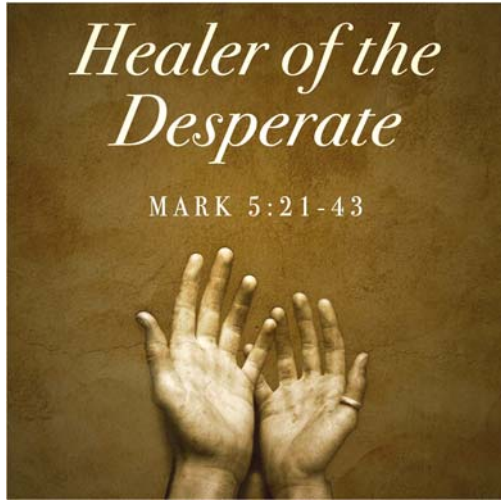




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 1, 2018



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018

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:

Where does the time go?! Where has the time gone?! I've heard, thought, and felt these questions a lot recently as I near the end of my time as your pastor. I've been called different names throughout my life, with a new one recently added to the list, "Short Timer." People ask if I'm excited in anticipation of the change, but most of my thoughts have been on all the work involved in preparing the new place where I will live, and packing up my stuff at the rectory. *Where did I get ALL this stuff?* And why? I've asked myself many times of late. I envy and admire your new pastor who has said he is a kind of "minimalist" who is not so burdened by so much stuff. (I'm really glad the Youth Group is currently accepting donations for their upcoming Garage Sale!) But along with the abundance of material stuff I'm dealing with these days, I also have an abundance of gratitude for the ten years I have been blessed with as your pastor. Ten years! Fully a fourth of all my forty years as a priest! *Where does the time go?! Where has the time gone?!* Fr. Dan

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Mass Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	8:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m. St. Mary

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office about a preparation program

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date

Priesthood and Religious Life: See Diocesan website at www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm

Masses

Wednesday, July 4

9:00am Holy Cross †LaMont Schreurs

Thursday, July 5

8:00am St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt

First Friday, July 6

5:00pm St. Mary †Roberta Angell

Saturday, July 7

5:00pm St. Mary †Msgr. Dan Tarrant

Sunday, July 8

8:00am Holy Cross †For the Parish

10:00am St. Mary †Mary Ann & Dr. John Krettek, Sr.

Wednesday, July 11

5:30pm Holy Cross †Beryl, Ed & Dan Moreland

Thursday, July 12

8:00am St. Mary †Mary Maxwell

Saturday, July 14

5:00pm St. Mary †For the Parish

Sunday, July 15

8:00am Holy Cross †Michael Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary †Steve Sutter

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesday, July 11, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, July 19, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Cross Ministry
Meeting: August 7, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, July 17, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 6:00pm, Office Area

Friends of St. Francis
Meeting: Wednesday, July 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, July 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2
Tara Huntruds, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

Lindsay Hammes who lives in Ankeny

Daniel Bell who lives in Ankeny

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into the Faith these little ones who have been baptized:

Cora Marie

Daughter of Mitch and Jennifer Gibson

Vera Sonny

Daughter of Rodney Ruddick and Kaitlynn Sandry

Thomas James

Son of Bill and Melissa Hollister



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 and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Fr. Dan's Farewell!

Hope you are joining us next Saturday after 5:00pm Mass or after 10:00am Mass next Sunday, to wish Fr. Dan farewell and also to celebrate his 40th Anniversary of Priesthood! To help with the celebration go to <http://signup.com/go/MMQHJZH> to volunteer. Questions, call Kathy Gass, 515-419-8569.

Rectory Cleaning

Sign up this weekend — **we begin soon!!** We will have some cleaning supplies available, but please bring some with you. Thank you to the few that have already signed up—**more volunteers are needed to get the job done on time!**

Coming Events

- † **Mourning Coffee:** Meets Mondays, 7:00pm, Social Hall — *does not meet July 2.*
- † **Collecting garage sale items:** now through July 9, Youth Area
- † **Sunday, July 1:** Coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass
- † **Saturday/Sunday, July 7/8:** Farewell reception for Fr. Dan after 5:00pm or 10:00am Mass, Social Hall
- † **Friday/Saturday, July 13/14:** Garage sale sponsored by Youth, proceeds to help Youth attend Steubenville Retreat
- † **Thursday, July 19:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

We are looking for students and adults to provide musical accompaniment for Masses at St. Mary. Would YOU be interested? Training available; we can work into it slowly. Contact me to find out more! Thanks for your consideration!

