



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 30, 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 Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity is always on the Sunday that follows Pentecost. The Trinity is the most fundamental mystery of our faith. It is so important that we begin and end prayers with its invocation. All the readings this weekend reflect in some way God's desire for us to be with Him, even in this life. While it is indeed hard to understand how there can be one God and three persons, it is with faith that we trust who He is and cares for us.

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.

On June 12, 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.

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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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

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

Monday, May 31 Memorial Day Mass

10:00am, Holy Cross †Mike Phelan

Tuesday, June 1

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

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

Wednesday, June 2

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †LaMont Schreurs

Thursday, June 3

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernard Hanlon

First Friday, June 4

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Francis and Rosie Koch

Saturday, June 5

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Butch Moody

Sunday, June 6

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Ron Odgaard

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy!

Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!

To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve, to thee do we send
up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley, of tears.

Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and
after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the
promises of 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!

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

Adjustments to 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 wear a mask at Mass and other parish events.

On June 12 the ribbons that are cordoning pews will be removed. Social distancing is still expected to be practiced to the extent that it is possible. Extra seating will remain in the social hall for those who might prefer to sit there. We will also return to a Communion line on that date.

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

We will continue to have masks and hand sanitizer available.

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

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

Church Sign

If you're going to waste, let God recycle you!

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

Memorial Day



Please join us for Mass at 10:00am at Holy Cross. Come see our Avenue of Flags. We will have a blessing of the graves and the Maxwell Legion Honor Guard Service will be present after Mass. We will have a second collection at Masses this weekend and at this Memorial Day Mass for the upkeep of the cemetery.

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.

YOU Are Needed!

We are looking for additional people to lector at our 10:00am Mass. Contact Fr. Andrew at 515-367-2685 or Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org if you are interested or have questions. Thank you for considering this request!



Change of Information?

Moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline? New email? Please email the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. *Thank you!*

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Opperman, sister of Sharon Adams, who passed away Thursday morning. She is now in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior. Pray also for her family that they 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.

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 to get your preferred session time.

If you have any questions please let us know.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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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*

High School Senior Scholarship

The St. Mary-Holy Cross scholarship is granted to high school seniors pursuing higher education. Money used to fund scholarships is donated by the Knights of Columbus and anonymous parishioners. Scholarships are awarded based primarily on church and activity participation, community service and years of service as well as character references/recommendations. This year's applicants were impressive and highly qualified based on scholarship criteria.

We are pleased to announce three St. Mary-Holy Cross scholarships in the amount of \$250 awarded to the following recipients: Joseph Devereux, Thomas Jones, and Megan Theulen. Congratulations to these deserving parishioners! Thanks to all applicants for your dedication to our faith community!



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.*

Catholic Charities Collection

Next weekend a basket will be available for this collection. Thanks for helping those needing a little help along the way.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 23 Budget Week 47

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$1,636	\$4,860

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$256,414	\$228,420	274,079

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Unpaid Pledges</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$51,038	\$37,927	\$5,678	\$13,111

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.

Counseling Available

Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Des Moines, and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by calling 515-237-5045 or emailing sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Job Openings

The Diocese of Des Moines is looking for an individual with auditing, accounting, finance, or CPA background that is willing to use their business and internal control knowledge to benefit the Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment>.

St. Mary of Nazareth Parish is seeking a full-time Director of Youth (7th-12th) Ministry. Interested candidates must be a practicing Catholic, preferably with a bachelor's degree in a related field. Life Teen experience is helpful. A complete job description may be obtained by request and interested candidates should submit a resume with salary requirements to Fr. John Frost, St. Mary of Nazareth Church, 4600 Meredith Drive, Des Moines, IA 50310, or email frjfrost@stmarysdsm.org. Deadline to apply: Monday, June 7.

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is seeking a full-time Parish Coordinator. This position includes day-to-day execution, planning, and management of the parish on-going activities. Activities include marketing, event support, and parish administrative duties. Please contact Father Ken Halbur at frken@slte.org for more information.

Holy Trinity Parish is looking for a Pastoral Care Minister. This is a full time position for the integrated care of spiritual, physical, and emotional health for Holy Trinity members and families within our Church. Some responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: Provides visitation to HT parishioners and their family members. Directs the Pastoral Care Team volunteers. Directs the Pastoral Care Team volunteers or has knowledge of existing parish groups. Emphasizes the healing ministry of the Church with the Pastor. Prepares and leads Liturgy of the Word with Communion Services at neighborhood senior housing communities and nursing homes. For much more information go to the Job Responsibilities & Requirements on our HT Website at <https://holytrinitydm.org/wp-content/uploads/HT-Pastorial-Care-Minister-1.pdf>. If interested, please send your resume to fmneal@holytrinitydm.org.

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.



Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

Justin, Martyr, c. 100-165

Justin, a layman, was the first great apologist of Christianity and a number of his lengthy writings remain with us today. Born of Greco-Roman parents, Justin received the best liberal education available in his day. He studied rhetoric, history, poetry, and was especially interested in philosophy. But none of the philosophers whom he studied seemed to have exactly what he was looking for.

One day, as Justin was walking near the seashore pondering one of Plato's maxims, he found himself being followed by a venerable looking old man. This stranger aroused Justin's interest by telling him of a philosophy more virtuous and satisfying than any he had studied to that time. It was one, the man told him, revealed by God to the Israelite prophets of ancient times which had reached its culmination in Jesus Christ. Inspired by the man's words, Justin began a study of Scripture and undertook to learn more about Christianity. Justin was baptized when he was about thirty.

Up to this time, Christianity's beliefs and practices were largely unknown to those outside of the faith. Justin, however, felt that many people would accept Christianity if it were presented to them properly. He began teaching and writing about the Christian faith and also about what took place at their secret meetings (the celebration of the Eucharist).

Traveling to various lands, Justin debated with pagan philosophers, heretics, and Jews. Eventually, he came to Rome where he argued in public with a Cynic named Crescens. Having bested Crescens in the debate, Justin earned his hatred. Crescens denounced Justin as a Christian and Justin, together with six other Christians, was brought before the Roman prefect, Rusticus, for trial. After admitting his Christianity and refusing to sacrifice to the Roman gods, Justin and the others were condemned to torture and death. St. Justin is a patron of philosophers. We honor this martyr by a memorial on June 1.

Justin's message today: Justin searched for a time before finding God. Once he had found God, he kept the faith even to death. Although martyrdom may not be the fate of any of us, we should be prepared to defend our faith at any given moment.

All of us face temptations daily that would lead us away from God. Ask God to help you to grow in faith and you will be able to stand up to the temptations.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30

Theme: The Trinity

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 • The Lord is God and there is no other.

Reading II: Romans 8:14-17 • You have received the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 • Go!

For Children: Why do you think Catholics make "The Sign of the Cross" when we pray?

For Youth: How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

For Adults: As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?