



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2021



## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 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,

Another special solemnity is celebrated today, that of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known by its Latin name as Corpus Christi. It follows Trinity Sunday and is a reminder of Jesus' pledge from that day's Gospel that "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Indeed, he is always with us in the Eucharist.

Celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation has been moved back to the confessional in the church. In addition to the usual Saturday afternoon offering, Tuesday evening was added during Lent and continues. Of course, you can also schedule a time.

The ribbons that are cordoning pews will be removed next Saturday. This is also within diocesan guidelines. Social distancing is still expected to be practiced to the extent that it is possible. This will allow us greater flexibility in making use of the pews. Extra seating will remain in the social hall for those who might prefer to sit there. With people in each pew, this means that we will go back to a Communion line. Also, passing of the collection basket will resume.

This is the last weekend for the weekly noon Mass on Sunday. It will still be offered once a month for anyone who would like to attend. More elements of our tradition are included, for example at certain times the priest faces the same way as the people, incense, inclusion of some Latin. A potluck meal (when we are cleared to do so) and catechesis and/or fellowship will follow.

Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the finance council. A background with finances is preferable but not required. ~ 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

**Reconciliation:** Tuesdays 5:15 - 5:45pm; Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm and after 9:00am First Friday Mass or by appointment with Father Andrew.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for a preparation program

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

## Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration

### Tuesday, June 8

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Theresa Modtland  
~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, June 9

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

### Thursday, June 10

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt

### Saturday, June 12

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

### Sunday, June 13

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †William & Caroline Polansky

### Tuesday, June 15

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Eunice Ives  
~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, June 16

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

### Thursday, June 17

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Edward & Lorraine Polansky

### Saturday, June 19

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

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

### Sunday, June 20

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Sharon Dunbar

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernardine Gorman



## A Summer Blessing

Walk along beside me, Jesus,  
As I begin the months of summer.  
As I work, play, enjoy family time and friendships,  
May I hear your voice within me,  
Guiding me toward all that is right and good.  
Give me faith in Your presence,  
Knowing that You walk beside me  
in everything I do.  
Gracious and loving Jesus,  
Thank you for the gift of summer.  
May the warmth of its sun  
and the beauty of its light  
remind me daily of Your love for me.  
Amen.

Knights of Columbus  
June 13: 6:40pm Rosary, Church  
7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall  
Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: June 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall  
Finance Council  
Meeting: June 15, 6:30pm, Social Hall  
Parish Council  
Meeting: June 22, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Thank You!



## 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](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

## Adjustments to Regathering Guidelines

The Diocese of Des Moines has ended a mask requirement. Parishioners who are not fully vaccinated are still strongly encouraged to wear a mask at Mass and parish events. We will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer available.

Reconciliation has returned to the confessional. This Sunday, June 6, is the final Noon Mass. On June 12 the ribbons on the pews will be removed and we will return to a Communion line and passing 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, resources and livestream Masses, go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

Our May 27 blood drive collected 34 blood products which will sustain or save 102 lives. Of the 35 people who registered to donate, 30 were able to do so, including another first-time donor. Thank you to the following who came to donate and/or volunteered at the drive: Andrea Fisher and Storm members Matthew Olson, Andrew Olson, Gracie Fisher and Sammy Buckling who helped set the social hall; Kelly Muth, Doug Heger, Lisa Leonard, Fr. Andrew Windschitl, Larry Mitchell, Lori Churchill, Ardy and Jack McDermott, Pat Hand, Larry Sauer, Tawna Kerr, Denise Northrup, Kathleen Greenwood, Abigail Bruce, Patrick Cory, Beth Hart, Shawn Pruismann, Eric Argotsinger, Karen Stafford, Scott Schaffer, Darren Struthers, Beth (Mary) Smith, Joe Rumbaugh, Ronald McWilliams, Garrett McClain, Patricia Thomas, David Thomas, Kathy Petersen, Doug Jones, Jill Swanson, Craig Ellyson, Tim and Lisa Kautza, Kathy Daup, Michael Boyd, and Susan Pratt. We apologize for not listing the unknown person(s) who brought treats for the canteen, but be assured they were enjoyed and much appreciated.

To schedule an appointment (required, no walk-ins yet) for our August 26 (3:00 – 7:00pm) drive either sign-up on the bulletin board in the vestibule at St. Mary Church or, visit [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/). If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center 800-287-4903 and tell them you wish to sign up to donate at the August Elkhart Community Blood Drive. Volunteers and treats for the canteen are also needed. Please contact Lisa and Tim Kautza if you can help (515-964-7687 or [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net)).

## Breaking Bread Books

If you have been bringing your book(s) back and forth each week, you now can leave it in the pew.

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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We are planning on starting RE enrollment for the 2021-2022 year in mid July. Our session times will be Wednesday evenings 4:45-6:15 and 6:30-8:00 and Friday mornings 9:00-Noon. We anticipate having a full program and encourage families to register as soon as forms are available so as to get your preferred session time.

If you have any questions please let us know.

