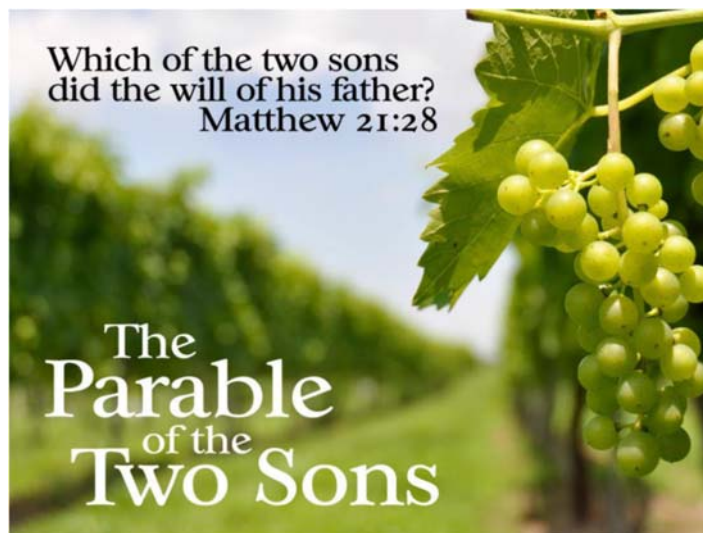




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 27, 2020

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*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.*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The first and third readings of both last Sunday and this Sunday share the theme of God's approach to justice. Speaking through the prophet Ezekiel in this Sunday's first reading, God acknowledges that we complain that His "way is not fair." But who other than Him gets to make the rules? No amount of complaining will change that reality. In the Gospel, Jesus illustrates it with the man and his two sons. What we can learn is quite simple: God endows us with free will to make choices, sometimes good and sometimes bad. Because He does this and is Himself eternal, those choices can have eternal consequences for us, good or bad.

Here are some reminders of guidelines as it has been a while now since we came back to Mass and a change in this era of COVID.

- If you or direct family members are considered high-risk, we encourage you to continue to worship from home.
- If the church at St. Mary is full, additional seating is available in the social hall. - The restriction of attendance by name at Holy Cross is no longer in effect.
- Diocesan guidelines suggest at least consider receiving the host on your hand so as to not risk contacting the minister with saliva. If you still opt to receive on the tongue, please receive last.
- Baskets are available at church entrances for collections.

A day of prayer and fasting for the nation was held on Thursday. Even though it has passed, I use it to encourage you to not let it stop with just one day.

A couple weeks ago, in addition to the regularly scheduled confessions and Masses, a wedding and baptism were celebrated. Both sacraments were delightful opportunities to experience joy in these trying times. Congratulations to Noah and Abbey and welcome to the Church, Knox! ~ 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
		10:00am	St. Mary

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm in **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.

**Priesthood and Religious Life:** See Diocesan website at <http://www.vocationsonline.org>.

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## Mass and Adoration

### Tuesday, September 29

6:00pm St. Mary †Paul Matthews  
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, September 30

5:30pm Holy Cross †June Norris

### Thursday, October 1

8:00am St. Mary †Mary Maxwell

### First Friday, October 2

9:00am St. Mary †Clarence & Victoria Becker

*Please pray the Rosary with us  
20 minutes before weekend Masses*

### Saturday, October 3

5:00pm St. Mary †Rita Smith

### Sunday, October 4

8:00am Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter  
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

## Priesthood Sunday

Today is set aside nationally to honor the priesthood and to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest in the life of the Church and gives us a special opportunity to honor Fr. Andrew and to express our support and appreciation for his service to the Church, and in particular, to our parish.

**Thank you Fr. Andrew for answering God's call  
to the vocation of priesthood!**

## 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 form found in the vestibule of St. Mary or Holy Cross and on our website. We are glad you are here!

