

St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Pentecost

May 23, 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,

The Easter season ends today with the celebration of Pentecost, which was a feast day originally celebrated in Judaism fifty days after Passover. It called for the recognition, thanksgiving for, and offering to God of the first fruits of the earth. It would later be associated with God giving Moses the Law (commandments) on Mount Sinai. The Christian understanding of Pentecost, which we glean from the readings, is that the Holy Spirit is given to us to live not just according to the letter of the Law, to live it more fully as God intends.

As per diocesan policy, here at St. Mary-Holy Cross masks will no longer be required at liturgies and parish events. Also, those who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear them.

The Sunday noon Mass will be offered at least a couple more times in an attempt to ease the transition for everyone.

In a couple weeks the ribbons that are cordoning pews will be removed. 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. ~ Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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: Tuesdays 5:15 - 5:45pm;
Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm and after 9:00am First
Friday Mass, in the **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.

Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration

Tuesday, May 25

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Albert & Nydia Claussen
~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, May 26

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

Thursday, May 27

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bill Ross

Saturday, May 29

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Dick Opperman

Sunday, May 30

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Rita Smith and Mary Newell

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Sharon Dunbar

Monday, May 31 Memorial Day Mass

10:00am, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

Prayer to Mary

by Saint Anthony of Padua

Mary, our Queen,
Holy Mother of God,
we beg you to hear our prayer.
Make our hearts overflow with divine grace
and resplendent with heavenly wisdom.
Render them strong with your might
and rich in virtue.
Pour down upon us the gift of mercy
so that we may obtain the pardon of our sins.
Help us to live in such a way
as to merit the glory and bliss of heaven.
May this be granted us by your Son Jesus
who has exalted you above the angels,
has crowned you as Queen,
and has seated you with him
forever on his refulgent throne.

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!

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

Diocesan Adjustments to Phase 3 Regathering Guidelines

In adherence to CDC guidelines, the Diocese of Des Moines has ended a mask requirement. Parishioners who are not fully vaccinated are still strongly encouraged to use a mask at Mass and other parish events.

All the faithful remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. In addition, 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>.

Breaking Bread Books

Beginning next weekend, these books will be back in the pews. If you have been bringing your book(s) back and forth each week, you now can leave it in the pew.

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 on Monday, May 31. Come see our Avenue of Flags. The Maxwell Legion Honor Guard Service will be present after Mass.

Church Sign

The Son of God became the Son of man
so that the sons of men might become the Sons of God.

Parish Council

Meeting: May 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: May 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: June 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

June 13: 6:40pm Rosary, Church

7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall

Blood Drive



This Thursday, May 27, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. What safer and easier way to serve others than to donate your life-supporting blood that will help save or sustain the life of three others. The process (registration, confidential health history interview, donation, and post-donation rest in our canteen) will take less than an hour with the actual donation taking only about 10 minutes. The environment is disinfected and sanitized and all are required to wear a mask. Appointments required for added safety; sign up in the vestibule of St. Mary or go to https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/169798 to choose your donation time and then log in or create an account. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 and mention the Elkhart Blood Drive.

Contact Lisa or Tim Kautza, kautza@netins.net / 515-964-7687) to volunteer that day or to bring snacks.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA)

Are you yourself and/or do you know someone who would like to become Catholic or would like to know more about the faith? "By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully."

For information please contact Fr. Andrew at fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd seeks to help adults open their eyes to the hidden riches of the child, especially to the child's spiritual wealth, so that adults will be drawn to learn from the child and to serve the child. There is a Level 1 formation starting this summer in Ames at St. Cecilia Parish. We have limited scholarships available to help with costs. Even if you don't want to serve as a Catechist, this formation is one of the best adult faith formations you can take. It has been such a gift for both of us and we strongly encourage you to consider taking it.

July 12-18, 2021, January 15-16 & February 5-6, 2022
and March 5-6, 2022 if needed.

For more information, please contact Melissa Teggatz at mteggatz@stceciiliaparish.org or 515-232-3515, ext. 356.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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We have been blessed with quite a few people attending our STORM youth gatherings on Wednesday evenings; it's been a fun group to get to know. However, with school coming to a close and summer sports kicking off, the teens' Wednesday evenings are filling up with practice, scrimmages and games. We will try to plan a few monthly gatherings on Sunday evenings this summer! Watch your bulletin and social media for updates and information. Did you know that youth ministry at SMHC has a Facebook page? You can find us on Facebook at: Storm YM Sm-hc(Storm YM Elkhart.) Have a fantastic summer! *Blessings, Andrea and Melissa*

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's 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 June 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.



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.*

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Please contact Sarah Baumberger, parish bookkeeper, for more information (sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org).

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 16 Budget Week 46

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	Received	Budget
	\$9,216	\$4,860

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$254,778	\$223,560	269,567

Missions: Gallup New Mexico Diocese: \$1688.20

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Payments	Unpaid Pledges	Amt. Due
\$51,038	\$36,297	\$6,108	\$14,741

Thank you to those who have been so generous to this year's Appeal. 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. You can also donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; then choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you.

