



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13/14, 2019



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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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Authority. It can be, and usually is, a dangerous thing in human beings! Authority gives one the ability, the right to order, demand, impose one's will upon others. In my life's experiences, I know of way too many instances where authority was and is being abused and the harm it causes. Simply look at today's news.

Look at Jesus; he was under the divine authority of God the Father who did not abuse his authority. However, on the human side, the Pharisees and their secretaries, the Scribes, continuously abused their position of authority over Jesus as a man. A lot of times when Jesus did something good for humanity, or even raised the self esteem of another, the "authorities" would run to the "rule book", the Law, to find out how Jesus broke the rules by his actions. Jesus was following the correct authority, the will of his Father, but the Scribes and Pharisees were too inexperienced, too naive, too egotistical to see the forest among the obvious trees!

Jesus died for thumbing his nose at the Pharisees. Jesus commanded all he met to "follow me." In many cases, if we truly follow the will of Jesus and his Father, we too will be rocking the boat of human authority and likely subject to punishment and being ostracized by those holding authority over us. Martin Luther King was another who ignored human authority and followed God's will.

Question authority; Jesus did! If it is valid authority, that will come to light even though those we challenge will be upset. We will know which authority to follow by following the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to constantly examine our lives to see if we are practicing abusive authority in the ways we have authority over others. Jesus commanded us to love; there is no love in locking another's heels. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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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: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m.
St. Mary, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

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 <http://www.vocationsonline.org>.

Mass and Adoration

Tuesday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 17

5:30pm Holy Cross †Albert Ackerman

Thursday, July 18

8:00am St. Mary †Ralph & Neva Cory

Saturday, July 20

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, July 21

8:00am Holy Cross †Paul Scott Strong
10:00am St. Mary †Paul Scott Strong

Tuesday, July 23

6:00pm St. Mary †Albert & Helen Schmidt
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, July 24

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, July 25

8:00am St. Mary †Lawrence Hanlon

Saturday, July 27

5:00pm St. Mary †Richard Montag

Sunday, July 28

8:00am Holy Cross †Tom Bellis
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, July 30, 6:30pm, Ed Center

—note date change

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesdays, July 16 & August 20, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, August 12, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: to be announced

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, July 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Upcoming Events

†**Thursday, July 18:** Crafts, games and social time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Garage Sale fundraiser sponsor by Youth, Ed Center:**

Early Bird sales, Thursday, July 18, 5:00-8:00pm,

Sale: Friday, July 19, 9:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday, July 20, 8:00am - 3:00pm and after 5:00pm Mass until 6:30pm

Sunday, July 21, after 10:00am Mass until Noon

†**Weekend of July 20/21:** Collection for Huxley Food Pantry

†**Sunday, July 28:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass

†**Saturday, August 10:** Deacon Terry's Retirement party after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall

†**Thursday, August 29:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit



Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith

Reagan Ann

Daughter of Justin and Maricia Miller

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!

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry, 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.

Donations for Youth's Garage Sale

There's still time to donate your gently used items! Please bring them to the Youth Area in the Ed Center by Monday, July 15. If you are not able to drop them off by Monday, please contact Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059, first before coming to drop them off.

Thank You!

We had a great group of kids and adults who raised and lowered the flags at Holy Cross Cemetery for the Fourth of July holiday. It only took 45 minutes to put them up and 40 minutes to take them down. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support.

~ Lynn Schreurs

A Get-together on July 18!

Gather with us at 9:30am in the Social Hall if you have a craft to work on or if you enjoy playing board games or cards! There's good conversation, fellowship, laughter, and sharing of stories. Please join us (including guys)!

Fundraiser

Our annual garage sale fundraiser is Thursday, through Sunday, July 18 to 21. On Thursday we have an early bird sale. For a \$5 early admission fee, you get first choice to look around and purchase what you would like. Friday we are open from 9:00am to 7:00pm. Saturday we are open 8:00am to 3:00pm and after 5:00pm Mass until 6:30pm. Sunday come shop after 10:00am Mass until noon. If you would like to grab things for the charities you support, please do so after noon on Sunday until 3:00pm.

Food Pantry Collection

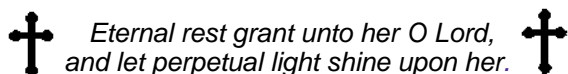
Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of July 20/21; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist the Huxley Food Pantry.



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

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Delores Staber, mother of Susan Stillmunkes who passed away Tuesday, July 9. May she rest in peace with all the angels and saints in heaven, and may her family find peace and strength at this most difficult time.



Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150

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Registration for Religious Education: Forms are in the vestibule and on the website. For our planning purposes please register **this week**.

