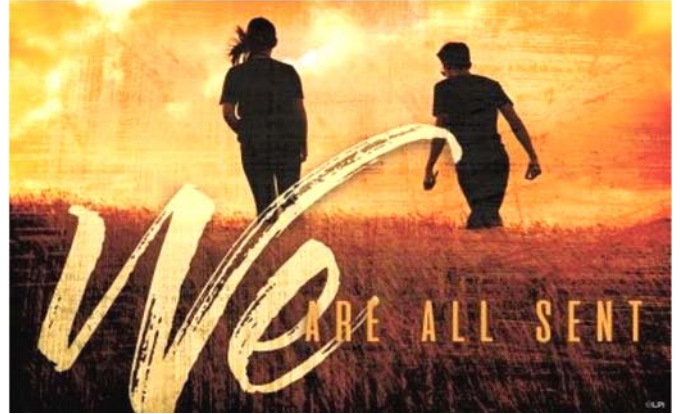
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 3, 2022

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:

Friday the 24th of June was the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. How much does the world need to be reminded of his love for us? Perhaps some people need to be reminded more than others. Regardless, love is something for which we all yearn, but sometimes we turn to others who cannot love like he can. St. Paul writes:

"For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Let us all not just know of the divine love of our Lord but let us also experience it particularly through the gifts of the sacraments, especially his body and blood and be united in it. ~ Father Andrew

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Mass Schedule	Tuesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Wednesday	5:30pm	St. Mary
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	9:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
	4th Sunday	10:00am	St. Mary
		12:00pm	St. Mary

Reconciliation: St. Mary: Wednesdays 4:45 - 5:15pm and Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm; or by appointment.

Baptism: Contact Fr. Andrew

Marriage: Contact Fr. Andrew at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Priesthood/Religious: www.vocationsonline.org

Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration

At this time, no weekday Masses are scheduled for July.

Tuesday, June 28

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

Wednesday, June 29

4:45 - 5:15pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Richard Zimmerman
~ followed by Adoration

Thursday, June 30

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Anita Brendeland

Saturday, July 2

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

Sunday, July 3

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

10:00am Mass, St. Mary People of the Parish

Saturday, July 9

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Myron White

Sunday, July 10

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross People of the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Jameson O'Connor

Prayer for Peace

Loving God,

Please grant me peace of mind
and calm my troubled heart.

Give me the strength and clarity of mind
to find my purpose
and walk the path You have laid out for me.

I trust your love God,
and know that you will heal this stress.

Just as the sun rises each day
against the dark of night,
may hope rise against anxiety and worry.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Council

Meetings: June 27 & July 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: July 19, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: July 11, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Knights of Columbus

July 17, 6:40pm Rosary, 7:00pm Meeting, 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.

Farewell Celebration for Father Andrew!

Sunday, June 26 at 1:00pm we gather for a potluck meal to celebrate Father Andrew and his time here and to wish him well in his new assignment. Join us and wish him well and enjoy time with fellow parishioners!

We ask families with last names A - M to provide side dishes and families with last names N - Z to provide desserts. Main dish, lemonade, water and table service provided.

An Opportunity to Serve Your Parish!

We are looking for two additional parishioners with an accounting/finance background to serve on our Finance Council for a three year term. Term begins as soon as you are ready to serve. If interested or have questions, please contact Heidi Ackerman, heidimdittmer@gmail.com, or Sue Tollefson, suet@iowacubs.com. Thank you for considering serving your parish in this way!

Temporary Change in Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on Thursdays. This may change as we find out more about our pastoral situation. Even with the office closed, Barb is available to assist you if needed. Please call her at 515-367-4795 or 515-577-5876.

Diocesan Covid Updates

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>

Coming Events

- ✝ **Parish Council Elections this weekend at all Masses:**
Any parish member 18 years of age and older is eligible to Vote in this election.
- ✝ **Farewell Celebration and Potluck for Father Andrew:**
Sunday, June 26, 1:00pm, St. Mary
- ✝ **Weekend of July 2/3:** Buildings and Grounds Collection — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass

Help with Avenue of Flags

Could you assist with raising the flags on Saturday, July 2 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Monday, July 4 at 5:00pm? Each session lasts about half an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147 / lschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer, for more information, or if inclement weather.

Were You Married at St. Mary's or Holy Cross?

Larry Sauer is looking for photographs that we could borrow to have reproduced for preservation and display in future St. Mary-Holy Cross history books. The plan is to find a display case for other historical artifacts that can be displayed too. If you have a photo, please contact Larry at 515-710-2422. Thank you!

Senior Appreciation Social You're awesome!

Are you retired (or about that age!) and want to join others for Mass, breakfast, and conversation? Join us at 8:00am for Mass followed by a breakfast on First Friday, August 5, at St. Mary. Mark your calendar now! More details to come.

Please email the office if your adult children have moved away and/or joined another parish or with any other family changes so we can update our records. Thanks!

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
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We had a great time at VBS. The children enjoyed some great food, crafts, stories, songs, games, and fellowship. A huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help and serve the children of our parish.

Registration for RE: Please see the website or your email for the registration form; copies are also available at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Completed forms can be emailed to Barb (bliske@saintmaryhc.org) or dropped off at the office.