On The Radio

Tune in to Iowa Catholic Radio (1150 AM, 88.5 FM or 94.5 FM) most Fridays around 7:15pm to hear Fr. Andrew discuss that coming Sunday's Gospel. At 9:00am every Friday tune in for the Bishop's weekly radio show, "Making it Personal With Bishop Joensen".

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 this for your tithing and thank you to those who are currently using it!

Corpus Christi Processions

Come adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament!

You are invited to join this procession Sunday, June 6 from 11:00am to 2:30pm at St. Anthony Church (15 Indianola Road) or at 3:00pm at St. Augustine Church (545 42nd St.).

Catholic Scripture Study

If you have wanted to go deeper into your understanding of Scripture this is a great way to do it! We are now taking registrations for our next session of Catholic Scripture Study (CSS). Beginning mid-September, the 18-week study will be covering *First Samuel: Establishing The Throne of David*. Come and learn more about the stories and people you hear in the Mass readings: Eli, Hannah, Samuel, David, Goliath and more! We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15 at St. Augustin's Catholic Church. The cost is \$42.95 for materials for the year, and scholarships are available. If you have any questions, would like to see the study material from past studies, or would like to register, please call Cindy Kodis at 515-251-3930. You can also check out CSS at <https://tanbooks.com/catholic-programs/catholic-scripture-studies-css/>. Order deadline is June 7.

Faith Journey Catechetical Institute

Are you a Catholic who wants to fall deeper in love with Christ and His Church? Do you want to learn more about how you fit into the greatest love story in the world's history? Do you want to be strengthened in your understanding of our Church's teachings? Have you ever wondered how the Catechism can be a resource and an enrichment to your faith? If you answered yes to any of these questions then the Catechetical Institute is for you! Please join us for an information night with Bishop Joensen as guest speaker on June 21 from 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Pastoral Center. For further details please visit us at FaithJourneyCI.com.

You Are Invited....

Iowans for LIFE Summer Fundraising Dance is Friday, July 23 from 6:30-10:00pm at Jasper Winery Open Air Tent, 2400 George Flagg Parkway in Des Moines. You will enjoy live music from The Fabulous Riviera's (50's & 60's Classic Rock), Appetizers, sweets, beverages. A cash bar (beer/wine) will be available along with a dancing contest with prizes and a live auction. Tickets are on sale now - \$25 - at www.iowansforlife.org or mail your check to Iowans for LIFE, 1450 E. 33rd St. Des Moines, IA 50317. Questions? Contact Maggie DeWitte at 515-255-4113.

God answers knee-mail.



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Joan of Arc, Virgin, 1412-1431

Joan was the youngest of five children of Jacques d'Arc, a peasant farmer. She was only thirteen when she experienced the first of her visions, which she described as a voice accompanied by a blaze of light. She later identified the voices as those of St. Michael, St. Catherine, St. Margaret and others. They revealed to Joan that her mission in life was to save France by assisting the Dauphin, the rightful heir to the throne of France.

When she tried to embark on her mission, she was scoffed at by the French commander and initially ignored by the Dauphin, who preferred the life of luxury to pursuing his father's throne. Eventually, however, Joan convinced the civil and church authorities that she was not a heretic and did have a mission to save France. Clothed in a suit of white armor, Joan led an expedition to relieve the besieged city of Orléans. After this success, she gained a great victory over the British and, shortly after, captured Troyes.

The Dauphin was crowned King Charles VII in 1429 as a result of her victories, and Joan stood at his side during the coronation. Having accomplished her major mission, success came harder for Joan. But she failed in an attempt to capture Paris and, in 1430 during a new campaign, was captured and sold to the British who occupied much of France at this time. Charged by the British with heresy and witchcraft, her visions were declared to be of diabolical origin. She was tricked into signing a recantation, but, a few days later, she again dressed as a boy, a practice that she'd agreed to abandon.

Joan was charged as a lapsed heretic and condemned to be burned at the stake. This occurred on May 30, 1431, in Rouen, France. Joan, known as the Maid of Orléans, was cleared of the charges against her by a court appointed by Pope Callistus II in 1456 and she was canonized in 1920.

Together with St. Denis, Joan of Arc is a patron of France. Her memorial is celebrated in that country on May 30.

Joan's message today: Joan was cast into an unfamiliar and unexpected role by God and sent on a mission with specific goals. We are often asked to perform unusual, if less dramatic, tasks than Joan's. Usually, the only ill consequence to us might be embarrassment or inconvenience. *Have you ever been asked to run an errand for a sick neighbor or visit an elderly or lonely person? Have you done it with good grace or have you privately grumbled?*

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Pentecost, May 23

Theme: We have been given the breath of God - the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11 • All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 • There are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

Gospel: John 20:19-23 • As the Father sent me, so I send you.

For Children: When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

For Youth: When have you felt the Holy Spirit in your life?

For Adults: Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.