



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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:

The following message comes to us from Bishop Joensen. It is no different than the one many of you already received through e-mail a few days ago.

"Fr. Jim Kirby tendered his resignation as pastor of St. Mary-Holy Cross, Elkhart, Iowa. The Diocese looks to fill this position; however, at this time no other priests are available to serve as pastor. I ask for your prayers for Fr. Kirby and the parish."

Some of the recent daily Gospel readings came from a section of Scripture known as the "Parable of the Vine." Considering our situation and what I have been hearing, this passage seems particularly relevant:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

As Christians, we are to be united to Christ in a unique way that far surpasses the union we might experience with anyone and anything else, including politics and ideologies. Even emotions, which by themselves are not bad, but if not temperate, cloud our judgment. Let us be cautious in our thoughts about others, regardless of what might be our pre-conceived notions, because rarely - if ever - does anyone know the entire story. ~ Father Andrew

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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	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

### Tuesday, May 24

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

### Wednesday, May 25

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Dorothy Gannon  
~ followed by Adoration

### Thursday, May 26

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Isaac Beying

### Saturday, May 28

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Gerald Adams

### Sunday, May 29

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

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Myron White

### Monday, May 30 Memorial Day

10:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

## A Prayer for Workers of the Land

*Heavenly Father,*

*We bring before you all those whose lives  
and livelihoods revolve around land and season.*

*We pray for all who till the soil and tend the crops,  
for all who cherish beast and fowl,  
for all who harvest and prepare our food.*

*We ask that you protect them from harm  
as they go about their daily duties.*

*Guard them from the dangers of fatigue  
and loneliness and the burden of  
climate and financial worries.*

*Above all Father, bring them home safely  
at the end of each day.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son,  
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## 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!

## Live the Easter Season

We celebrate this Season until Pentecost on June 5! The Diocese has resources that encourage us to be an Easter people. There's a guide with family-friendly ideas for how to celebrate the season highlighting various feast days, Sunday Gospel reflection questions for families and personal reflections and a Liturgy of Light prayer experience that can be celebrated at home any time. Go to [dmdiocese.org/easter](http://dmdiocese.org/easter) and continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection!

## InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign

InnerVisions is a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic whose mission is empowering women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. Baby bottles are in the vestibule; please fill one with change, cash, or check (made out to InnerVisions HealthCare) and return it next weekend. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit [www.ivhcare.org](http://www.ivhcare.org).

## Give Blood, Give Life This Thursday!

Sign-up at St. Mary to donate your valuable and much needed blood at our drive this Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall, or at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org). Appointments are required. If you are unable to donate but would like to help, we welcome homemade treats and volunteers to help in the canteen. To help please contact Lisa and Tim Kautza, [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net); 515-964-7687.

## Diocesan Covid Update

Masks are optional for all during Mass and indoor activities and no longer required to distribute Holy Communion. Please discern the use of masks based on your own health and potential immunity to COVID-19. **If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please receive from Fr. Andrew (he sanitizes after each).** Masks and hand sanitizer are available. *Diocesan updates:*  
<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>

### Parish Council

Meeting: May 24, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting: June 21, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting: June 13, 6:00pm, Ed Center

### Knights of Columbus

June 12, 6:40pm Rosary, SM, 7pm Mtg, Hall

## Coming Events

✠ **This Weekend:** Food Pantry Collection for Elkhart's *The Blessing Box*

✠ **Blood Drive:** Thursday, May 26, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

✠ **Vacation Bible School:** Tuesday, June 21 - Thursday, June 23, 5:00-7:30pm, St. Mary


## Memorial Day

This day was established after the Civil War as a means to unify the country with a national day of remembrance. Please join us for 10:00am Mass at Holy Cross Church on Monday, May 30. The Maxwell Legion and the McKinsey Guard Bagpipers will be present following Mass. Come see our Avenue of Flags. We will also have a self-guided walking tour available at the church and cemetery.

## Holy Cross Cemetery Collection

We will have this collection at our Masses next weekend and at our Memorial Day Mass for the cemetery. The funds will be used for maintenance of the grounds. If you are unable to attend Mass here next weekend or on Memorial Day, you are welcome to mail your donation to the parish office. Please make checks out to Holy Cross Cemetery. Thank you in advance for your support to assure Holy Cross Cemetery remains a beautiful resting place.

## Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake breakfast outside at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, May 29 following 8:00am Mass. 

**Congratulations to Oliver Hand  
who will be receiving Holy Eucharist  
for the first time this Sunday.**



**Please keep him in your prayers.**

**Congratulations to these students  
who received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday.**

**Please keep them in your prayers.**

Matthew Aschoff	Kaylee Koudelka
Magdelyn Bruce	Tyler Laffey
Patrick Cory	Elizabeth Lappe
Lauren De Costa	Abraham Manley
Abigail Devereux	Josie Moore
Maleaha Doyle	Kylie Rasmussen
Dawson Ehlers	Daniel Schoening
Alex Evans	Kayla Soyer
Hunter Halligan	Mary Staudt
Jocelyn Hobbs	Cael Tollefson
Joseph Hoffmeier	Katie Tollefson
Vivian Kahler	Kiley Volz
Paige Kerr	Beau Warg
Courtney Kiley	

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Registration for next year is underway! We look forward to receiving everyone's registration and getting a head start on our preparations for next year.