## Please Wear Your Mask!

When you come to Mass, please wear your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

## We Are Here to Help!

If you are homebound, at high risk, caring for family, or know someone who is, and are in need of help with errands, picking up prescriptions or groceries, etc., please contact Fr. Andrew for assistance.

**For Diocesan updates, livestream Masses  
and resources, please go to [https://www.dmdiocese.org/  
resources/worship/coronavirus](https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus)**

## October is the Month of the Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary twenty minutes before each weekend Mass in October.

— If you'd like to lead the Rosary, please email Anne Davis at [annedavis06@gmail.com](mailto:annedavis06@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Blessing of Pets



To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of ecology and animals; we will have a blessing for your pets and animals on Sunday, October 4, at 1:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary.

## An Examen for Times of Anxiety

I pause (*breathe in and out*) and thank you for this day. For the challenges, the emotions, the struggle. For in all this, I grow closer to you.

I pause (*breathe in and out*) and ask that in the darkness, I see your light and in my fear, I feel your strength.

I pause (*breathe in and out*) and remember that today, As in days before, I have survived. When I've wanted to run, I've stayed. When I wanted to hide, I've faced the day.

I pause (*breathe in and out*) and ask for forgiveness for The days I falter and the disease takes over. I ask for compassion and love when I'm unable to give those to myself.

I pause (*breathe in and out*) and resolve to love myself more tomorrow. And always feel your spirit surround me in safety.

I pause (*breathe in and out*) and rest.

~Erin Roush

### Stewardship Committee

Meeting, Monday, Oct. 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Parish Council

Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

*The Parish Office will have varied hours  
October 1st – 9th.*

*Please call or email to be sure someone is here before stopping by. Fr. Andrew will be available and in the office off and on during this time, (except Monday the 5th) so please call or email him first. Always contact him in an emergency – no matter day or time.*

## Upcoming Events

†**Sunday, October 4:** Blessing of Pets and Animals, 1:00pm in the parking lot at St. Mary — Life Chain, 2:00 - 3:00pm, pick up signs at St. Theresa Church

†**Thursday, October 15:** Crafts and Conversation, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Weekend of October 17/18:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny

†**Thursday, November 5:** Blood Drive, 3:00 – 7:00pm, Social Hall.

† **For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew at 515-367-2685 or [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.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 at 515-367-2685 or [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org). *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for to be on our prayer chain.*

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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This week we have full sessions for all grades and sessions. As a reminder, please escort your child to the main entrance where Tracy will direct your child downstairs. Our Ed Center assistant will be sure to help them get to the right classroom! We will escort children upstairs when class is over. You may come to the front entrance of the building to collect your child, or you may have an older child escort them to your vehicle, just let us know your preference. Thank you for your patience as we work through these first few weeks of a new system.

Please feel free to reach out with comments, suggestions or questions!

**September 29/30** - ALL Grades- Full Session

**October 6/7** - ALL Grades- Full Session

**October 13/14** - ALL Grades- Full Session

**October 20/21** - ALL Grades- Full Session

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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**EDGE DATE CHANGE:** Our first EDGE session with the students is Wednesday, October 7 from 6:00-7:30pm. Please contact one of us if you have questions.

**Youth Group:** We will have our first youth gathering on October 7 from 7:45-9:00pm in the youth room. If you are a high school teen please plan to join us for a bonfire and s'mores! Bring a friend or 2. Hope to see you there!

### C 1 & C 2 - PURPOSE (Grades 9 & 10)

**Small group leaders needed!** Please contact Nicole Cory if you are interested. Anyone who has been confirmed can volunteer for our program.

**Please register your child if you haven't already.**

**First Session:** Wednesday, September 30, 6:00 - 8:00pm in St. Mary Social Hall.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA)

Are you yourself and/or do you know someone who would like to become Catholic and/or would like to know more about the faith? "The rite of Christian initiation [...] is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully."

For further information please contact Fr. Andrew at [fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-367-2685.

## Food Pantry Collections



In October we resume our Food Pantry collections on the third weekend of each month. We will have a basket out for this collection along with the basket for tithes. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity for those in need.

