



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 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,

For those of you returning to Mass this weekend, welcome back to your spiritual home! For those who are unable or uncomfortable attending, know of God's consolation and my prayer for you. This is a good time to remember a couple things from last week's bulletin. 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. If there is something with which we as your parish family can help you, please let us know by calling the office or sending an e-mail.

The beautiful story in our first reading this Sunday is a reminder that as Elisha allows God to work through him to provide for the woman, so too are we expected as Christians to provide for others. Notice that Jesus sets the bar low: "whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink." Perhaps he wants us to know that it is not always about *how much* we do for someone as what is the right thing to do. Before we can do that, we need to take up our cross and follow him. We can do all sorts of things to help others, but if they are not done out of sacrificial love for God and neighbor, then such actions have little, if any, value. Do people who we as Christians encounter have at least a little better understanding of who Christ is? ~Fr. Andrew

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| <b>Mass Schedule</b> | 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, June 30

6:00pm St. Mary †Great Grandparents of Kaden  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, July 1

5:30pm Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

### Thursday, July 2

8:00am St. Mary †Dorothy Gannon

### First Friday, July 3

9:00am St. Mary †Barry Farmer, Denise Farmer,  
Andrew Lindsay Farmer

### Saturday, July 4

5:00pm St. Mary †Ron Odgaard

### Sunday, July 5

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

## 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. 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Sommar, Mother of Kathy Gass, Grandmother of Paul and Jamie Gass, and Great-Grandmother of Kayla, Morgan and Caiden, who passed away last Sunday. May she be at peace with our Lord and her family know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

† Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, †  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

## A Prayer to Combat Coronavirus

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.  
We come to you in our fear.  
We come to you with trust.  
For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease in our world.  
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.

Amen.

The Parish Office is closed Friday, July 3rd.

Finance Council

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

Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## Help with Avenue of Flags



Could you assist with raising the flags on Saturday, July 4 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Sunday, July 5 at 4:00pm? Each session takes less than 30 minutes. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, lschreurs@msn.com / 515-577-8147, for more information or to volunteer.



## 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.*

**Congratulations  
to these students who have received  
Holy Eucharist for the first time.  
GOD BLESS YOU!**

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 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        |
| Colin Humphreys     | Charlie Sullivan    |
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*Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.*

**S.T.O.R.M. Report**

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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.

**Hello S.T.O.R.M. families-**

We wanted to share a resource and opportunity for our graduated seniors and other high school students. The Radix Retreat is a diocesan retreat that usually is for seniors but this year's retreat got cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions. The wonderful 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.

The virtual Radix Retreat is FREE, and is very simple to access: go to [www.dmdiocese.org/Radix](http://www.dmdiocese.org/Radix), click where it says "Registration HERE", enter your information, and you will receive an email with a PDF retreat guidebook, complete with all the links and 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 and it's very convenient because it can be done on your time and all done virtually.

We wish you a happy and healthy summer!  
~ Andrea, Nicole, Melissa

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**Weekly Collection Financial Update**

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|---|------------------|---------------|
| <b>June 21</b>                                    | Budget Week 51   |               |
| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund                     | <u>Received</u>  | <u>Budget</u> |
|   | \$1,745          | \$5,730       |
| <i>Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund</i> |                  |               |
|   | <u>Received</u>  | <u>Budget</u> |
|   | <u>Last Year</u> |               |
|   | \$296,041        | \$292,230     |
|   |                  | \$298,639     |

**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.

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| <u>Parish Goal</u> | <u>Pledge Total</u> | <u>Payments</u> | <u>Amt. Due</u> |
| \$49,556           | \$36,597            | \$32,762        | <b>\$16,794</b> |

*Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto: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.*



Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 28**

*Theme: Jesus asks his disciples to take their cross and follow him.*

*Reading I:* 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a • Elisha is a holy man of God, let him remain.

*Reading II:* Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 • Buried with Christ in baptism, we shall walk in the newness of life.

*Gospel:* Matthew 10:37-42 • Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you, receives me.

*Question for Children:* How can you live as a follower of Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* What does Jesus demand of his followers?

*Question for Adults:* What does this Gospel teach you about the cost of discipleship and how does it relate to your experience so far?

### Cards for Home-Bound and in Care Facilities

If you know someone who might like to receive cards from parishioners, please ask them if we may put their address in the bulletin so cards can be sent. Please contact the Parish Office with their address.

### 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.

~ Happiness is an inside job. ~

### Saint of the Week — Junípero Serra, Priest

No person had more influence on the settlement of California than Padre Junípero Serra. He was born Miguel José Serra to parents of humble means, living in Petra on the Mediterranean island of Majorca. His early education took place on the island 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.

Miguel was ordained in 1737, and took the name Junípero at that time. In the same year, he was named a professor of philosophy at the university in Palma, Spain. He continued with his studies and, in 1742, earned a doctorate in theology. A year later, he was selected to the Dun Scotus chair of theology at the university. He also became renowned as a preacher on the island and was chosen to preach on the highest holy days.

These honors could have been just the beginning for the young priest. He would probably have become the superior of the Franciscans and could very well have been named Bishop of Palma had he remained on Majorca. This was not his calling however. 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.

Prior to 1768, the Jesuits had established many missions in Mexico and in Baja California. But a dispute with King Carlos III of Spain in that year led to the order being forcibly ejected from their missions and the priests sent back to Spain. To ensure that Spain would maintain a strong position in the New World, the king ordered the Franciscans to take over the Jesuit missions in Baja California and to establish new missions north along the coast in the Spanish claimed territory, which extended north to present-day British Columbia. Junípero Serra was selected to lead the Franciscan missionaries in this new assignment.

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 was begun in 1934 and has continued with his beatification in 1988. He is honored by an optional memorial on July. 1.

Padre Serra’s message today: 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.

*How do you stay on course when your spiritual journey takes a difficult turn?*