S.T.O.R.M. Fundraiser

We continue to take donations for our upcoming garage sale. Please leave your donations in the Ed Center now through July 9. The garage sale will be Friday, July 13, 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday, July 14 9:00am to 1:00pm. Thank you for supporting our young church!

Help with Avenue of Flags for Fourth of July!

Could you assist with the raising of flags on July 3 at 10am and/or retiring the flags on July 4 at 7:00pm? Each session lasts about an hour. If inclement weather, please call Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147. Thank you!

Recycling Drop Off

Stuff Etc. on First Street in Ankeny (behind Wells Fargo) accepts the following items for recycling: small electronic items, cords, wires, straighteners, hair dryers, small radios, cell phones, Christmas lights, MP3 players, iPods and tablets and chargers, headphones, vacuums, tube TVs, computers and larger electronics. For more information call the store, 515-964-4444.

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

Please register your children for the upcoming year. Forms are in the vestibule and on our website. Please return the form and \$50 minimum payment, to the Parish Office. Thank you!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

Bible Study: Please join us on Sundays at 6:00pm. We meet in the youth area's back room. This is open to all graduated 8th graders to graduated seniors. Please contact Andrea Fisher if you have questions.

Confirmation: Our next Confirmation Core Team meeting is Monday, July 23, 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

Peter's Pence Diocesan Collection

Bishop Pates: "This collection is a way for each of us to support the Holy Father, to open ourselves to others and serve the poor and marginalized around the world. As Pope Francis has said, 'I cannot delegate this to another.' Let us do all we can to join him in this great work of mercy."

Please return the envelope in this bulletin next week.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity for those in need.

Dear GOD,

Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before, You can look it up. ~ Bruce

We Need YOU!



We are looking for small group leaders for our upcoming Confirmation year. Commitment time is 4-6 hours per month. Please let Nicole Cory (ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014) know if you are interested or if you know someone who would be a great leader!

If you are interested in this and/or being part of our planning team, please join us at our next meeting Monday, July 23, 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

† Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 515-669-6158, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

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, contact Barb at 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.*



Going on vacation? Go to www.Masstimes.org or call 1-858-207-6277 for nationwide Mass times and Catholic Church locations.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$8,935	\$5,234	June 16/17
Youth/Guests	\$5,126	\$5,234	June 23/24

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$271,189	\$272,150	\$259,345

Food Pantry Collection: \$742.75

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are in the pews and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>.

Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$53,806	\$41,030	\$38,581.25	\$15,224.75

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Peter Relyea in the office for more information, 515-367-2685 or prelyea@saintmaryhc.org.

Thoughts from Me & My House

Independence Day is just around the corner, let the gatherings and patriotic displays commence! It's a favorite holiday in our house. Everywhere you go, people are smiling and celebrating. And yet, it hasn't been a very popular time to talk about America's greatness. Recent polls show that Americans are more concerned about the future now than they were in 1942, when we were facing Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito. I think America is greater than ever and you should too! Here are my top 5 reasons why America is the greatest country on Earth!

1. Our Freedom

This is the single most important thing to celebrate. We have the freedom of speech, religion, the right to an education and so much more. There are still many countries in the world without these basic rights.

2. Diversity

Immigrants literally built the United States. Our ancestors came here to escape tyranny and persecution. The rich heritage of so many different cultures has made our "melting pot" what it is today. It's amazing that we can access a different culture just by visiting a different city or even an area within a city. The American culture that has emerged from our history can be seen spreading around the world. Not only in music, literature, and entertainment but also the concepts of freedom and personal liberty making America a driving force for change.

3. The American Dream

The American dream is what has attracted so many people to our country. It's the idea that a person can pursue their own idea of happiness and it began with our very own Declaration of Independence. It protects our opportunity to improve our lives, no matter who we are: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

4. Technology and Innovation

If there is one thing that America excels at it's the quest for knowledge and the spirit of entrepreneurship. In the last 200 years we have seen life-changing inventions come from our country: The Internet, the lightbulb, the assembly line, modern traffic lights, hearing aids, airplanes and so much more! Although many great inventors came here from other nations, they were able to find their American Dream and make amazing contributions to the world!

