



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15, 2018



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 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:

While this isn't exactly the start that I imagined having here, I wonder if it's a test by God and/or a display of His sometimes very strange sense of humor. Nonetheless, I'm thankful to be here serving Him and you. Please be patient with me as we undergo repairs in the offices and at the rectory and because this is my first time as pastor. Lastly, know of my prayer for you; please pray for me. God bless.

- Fr. Andrew

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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 18

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

Thursday, July 19

8:00am St. Mary †Rick McQuiston

Saturday, July 21

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, July 22

8:00am Holy Cross †Clifford & Wilma Priebe

10:00am St. Mary †Chuck Nehring

Wednesday, July 25

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mary and Mike O'Mara

Thursday, July 26

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

Saturday, July 28

5:00pm St. Mary †Mary & Mark Ruppert

Sunday, July 29

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis

10:00am St. Mary For 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 and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

S.T.O.R.M. Fundraiser

Silent Auction and Bake Sale July 14 & 15!

St. Mary's Social Hall

Saturday, after Mass until 7:00pm

Sunday, 9:00am until Mass and after Mass until 1:00pm

Bidding will close at 1:00pm.

"Mourning Coffee"


Grief is unique ... but ... growing through your grief can be eased when it is shared as we learn how to heal. "Mourning Coffee" meets weekly on Mondays, 7:00pm at St. Mary in the Social Hall. Come to join in the process of learning skills to cope with a heart that can feel broken days or even years from the loss of a loved. Questions? Call/text Paula Garoutte, 515-306-6633 or email paulasongbird@msn.com.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

 Come experience Adoration at 7:00pm at Holy Cross on Thursday, July 19. Take this time to listen to God in the quiet.

Jesus Is The Only Reason For Every Season!

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, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

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 Huntrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

Coming Events

†**Mourning Coffee:** Meets Mondays, 7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Thursday, July 19:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Weekend of July 21/22:** Collection for Huxley Food Pantry

†**Monday, July 23:** Confirmation Core Team meeting, 6:00pm, Social Hall.

†**Sunday, July 29:** Coffee & Donuts after 8:00am Mass

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Now is the PERFECT time to ease into helping with our music at St. Mary! I have the idea of several people helping with small bits of music at one Mass. There are many ways for people of ALL ages and backgrounds to help! You don't have to be a musical pro! We need singers, pianists, guitarists, organists, band and orchestra musicians, drummers, the list goes on and on. Please contact me and we'll see if we can put something together. Many hands make light work! If this idea sounds intriguing to you, why not give it a try?!? With our small Parish, it takes EACH of us contributing our talents for the benefit of our entire Parish. Please consider helping!



Crafts, Games and Conversation!!

Join us for this great time of fellowship on Thursday, July 19, 9:30am in the Social Hall!

Thank You, Thank You!!

A huge thank you to all who came on Sunday, July 1 to help clean up the Office Area and the Ed Center. It was a mess, but we got the water sucked up and a lot of the wet garage sale items and wet paper, etc. in the offices taken care of!!

We had some super cleaners over at the rectory to get ready for Fr. Andrew!! Super thanks to Joe Rumbaugh, Stacie Rooney, Paula Garoutte, Diane Cronk, Jacki Ausman, Gary Sesker, Lisa Schoening, Karen Stafford and Barb Liske.

Parish College Scholarship

Thank you so much for choosing me for this scholarship! The money will be put to good use as I attend Grand View University in the fall. Thank you very much again!!

~ Natalie Smith

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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The summer is rolling on and as everyone knows the Office and Ed Center areas are faced with some challenges due to the flooding that took place earlier this month. Cleanup is under way and lists are being made for our insurance company of what is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. We were very blessed to have had so many people help the morning after the flooding to get water out of the Ed Center and Office Area as quickly as possible, which minimized further damage.

I am ever thankful that VBS occurred prior to the flood as the children had a great week! The volunteers were out of this world and without them it would not have been possible!

We are still short volunteers for classes in the fall; please contact me with any questions that you may have. To say it is rewarding to teach the children is an understatement and they learn from the experiences we have had in our life, not to mention teaching will further develop your own faith.

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

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

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

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

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Andrew Windschitl, 515-367-2685, 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.

Please Join Us!

You are invited to be a Friend of St. Francis! We gather next on Wednesday, July 25, 6:30pm in the Social Hall. We plan for a South Sudanese Refugee to speak at St. Mary's on Wednesday, Sept. 26. Updates will be given on ways to support and advocate for immigrants, and the growth of our community garden. Any ideas as to how we can continue to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis are most welcome.

For movie reviews see www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

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/	\$3,363	\$5,157	6-30 & 7-1
Youth/Guests	\$3,955	\$5,157	July 7 & 8

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$7,318	\$10,314	\$12,186

Peter's Pence Collection to date: \$165.00

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	\$41,230	\$39,556.25	\$14,249.75

Thank You!

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's-Holy Cross,
 Thank you for the gift of the cross. I will keep it close to remind me of the church I grew up in and the people who helped me to grow and flourish in my faith. Sincerely,
 ~ Olivia Jones

Thoughts From Me & My House

“The chief beauty about time is that you cannot waste it in advance. The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you, as perfect, as unspoiled, as if you had never wasted or misapplied a single moment in all your life. You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose.” – Arnold Bennett

How many times have you ever heard, “I’ll start on Monday.” Whether it be changing something about your life, starting something new, ending something, we often say we will start on Monday. It seems through the evolution of the workweek, we have forgotten that Sunday is the first day of the new week.

I was a “start Monday” person for a long time. It was only within the last few months that I realized there was a better way. Sunday is the beginning of the week and the best part is that I can start my week with Mass. We always hear that we should be listening to God, but how do we do that? It can be difficult to hear God. Our lives are so busy and so loud sometimes. I finally figured out the best way to hear what God was saying to me, and to turn my Mondays into Sundays!