Catechists: Thank you to everyone who has contacted us about helping as a catechist. We will have two meetings, Wednesdays, August 21 and 28, to discuss the upcoming year and answer any questions you might have. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

If you are interested in helping and haven't already contacted us, please do so as soon as possible. You do not have to have a child in the program in order to help! We need a wide range of helpers, from people willing to hold a baby to 6th grade catechists. Whatever your gift, I'm sure we can use it! Contact one of us if you'd like more information!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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Register now for EDGE and Confirmation sessions.

Forms are in the vestibule and on the website.

Confirmation Core team meeting: Thursday, August 1, 6:30-8:00pm in the Social Hall

Cleaning Holy Cross Church



Would you be willing to clean Holy Cross for one month out of the year? We will have a sign up at Church, with September being the first month. Takes about an hour to an hour and a half each week. For more information please call Chris Schreurs, 515-681-1351.



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.*

Come to the Party!!

Deacon Terry's retirement from Parish Ministry and 9 year anniversary of his Diaconate will be celebrated Saturday, August 10 after 5:00pm Mass. We hope you are able to join us for this celebration! Dinner, drinks, and dessert will be served. More details to come!!

CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

This team functions as the Pastoral Council for the parish. It consists of members from each ministry (e.g. RE, Stewardship, K of C, Liturgy, Finance Council, etc.), as well as others from the parish. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$7,282	\$5,311	June 29/30
Youth/Guests	\$4,300		July 6/7

Year-to-Date 2019-2020

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$4,300	\$3,363

Peter's Pence Collection: \$165 to date

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$33,090	\$30,882	\$17,915

Each family's help is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and truly appreciated. **Pledge cards available at each Church.** Please return it to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you to those who have already made a gift.

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Sarah, sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org, for more information.

July 20/21 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 20, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Jack McDermott
Lector	Lorrie Lengel
Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusburger, Di Schleisman
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Jack & Tommy Shelby, Emily Devereux
Ushers	Mark Lengel, Tom Bowman, Mike & Joseph Devereux

Sunday, July 21, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Heidi Ackerman
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, July 21, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Julia Fisher, Mike Nehring
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Jackson & Joel Waters, Lauren Feldmann
Ushers	Brian, Will & Mia Pottebaum, Thom Hamm, Jerry McClain

July 27/28 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 27, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	John Roberts
Cup Bearers	Delila Roberts, Patty Devereux
Host Distributor	Mike Devereux
Altar Servers	Alexis Hergenreter, Abigail Devereux, Bennett Bruns
Ushers	Dawn & Mason Reynolds, Joe Rumbaugh, Bill Schmitt

Sunday, July 28, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Sheri Fogarty
Lector	Karen Bellis
Cup Bearer	Tony Kuehn
Altar Server	Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Dave & Char McHone

Sunday, July 28, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Garrett McClain
Cup Bearers	Jacki & Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Carol Weber
Altar Servers	Griffen & Leah Muth, Andrew Ausman
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Andrew Cory, Gregg Richwine, Dennis Schmidt

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Money Counters

July 14: Lisa Kautza, Dona Cowman

July 21: Sue White, Kathy Daup

July 28: Carol Weber, Lisa Kautza

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Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is Thursday, August 29, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. ***It is not too early to sign up to save lives!*** A appointment sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net / 515-964-7687, to make an appointment. *Only you can make the difference in helping to save lives by making this special donation!*

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Join us for this Mass! On August 4 during the 8:30am Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Bishop Pates will be honoring those couples in our diocese who have celebrated a milestone anniversary in the last year, with a reception to follow. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5 year increments and 50+ years). Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families. This Mass is open to all families who would like to honor and celebrate marriage!

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdioocese.org. St. Ambrose Cathedral is located at 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 13/14

Theme: "Go and do likewise!"

Reading I: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 • Heed the voice of God.

Reading II: Colossians 1:15-20 • In Christ all things were created.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 • Who is my neighbor?

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to love—name a time when you showed your love for your family or friends during the past week or two.

Question for Youth: The Samaritan reached out to a stranger and helped him. Who are the strangers who you could reach out to and help in the coming week or month? How will you respond?

Question for Adults: Jesus tells us today to love God, our neighbor and our self. How will you love God, your neighbor and yourself this week?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20/21

Theme: Hospitality - We welcome Jesus in our lives.

Reading I: Genesis 18:1-10a • Please stop and stay with us.

Reading II: Colossians 1:24-28 • The mystery of Christ is your hope.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 • Martha, Martha!

Question for Children: Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend, or a classmate at school.

Question for Youth: Martha chose to serve, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him. Which do you feel more comfortable with, service or prayer? Why?

Question for Adults: Today's Gospel invites us to serve and to be hospitable. When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?