5. Generosity & Compassion

Americans are the most charitable people on Earth. That's a fact. When there is a disaster or famine we are the first to help. Not just with taxpayer dollars but also private contributions. We are a compassionate country. Apart from World War II—when fire-bombing civilian population centers was happening on both sides; America tries it's hardest to limit civilian casualties whenever possible. We have quickly come to the aid of refugees and many other countries when we are needed. And on national scale, our ability to give to whatever cause we are passionate about is astounding.

America isn't perfect. There is no denying that. But we as Americans have so much to be proud of. We are a unique nation with opportunities and creativity that simply can't be found anywhere else. Happy Independence Day from Me & My House!

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Monthly Financial Update

	May, 2018			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 22,955	\$ 28,309	\$ 28,850	\$ 291,801	\$ 302,972	\$ 310,735
Operating Expenses	\$ 24,508	\$ 26,037	\$ 23,844	\$ 325,414	\$ 323,012	\$ 312,787
Net operating income (expense)	\$ (1,553)	\$ 2,272	\$ 5,006	\$ (33,613)	\$ (20,040)	\$ (2,052)
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 96,740	N/A	\$ 103,651			

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 7, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer: Cory Schoening
 Lector: Bill Sexton
 Cup Bearers: JoAnn Meusburger, Kris Sexton
 Host Distributor: Bill Sexton
 Servers: Olivia Naragon, Jessica Schoening, Daniel Schoening
 Ushers: Joe Rumbaugh, Tom Bowman, Dawn & Mason Reynolds

Sunday, July 8, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer: Dawn Beukema
 Lector: Jeff Ruden
 Cup Bearer: Mike Phelan
 Altar Server: Aiden Phelan-Ruden
 Ushers: Brody Gilligan Family

Sunday, July 8, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer: Kris Sturtz
 Lector: Matt Miller
 Cup Bearers: Garrett McClain, Jacki Ausman
 Host Distributor: Tom Ausman
 Altar Server: Sawyer Smeltzer
 Ushers: Merle Olberding, Dennis Schmidt, Thom Hamm, Dave Pottebaum, Jerry McClain

Saturday, July 14, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer: Jerry Barnwell
 Lector: Lisa Jones
 Cup Bearers: Delila Roberts, Patty Devereux
 Host Distributor: Mike Devereux
 Altar Servers: Emily, Abigail & Joseph Devereux
 Ushers: Thomas, Patrick & Doug Jones, Mike Devereux

Sunday, July 15, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer: Sheri Fogarty
 Lector: Heidi Ackerman
 Cup Bearer: Tony Kuehn
 Server: Isabella Kuehn
 Ushers: Dave & Char McHone

Sunday, July 15, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer: Susan Genalo
 Lector: Tim Loraditch
 Cup Bearers: Carol Weber, Mike Nehring
 Host Distributor: Marion Panyan
 Altar Servers: Veronica, Peyton, Felicity Loraditch
 Ushers: Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Doug Zehr, Andrew Cory, Gregg Richwine

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Money Counters

July 1: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman

July 8: Carol Weber, Lisa Kautza

July 15: Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris



Five plastic bottles (PET) recycled provides enough fiber to create one square feet of carpet or fiber fill for one ski jacket.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 1

Theme: We are made rich.

Reading I: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 • God does not make death.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 • May you abound in your work of charity.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 • The family's astonishment was complete!

For Children: Why does sharing with others bring happiness to you?

For Youth: What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

For Adults: What is your personal response to St. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians today? How will this change your personal habits with money and possessions?

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 8

Theme: We must believe in Jesus ourselves.

Reading I: Ezekiel 2:2-5 • I am sending you.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 • When I am powerless, I am actually strong.

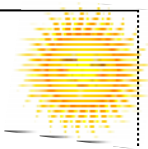
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a • What kind of wisdom is he endowed with?

For Children: What helps you have deeper faith in Jesus?

For Youth: When have you struggled to speak the truth among your friends? What makes this difficult? What are the consequences?

For Adults: Name a time when you placed your trust in God even though those around you did not believe.

A SUMMER BLESSING



Walk along beside me, Jesus,
these months of summer.

As I work, play, enjoy family time and friendships,
May I hear your voice within me,
Guiding me toward all that is right and good.

Give me faith in Your presence,
K
nowing that You walk beside me in everything I do.

Gracious and loving Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of summer.
May the warmth of its sun and the beauty of its light