I begin on Monday. I know, that seems like an ironic thing to do but hear me out? I look up the readings for the upcoming weekend and spend the week preparing myself by using the H.E.A.R. method. On Monday, I focus on the first reading. Wednesday is for the second reading and Friday is for the Gospel. I have a notebook that I write everything down in and follow the steps in this order.

H – His word. Record the verse.

E – Examine it. What did I observe about the verse? Write down 2-3 facts that I discovered as I looked more closely. These facts may answer some of the 5 “W’s” and “H” questions which I’ll cover below. And did I learn anything about God from this verse?

A – Apply it. How can I apply what I learned from this verse to my life? Is there a command to obey? A sin to confess? A promise I can claim? I write down my plan to live out this verse and the thoughts that God brought to my mind as I read it.

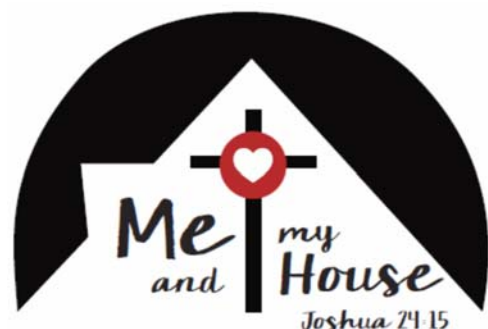
R – Respond in prayer. I write down my response to God, my prayer to him speaking to me from His word. Father thank you for.... Father please help....

Then I move on to the 5 “W’s” and “H”.

- 1) Who? Who is speaking? To whom are they speaking? Who is this verse about?
- 2) What? What is happening? What event/topic is discussed? What do I learn about the event? Topic? People? I look for key words, phrases, lists, comparisons and contrasts. What is the theme? I look for repeated words.
- 3) When? When does/will the event take place?
- 4) Why? Why does/will the event happen? Why is the topic mentioned?
- 5) How? How does/will the event unfold? How is the topic to be handled or made possible?

This method is not something I came up with myself, but by doing this I am better prepared to start my week and all of my “Monday starts” have much more meaning to me. Usually, whatever change I need to make comes out at some point through the week as I am listening to God. Go ahead! Give it a shot! And let me know how it works for you.

Joshua2415smhc@gmail.com



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 21, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Sonya Staudt
Lector	John Zidon
Cup Bearers	Di Schleisman, Joe Rumbaugh
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Servers	Justin Anderson, Olivia Naragon, Bennett Bruns
Ushers	Jim Hudson, Drew Hanlon, Mark Lengel, Mark Birchmier

Sunday, July 22, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Anne Davis
Lector	Karen Bellis
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, July 22, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Joe Dunham
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Garrett McClain, Matt Miller
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Cael Tollefson
Ushers	Jacki & Tom Ausman, Tammi & Jackson McClain, Merle Olberding

Saturday, July 28, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Jack McDermott
Lector	Kris Sexton
Cup Bearers	Bill & Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Hunter Halligan, Justin Anderson Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Bill Schmitt, Tom Bowman, Dawn & Mason Reynolds

Sunday, July 29, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Kathy Daup
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Server	Brett Beukema
Ushers	Chris and Lynn Schreurs

Sunday, July 29, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Jacki & Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Tim Loraditch
Altar Servers	Griffen Muth
Ushers	Brian Pottebaum, Dave Pottebaum, Dennis Schmidt, Thom Hamm

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Money Counters

- July 15: Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris
- July 22: Dona Cowman, Sue White
- July 29: Carol Weber, Kathy Daup

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Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

Save the date! September 29 & 30 at Wells Fargo Arena. Hear world class speakers, celebrate Mass among thousands, fill your spirit with music, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, visit Jesus in Adoration and feel your soul rejoice. To learn more go to their website at ChristOurLifelowa.com.



Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.

Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa

The Diocese of Des Moines is celebrating the release of this comprehensive history book, written by historian Fr. Steven Avella. This book tells the stories of the people and places that shaped our Diocese into the Faith Community it is today. The book can be ordered through Divine Treasures, Liturgical Press or Amazon for \$24.95. It is available both in print and electronically.

Keep the Fireworks Going in Your Marriage!

Join our marriage enrichment ministry *The Third Option*. This program is for all couples whether they are facing obstacles in their marriage or just trying to make a good thing better! Couples will walk through 14 skills-based workshops to help them to grow in everything from understanding anger, cultivating respect, stopping a hurt spiral, understanding personality differences, restoring trust, and much more. For more info visit thethirdoption.com or www.dmdiocese.org/the-third-option.cfm

We meet the first and third Mondays of the month from 7:00-9:00pm at Mercy College, 928 6th Avenue in Des Moines. Participants should use the north parking lot. A new session begins August 20.

See Diocesan events and parish job openings at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 15

Theme: We work together to share the Good News of Jesus.

Reading I: Amos 7:12-15 • The Lord has called and sent me.

Reading II: Ephesians 1:3-14 • We have been chosen in Christ.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13 • He sent them out to preach and teach, giving them power to do so.

For Children: Who do you think most needs to hear the Good News about Jesus?

For Youth: How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

For Adults: Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two, rather than alone?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 22

Theme: Sometimes we need to pause for rest with Jesus.

Reading I: Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Woe to those who mislead their sheep.

Reading II: Ephesians 2:13-18 • He announced the Good News to those who were far off and to those who were near.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34 • They went to a deserted place to rest.

For Children: How do you keep Sunday as a day of rest?

For Youth: Who are the people you are moved with pity for? What can you do to help them?

For Adults: Why is rest important, and how do you make sure you get enough of it in your own life?