Join us for *Summer With The Saints!* June 21-23 from 5:00-7:30. Supper included. Let us know if you or your teen would like to help!

*Both of these registration forms have been emailed and are available at church. Completed forms can be emailed to [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org), mailed to the office or dropped off at the office.*

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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## Liturgical Ministers Needed!

Please contact Barb at the office if you are able to help out at our 10:00am Mass next weekend. Thank you!!

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**Nothing you confess can make God love you less.**

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	May 15	Budget Week 46	
		Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund		\$10,260	\$5,642

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$275,149	\$259,532	\$252,552

*Collection for Catholic Charities: \$372*

## 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese and return the pledge card sent by Bishop Joensen, by mail to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. 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	\$42,190	\$39,165	\$3,025	<b>\$15,579</b>

*Thank you to those who've already donated so generously!*

## Laudato Si

### A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

When eating at a buffet restaurant, or even at coffee and donuts after Mass on Sunday, you can help conserve natural resources and reduce waste by taking just one plate, one napkin and only the utensils you need. Encourage others to do the same.

### Have You Enjoyed Wine & Cheese or Donut Sunday in Recent Months?

If so, you have seen how easy it is to be the host!

We are looking for hosts for wine and cheese after 5:00pm Mass on the first Saturday of July and for each month September through December....and

Hosts for coffee and donuts after 8:00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month for July through December....and

Hosts for coffee and donuts after 10:00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month for July through December.

*Please contact Barb at the office if you have question or would like 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, [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.*

### 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 the 15th or the 30th. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Candy at [bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org) or find the form on the table at church or 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 sends gift receipts.

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

### Save The Date!

In honor of Bishop Joensen's passion for education, we invite you to join us for the inaugural Bishop's Celebration of Catholic Schools on August 27 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Indianola. This event unites the entire Diocese of Des Moines community in celebration of the life-changing impact our faith-centered education has provided for more than 120 years. During the event, the Diocese will recognize special honorees, educators, administrators, and volunteers for their impact on our Catholic schools. Learn more and purchase your tickets today at [dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools/support](http://dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools/support) or call 515-237-5079.

If you are traveling Memorial Day Weekend or this summer....check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org).



Styrofoam never decomposes.

### Seeking a Campus Minister

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Student Center and Parish and the Diocese of Des Moines seek a full-time campus ministry associate. The center primarily serves the students, faculty and staff of Drake University, and also supports students at other colleges and universities in the Diocese. For more information, go to [dmdiocese.org/careers](http://dmdiocese.org/careers) and click on *parishes*.



### Annual Corpus Christi Procession

All are invited to join this procession on June 5 at St. Augustin Church in Des Moines. We will begin with a musical prelude in the church at 2:30pm, with the Corpus Christi Procession beginning at 3:00pm. We will process to altars prepared around the neighborhood and finish back at the church, close to 4:00pm. Dinner and fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. Golf carts driven by the Knights will be available for those needing assistance.

### Young Catholic Network: Rooftop Social

Kick-off summer with the Young Catholic Network on the rooftop of the Market One building in the East Village! Young professionals in their 20s and 30s across the Diocese of Des Moines are invited to a rooftop social and speaker panel event on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:00pm. The evening features complimentary drinks and dinner and comments from Catholic professionals in the community on living our shared faith today. See the list of panelists and register online at [www.dmdiocese.org/ycn](http://www.dmdiocese.org/ycn).

### Annual Ignatian Retreat Day

Registration for the annual Emmaus House Retreat Day on July 23 is open at [theemmaushouse.org](http://theemmaushouse.org). Becky Eldredge is the presenter for the Day at St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church. The retreat is from 9:00 – 4:00pm. Attendance may be in person or virtually through Zoom. The cost is \$55 (scholarships are available). Becky is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator, and author of two books: *The Inner Chapel* (Loyola Press, April 2020) and *Busy Lives & Restless Souls* (Loyola Press, 2017). Passionate about Ignatian spirituality and teaching people how to pray and discern, Eldredge draws from over 20 years of ministry experience to help people make room for God in the busyness and invite them deeper in their walk with Christ.

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22

*Theme: The Holy Spirit instructs us in everything we do.*

*Reading I:* Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 • The Spirit does not burden you.

*Reading II:* Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 • The glory of God is with you.

*Gospel:* John 14:23-29 • The Spirit will instruct you in everything.

*Children:* How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

*Youth:* Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

*Adults:* How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?