



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022



Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 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 Ascension is celebrated on the 29th then Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close on the 5th. Both solemnities coincide with the second and third mysteries of the Rosary. They are called mysteries because we cannot fully plumb the depth of their meaning. However, that does not mean we do not at least try to understand them better, specifically how it is that they pertain to salvation. In the case of the Ascension, Jesus, who is both divine and human, is like the key that unlocks the gates of heaven for the rest of humanity. Pentecost refers to the gift of the Spirit that is needed to go about serving God in this life in the meantime. There is plenty of work and thankfully He gives us everything we need to get it done! ~ Father Andrew

Parish Information

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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 | 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

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day

10:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

Tuesday, May 31

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Nolan Clewell

Wednesday, June 1

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

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

Thursday, June 2

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Ralph & Neva Cory

First Friday, June 3

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Mary Fisher

Saturday, June 4

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill Devereux

Sunday, June 5

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

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †John & Mildred Flaherty

Tuesday, June 7

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Ashley Carpenter

Wednesday, June 8

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

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

Thursday, June 9

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Mary Newell & Rita Smith

Saturday, June 11

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

Sunday, June 12

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

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

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.

Memorial Day

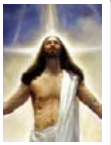
Please join us for 10:00am Mass at Holy Cross Church on Monday. The Maxwell Legion and the McKinsey Guard Bagpipers will be present following Mass. Come see our Avenue of Flags. We will also have a self-guided walking tour available at the church and cemetery.

Diocesan Covid Updates

Masks are optional for all during Mass and indoor activities and not 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>

Prayer on the Feast of The Ascension of the Lord



Lord Jesus,

You became man and came to live among us.

For love of us, you suffered and died for us.

Because you are God,

you conquered death and rose on the third day.

Today you return to your Father and our Father,

you promised to remain with us

till the end of time,

And to send us the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice and thank you, Lord Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, purify and transform us,

Kindle within us the fire of your love. Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: June 28, 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:** Collection for upkeep of Holy Cross Cemetery

✠ **This Sunday, May 29:** Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass, outside at Holy Cross

✠ **Weekend of June 4/5:** Buildings & Grounds Collection — Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses

✠ **Hall in use:** June 8 - 15 for Catechist of Good Shepherd Training, Ed Center & Kitchen for lunchtime

✠ **Crafts, Games & Conversation:** Thursday, June 16, 9:00am, Social Hall

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

Holy Cross Cemetery Collection

Taken up this weekend and at Memorial Day Mass for the upkeep of the cemetery grounds. You may also send your donation to the office, with checks made 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

Join us for this breakfast held outside at Holy Cross on Sunday, May 29 following 8:00am Mass, hosted by the KofC.

It's Back!!

Crafts, Games & Conversation is Thursday, June 16, 9:00am in the Social Hall. This gathering time includes board games and cards by those who are not so crafty! There's good conversation, fellowship, laughter, and sharing of stories, which all bring about community building. Please join us (including guys)!

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, mailed to the office or dropped off at the office.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Summer Bulletins

With this bulletin we begin our summer schedule of bi-weekly bulletins. If you wish to have something included in our June bulletins, please email your information to the parish office, bliske@saintmaryhc.org, by Wednesday June 8 for the June 12 & 19 bulletin and by Wednesday, June 22 for the June 26 & July 4 bulletin. Thank you!

In Gratitude!

We thank Lisa Kautza for providing our cheese tray for wine & cheese over the years! They were delicious and beautiful!

~ If you would consider providing this service (expenses reimbursed) or for more information, please contact the office.

Upcoming Parish Council Openings

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish Council's responsibility is to guide the pastor in making decisions for our Parish family. The Council consists of six parishioners representing both St. Mary's and Holy Cross. Each new member will serve a three year term with two members rotating off each year. We are now looking for two new members. If you are interested, a self-nomination form is provided in this bulletin or can be downloaded from the Parish website homepage under "Forms". Please feel free to reach out to any of the current Parish Council members for more information.