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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## Upcoming Parish Council Opening

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish Council was established about a year and a half ago in an attempt to help Father Andrew guide and make decisions for our Parish family. This Council was established with six parishioners representing both St. Mary and Holy Cross. Our aim is that each new member serve a three year term with two members rotating off each year. We are now looking for up to two new members to join. This month the Parish will hold a vote (if necessary) for new members. If you are interested, or anyone you know who might be, please feel free to reach out to any of the current Parish Council members for more information.

## Men of Our Parish....

This is your month, and also the year of St. Joseph! As a tribute to you (and St. Joseph) and in keeping with the 'Covid consideration' that we had for Mother's Day, beginning Father's Day weekend please take a bookmark from the table on your way in or out of Mass (while supplies last).



## Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of June 19/20; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter.

## 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 in Elkhart. 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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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 30 Budget Week 48

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	Received	Budget
	\$3,923	\$4,860

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$260,337	\$233,280	279,616

Cemetery collection: \$2958

## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Payments	Unpaid Pledges	Amt. Due
\$51,038	\$40,327	\$5,678	\$10,711

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>; then choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you.

## 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 these Wednesdays:

**June 16** for June 20 & 27 Bulletin

**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

## Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor, 1195-1231



Born Ferdinand de Bulhoes in Lisbon, Portugal, Anthony was the son of a knight in King Alphonso's court. He began his studies at the cathedral in Lisbon and joined the Augustinians when he was fifteen. Ordained in about 1219, Anthony transferred to the Franciscans in 1221 at which time he took the name Anthony.

Sent to Morocco to preach to the Moors, Anthony was soon forced to return because of illness. He was stationed at a small hermitage in Italy, where he spent his time studying Scripture, praying, and doing menial tasks. Once, at an ordination when no one was prepared to speak, Father Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. His fellow Franciscans, expecting little from Anthony, were astounded by his sermon and Anthony began a new ministry as a preacher.

Anthony was assigned to preach throughout Italy. Noted for his eloquence, fire, and persuasiveness, he attracted large crowds wherever he spoke and was particularly successful at converting heretics. Recognized as a great scholar, Anthony became the first Franciscan friar to teach theology to other Franciscan friars.

Appointed minister provincial of the Franciscan order, Anthony, was released from these duties in 1226 in order to resume his preaching. He settled in Padua in that year and his bold and brilliant preaching completely reformed the city. He worked to abolish debtors' prisons, helped the poor, and worked ceaselessly and untiringly with heretics. All of this took its toll on Anthony's health and he died on June 13 at the age of 36.

St. Anthony was canonized in the year following his death and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. He is the patron of the poor and oppressed. Alms given to seek his intercession are often referred to as "St. Anthony's Bread."

Anthony is also widely invoked for the return of lost articles. This belief comes from a story that told of a novice who ran away, taking with him a book of Psalms which Anthony had been using. Anthony prayed for the return of the book and the novice, struck by an alarming vision, brought the Psalter back to Anthony.

St. Anthony is the patron of many things and places besides lost articles. Among them are American Indians, expectant mothers, and sailors. His memorial is celebrated on June 13.

*Anthony has been a favorite saint for hundreds of years because of the belief that he intercedes with God on behalf of many who have lost articles. Any Catholic who has, say, misplaced the car keys and said a short prayer to St. Anthony can tell you how they "miraculously" found their keys virtually "under their noses." We can count on the saints to help us, knowing that they, too, experienced many of the difficulties we encounter in our own lives.*

*Is there a special need that you have at this time that may be helped by the intercession of a saint?*



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## 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](mailto: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.*

## Two Additional Options for Tithing

**Auto Debit:** Please consider using this type of tithing. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Sarah at [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org) or find the form on the home page of our website.

**Online Giving:** This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation will send gift receipts.

Thank you for considering using one of these for your tithing.

Before you travel...check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) 

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6

*Theme: Jesus is our food for the journey.*

*Reading I:* Exodus 24:3-8 • God made a covenant with us.

*Reading II:* Hebrews 9:11-15 • We will receive the promise of eternal salvation.

*Gospel:* Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 • He took break, blessed and broke it.

*For Children:* Why do you like receiving Holy Communion?

*For Youth:* What does it mean for you that bread and wine become Jesus' Body and Blood? What feelings surface?

*For Adults:* When you receive Holy Communion and hear the words "Body of Christ...Blood of Christ" what are some of the thoughts and feelings that you have?

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary time, June 13

*Theme: God's reign is unfolding.*

*Reading I:* Ezekiel 17:22-24 • I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit.

*Reading II:* 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 • Walk by faith and not by sight.

*Gospel:* Mark 4:26-34 • Through Jesus will come the Kingdom of God.

*For Children:* Have you ever had to walk in the dark with no light? How is that like walking by faith and not by sight? What did you have to do to keep going in the dark?

*For Youth:* Do you pray and ask for faith? How do you work on building your faith?

*For Adults:* When do you find it hardest to have faith? Must you "see" answered prayer, or can you peacefully accept God's will?