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

### September 20 Budget Week 12

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	Received	Budget
	\$10,012	\$4,860

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$65,577	\$58,320	\$63,213

## 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Information and a pledge card have been mailed to each household. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and mail your pledge to the parish or donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal-giving>, being sure to designate our parish for proper credit. Each gift is vital to reaching our assessment. Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Amt. Due
\$49,556	\$43,477	\$40,132	\$9,424

Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), for additional information or find the form in the vestibule or on our website home page in the lower right hand corner.



## Annual Life Chain

Next Sunday, October 4, from 2:00 - 3:30pm, LIFE CHAIN invites us to stand along Merle Hay Road from University to Douglas Avenues and pray for 90 minutes, while holding a sign with an approved pro-life messages. Signs are available for pick up at St. Theresa Catholic Church (1230 Merle Hay Road). For additional information please contact Ruth Kabitzke at 515-965-1343. *Join us to help protect those who cannot protect themselves.*

## SMHC High School/College Students & Adults

We are in need of volunteers to assist with our EDGE program. If you are interested in helping and could spare 3-6 hours a month we would LOVE your help! If you are interested in learning more or want to help, please contact Melissa at 515-290-2830 or Andrea at 515-240-5059. We will be happy to share information about our EDGE program with you. We have had a wonderful EDGE core team in the past and look forward to adding new people. Thank you for considering helping grow our young church!



## Mark Your Calendar!

What safer and easier way to serve others these days than to donate your life-supporting blood that will help save or sustain the life of three others. LifeServe Blood Center provides a disinfected and sanitized environment in our parish social hall. And, blood is always in short supply and especially now. The whole process (registration, confidential health history interview, donation, and post-donation rest in our canteen) will take about an hour with the actual donation taking only about 10 minutes. We hope you, as a past donor or a potential new donor, will sign-up for our next drive Thursday, November 5 from 3:00 – 7:00pm. Appointments are required for added safety. Sign up on the St. Mary Church vestibule bulletin board or online at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://lifeservebloodcenter.org) (see below). Volunteers and treats for the canteen are needed for the drive. Please contact Lisa and Tim Kautza if you can help (515-964-7687 or [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net)).

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/>. Select "Donate;" then select "Schedule Your Donation;" then "Schedule a Donation Now;" then "Sponsor Name Search;" then enter "Elkhart;" then "Search;" then Elkhart Community should show up then select "Schedule;" then pick an available time and either log in or create an account. 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 Elkhart Community Blood Drive November 5.

## Help Be Christmas to Homeless Families

We are looking for a volunteer to provide a Sunday evening meal for guests at Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter on the second Sunday of December. One or more families can volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal. Currently because of COVID - 19, although we hope it won't be the case come December, the shelter does not allow meal providers into the shelter and accepts the meal at the front door. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt to use for a tax deduction. To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687. Peace of Christ to all during this unsettling time.



One drip one second from a leaky faucet wastes 540 gallons of water a year.

## 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 and amounts will be included on your parish year end statement. Thank you for considering using this for your tithing and thank those who are currently using it!

## Church Sign

When the world pushes you to your knees,  
you are in a perfect position to pray.

## Today's Saints

### Cosmas and Damian, Physicians and Martyrs

Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers born in Arabia. They studied medicine in Syria and later became widely known for their medical skills which they offered, without charge, to all. Because of their charities, they were known in their time as the "moneyless ones." They gained the love and respect of the people to whom they ministered, both for their medical assistance and the zeal of their Christian faith.

During the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian, Cosmas and Damian, together with three brothers, Anthimus, Leontius, and Euprepius, were arrested, tried, and beheaded for their faith. Over the years following their deaths, many people reported miracles that occurred in the names of Cosmas and Damian. Among them was the Emperor Justinian I, who attributed his cure from a serious illness to these saints. In thankfulness, the emperor enlarged a church which had been built on the site of the saints' burial place.