We look forward to serving your families this year!

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

Thank You!

St. Mary-Holy Cross:

Thank you so much for choosing me as your scholarship recipient! I am so excited as this money you awarded me will help me continue my education. I am going to Iowa State University. My major is currently undecided but I have been bouncing around a few ideas. I change my mind a lot so I thought that going in undecided would be the best option for me. I don't really have a dream job because like I said my ideas change a lot. Right now I think that meteorology would be a very interesting career field.

In high school I participated in many activities. I did cross country, dance, and tennis all 4 years. I tried cheerleading and color guard as well, but, my schedule was too busy so I decided it best to narrow down my activities a little bit. I hope to continue being active on the ISU campus by participating in clubs. I work part time at Fareway in Ankeny but am currently looking for a full time job for the summer. I am hoping to find a job in Ames within the first couple months of moving there.

Once again I would like to thank you for your generosity. It means a lot knowing that my financial situation got just a little better. I hope to be able to give back to others the same way this parish has given to me.

Sincerely, *Emily Devereux*

Summer Bulletin Submissions

If you wish to have something included in the bulletin, please email your information to bliske@saintmaryhc.org by Noon on Wednesdays, July 6 (for July 10 & 17 bulletin) and on July 20 (for July 24 & 31 bulletin). Thank you!

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.*

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YOU are the only Bible some people may ever read.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$3,598	\$5,642	June 12
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$9,383	\$5,642	June 19

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$298,338	\$287,742	\$272,653

Food Pantry Collection: \$531

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Every gift is greatly appreciated. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule and can be returned by mail to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. Please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese. If donating by check, please make it out to the Diocese of Des Moines. You can also donate at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown.

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$45,340	\$42,615	\$2,725	\$12,129

Laudato Si

A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

“... In some places, where the facades of buildings are derelict, people show great care for the interior of their homes, or find contentment in the kindness and friendliness of others. A wholesome social life can light up a seemingly undesirable environment.” — *Pope Francis, Laudato Si, paragraph 148.* See *On Care for Our Common Home* at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Blessing Box Food Pantry Update

Starting July 2, The Blessing Box will resume inside food selection. Please note the following change: Only one household will be in the pantry at a time. While waiting for your turn you may stay in your car. If at all possible, please bring your food box with you so we can reuse. You will be required to wear a mask if the Covid rate in Polk County increases. We do not have masks available.

If you are having any Covid symptoms, you will not be able to come into the pantry. We ask that you wear a mask and stay in your vehicle. We will bring a food box to you curbside. Please be courteous to our volunteers and do not put them at risk. * Inside food selection will be suspended if there is an increase in Covid cases but food will be available curbside.

** If you do not want to come inside for any reason, curbside delivery will still be available.

July 2/3 Liturgical Ministers —by sign up

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Lorrie Hanlon
Host Distributor Drew Hanlon
Ushers Drew Hanlon, Glenn Hobin
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis
Usher Sandra Hunter
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector **Volunteer needed**
Host Distributor **Volunteer needed**
Ushers **Volunteers needed**
Music Jen Linderblood, Garrett McClain

July 9/10 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Tim Kautza
Host Distributor Lisa Jones
Ushers Brodie Gilligan Family
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis
Usher Mike Veasman
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Garrett McClain
Host Distributor Tammi McClain
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar
Music Sue Schmidt, Karon Lacey, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

June 27: Sharon Morris, Sue White

July 3: Dona Cowman, Trish Morris

July 10: Kathy Daup, Brenda Nehring



Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100-watt lightbulb for four hours.

Christ Our Life Conference Speaker

September 24 & 25

Tim Jameson: Have you ever heard the Father's voice? Tim is a dynamic Catholic speaker who teaches how to discern the Father's voice and engage the Catholic faith in everyday life, not just on Sundays. Tim travels the country to inspire Catholics to live vibrant lives in Christ. He has helped start an anti-pornography ministry, a Catholic radio station and several other initiatives. Relating miracles he has experienced, Tim teaches how all are called to be missionaries using the gifts and talents that God has given each individual.

Married Couples!

Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Upcoming dates are September 9-11 in Dubuque or November 18-20 in Holstein. For more information call Greg and Denise at (563) 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com.

If you are traveling this summer....check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at www.Masstimes.org.



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 26

Theme: We are all invited to "come follow."

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 • You shall anoint Elisha.

Reading II: Galatians 5:1, 13-18 • My brothers and sisters, you are called to freedom.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 • I will follow you wherever you will go.

For Children: Name a time this past week when you followed Jesus by doing the right thing you were asked to do, the first time, without an excuse.

For Youth: The people in the story had lots of reasons why they couldn't follow Jesus. What makes it hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why do you make the choice to follow Jesus even though it is hard?

For Adults: Sometimes we have many excuses for why we cannot follow Jesus. Name a time last week that you followed Jesus even though you had many excuses.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 3

Theme: We are called to evangelize.

Reading I: Isaiah 66:10-14c • The Lord's power shall be known.

Reading II: Galatians 6:14-18 • I boast of nothing but the cross!

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 • I am sending you as lambs.

For Children: How do you let others know about your faith?

For Youth: How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?

For Adults: To what part of the harvest are you being sent? What are you being called to do for the Reign of God?