The deadline for submitting Parish Council nomination forms is Wednesday, June 8. The election form and candidate bios will be provided with the Parish bulletin the weekend of June 11/12. The Parish Council election will be held the week of June 20 to the 26.

Any member of St. Mary-Holy Cross parish 18 years of age or older can vote. Ushers will hand out election forms and collect them at each Mass held on the weekend of June 25/26. Any parish member unable to attend a Mass that weekend must submit their election form to the Parish office by noon on Friday June 24.

Please email the office with any changes to your family information so our records are accurate. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Mike and Mary Winders - mwinde59@yahoo.com

Every saint has a past- every sinner has a future!

Weekly Collection Financial Update

| May 22 | Budget Week 47 | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| | <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> | |
| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$1,800 | \$5,642 | |
| <i>Year to Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund</i> | | | |
| | <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
| | \$276,949 | \$262,174 | \$254,778 |

Food Pantry Collection: \$503

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese. 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. 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.

| <u>Goal</u> | <u>Pledged</u> | <u>Paid</u> | <u>Unpaid</u> | <u>Amt. Due</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| \$54,744 | \$42,265 | \$39,390 | \$2,875 | \$15,354 |

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

Laudato Si

A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

Encourage prayer before and after meals to express gratitude to God for His generosity in meeting our daily needs, but also as a reminder of our duty to be good stewards of His creation so that it may continue to serve the needs of all His creatures.

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 thru December....and

~ Coffee and donuts after 8:00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month for July thru December....and

~ Coffee and donuts after 10:00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month for July thru December.

Please contact Barb at the office if you have question or would like to volunteer!

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



June 4/5 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Olivia Jones
Host Distributor Tony Kuehn
Ushers Doug Jones, Mike Devereux
Music Terri Hamm, Celeste Muehlenthaler

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Sheri Fogarty
Usher Brett Beukema
Music Drew Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Kevin Cowles
Host Distributor Garrett McClain
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar
Music Sue Schmidt, Karon Lacey, Mary Ortmann

June 11/12 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Lorrie Hanlon
Host Distributor Drew Hanlon
Ushers Brodie Gilligan Family
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Lowell Crouse
Usher Mike Veasman
Music Jenn Linderblood, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector David Green
Host Distributor Mike Nehring
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Dennis Schmidt
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

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Money Counters

May 31: Sharon Morris, Kathy Daup
June 5: Dona Cowman, Sue White
June 12: Sharon Morris, Brenda Nehring



A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose -- and even longer if it's in landfill!

InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign

Baby bottles are available this weekend to be returned by next weekend with your change, cash or check (made out to InnerVisions HealthCare) to the container provided. Your donation helps empower women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit www.ivhcare.org.

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.

World Environment Day is June 5th

This Day, led by the United Nations Environment Program, is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach. Why take part in "Only One Earth? Time is running out, and nature is in emergency mode with global warming, air pollution and plastic waste and more. Urgent action is needed to address these pressing issues. Find out more at <https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

The Ascension of the Lord, May 29

Theme: We are sent, and Christ is with us.

Reading I: Acts 1: 1-11 • Why are you standing there looking up at the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-13 • God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53 • Jesus blesses the disciples and is taken up to heaven.

For Children: Jesus helps us be brave when we need to be. When do you need to be brave?

For Youth: Even after Jesus ascended into heaven, he worked through the disciples to spread the Gospel. We are Jesus' disciples today. How can you open yourself up more to let Jesus work through you to spread the Gospel?

For Adults: How do you experience the divine power of Christ-among-us in your daily life?

Pentecost Sunday, June 4

Theme: God's breath – the Holy Spirit – gives us true life and peace.

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

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 • We are one Body in Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23 • Receive the Holy Spirit.

For Children: Jesus tells us that we need to forgive to have peace. Name one way that you can forgive a friend or classmate.

For Youth: We all have unique gifts for the good of others. What is special about you? How can you use those gifts to help others – friends, family, strangers?

For Adults: Even as working disciples of Christ, we are given the gift of peace. How do you experience this gift, and how do you share it with others?