Cosmas and Damian are patrons of physicians and surgeons, along with Saint Luke. An optional memorial celebrates the lives of these saints on September 26.

Cosmas and Damian's message today: The two brothers completely embraced and lived the Christian life. This was particularly exemplified by their unselfish behavior in caring for the sick. We are not asked to give nearly so much of ourselves as Cosmas and Damian did, but we are asked to give something.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 27

*Theme: It's not enough to merely say you believe.  
You must also live your faith.*

*Reading I:* Ezekiel 18:25-28 • Turn from what is sinful to what is just and right.

*Reading II:* Philippians 2:1-11 • Make my joy complete.

*Gospel:* Matthew 21:28-32 • Many will enter the reign of God before you if you do not repent.

*For Children:* How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

*For Youth:* Today's parable reminds us that it isn't what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

*For Adults:* How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

## **St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish Financial Health Update September 2020**

Thanks to the financial support of parishioners like you, as well as the resourcefulness and gifts of time from numerous staff and parish members, our church community is financially healthy! We also want to celebrate the resourcefulness and gifts of time from numerous staff and parish members as that helps us reduce costs.

Again, thanks to all the types of investments made by members of this parish, the following are some **highlights** from the past fiscal year:

- An increase in our General Fund
- The achievement of our goal for the 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal
- Continued employment of parish staff through the pandemic

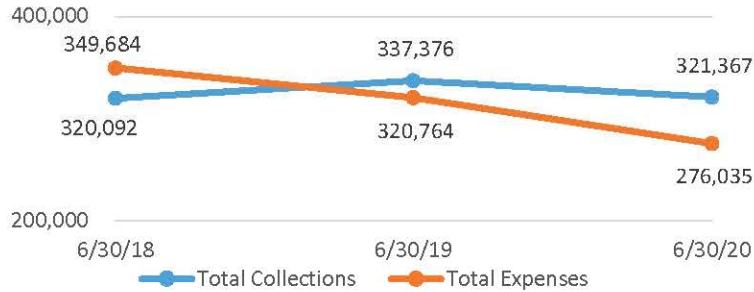
Still, as any organization, we continually look to sustaining and continually improving our financial health. In order to do that, the following are the goals we are proposing. Please review them and consider how you can help the parish in the coming year:

**Goals** for the coming year:

- **Increase the total number of tithing households.**  
If you are not in the habit of tithing, start small! A weekly donation to the parish to support the staff, building, grounds, education, and community of St. Mary-Holy Cross is a good habit. Every dollar matters. The smallest gift from the heart is often the largest gift.
- **Consistent tithing.**  
Fluctuation in tithing impacts the ability to pay the parish bills on time. If you are like me, it can be easy to forget to send a check when attending Mass virtually. It is as simple as contacting the parish bookkeeper, Sarah Baumberger, at [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org) to set up automatic tithing. There are also forms in the entryway.
- **Building and grounds projects.**  
Several months ago, we shared some big-ticket projects that need immediate attention. They include roofing, plaster and drywall, the parking lot, and more. The Parish Council is working to collect quotes and to develop a strategic plan as we speak. Thank you in advance for your support to keep our buildings and grounds beautiful.  
*Reminder:* Please consider donating directly to the Building Fund to help with such repairs!

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish through this remarkably challenging year. Your membership, gifts of time, talent, and treasure help to advance the mission that Christ gave us and see us through this storm!

The SMHC Finance Council  
Dave – Diane – Doug – Heidi – Laurie – Sue

**Fiscal year 2019-2020  
Financial Report Card**
**3 year - Collections and Expenses**


How do we characterize this year?

Positive. While primary collections were down 5%, expenses were managed down effectively.

Did we meet Adj Net Income expectations?

Yes. Adj net income was better than budget and exceeded last year by almost \$29,000.

Financial Data	Result	% change from Budget	Actual YTD	Prior Year
Collections-Primary (Tithing & Plate)	↓	-5.3%	280,981	296,764
Total Collections (cash basis)	↓	-4.7%	321,367	337,376
Total Expenses (cash basis)	↑	-13.9%	276,035	320,764
Adjusted Net Income (loss)	↑	172.9%	45,331	16,612

Note: Financial Data is based on Adjusted Net Income which excludes non-cash transactions (e.g. Depreciation) and one time items (e.g. Sharing God's Gifts) .

Key Metrics	Result	% change from Prior Year	Actual	Prior Year
Registered Households	↔	-0.3%	395	396
Tithing Households	↓	-8.3%	211	230
Average Weekly Collection	↓	-9.8%	5,100	5,655
General Fund	↑	71.1%	190,894	111,537

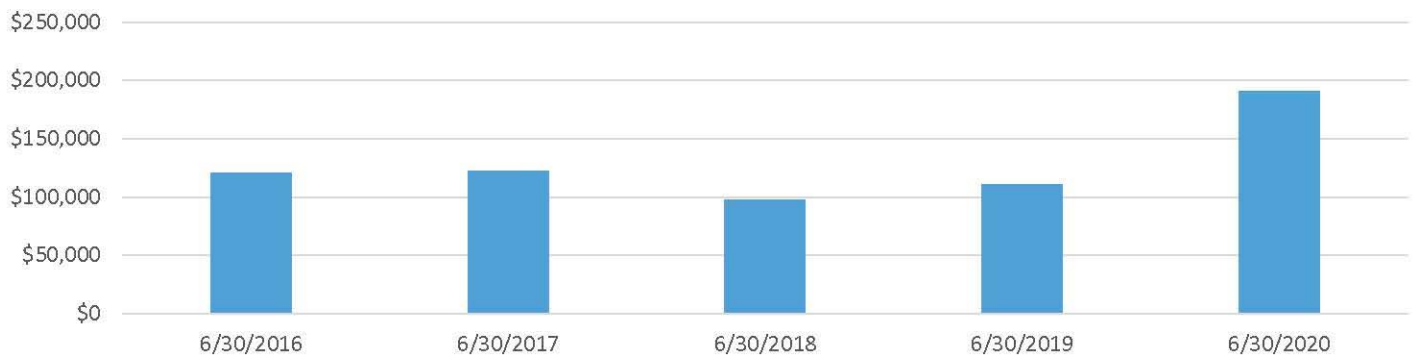
Diocese Efforts	Result	% of Goal	Actual	Goal
Annual Diocesan Appeal 3/2020	↑	101.6%	49,594	48,797
Annual Diocesan Appeal 3/2021	↓	79.4%	39,357	49,556

Other Efforts	Result	% change from Prior Year	Actual	Prior Year
2nd Collections	↓	-4.21%	20,979	21,901

- ↑ Favorable result
- ↔ Neutral result
- ↓ Unfavorable result

**Fiscal year 2019-2020**  
**Financial Report Card**

### General Fund



The General fund increased in the current fiscal year as our expense management has been effective and we also received government assistance from the Care Act. The General fund had been around \$120,000 until 2018, and has come back, ending the fiscal year at \$190,894.

**How is the money spent?**

Wages and benefits	66%
Program Expenses e.g. Catholic schools/retreats/faith	14%
Building expenses e.g. utilities/repairs/maint.	13%
Administrative expenses e.g. office supplies	3%
Instructional expenses e.g. classroom	3%
Employee travel and training	1%
Other	1%

**St. Mary - Holy Cross Financial Report Card**

- \* This report summarizes our parish financial results for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.
- \* Financial Data is based on Adjusted Net Income which excludes non-cash transactions (e.g. Depreciation) and one time items (e.g. Sharing God's Gifts) .
- \* Results overall were favorable. Efforts to maintain tithing were successful complimented by strong expense management.
- \* Registered households were flat and tithing members decreased year over year.
- \* The Annual Diocesan Appeal ending in March 2020 had favorable results. We met our goal.