



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

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:

Father Chuong Cao, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist missionary, will be with us next weekend to talk about his Community's work among the poor in Brazil and Nigeria. He is a native of Vietnam and currently the pastor of a parish in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Redemptorists (the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, *Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris* - C.Ss.R in Latin) were founded in 1749 by St. Alphonsus Liguori to serve the neglected rural poor near Naples, Italy, and have since grown to serve the poor worldwide. They work along the Amazon River in Brazil where they suffer the heat, humidity and insects of the jungle. Most have contracted malaria and hepatitis, and some have even died and are buried along the river. Others have returned to the States sick or aged, but they continue to announce and minister the gospel to the poor and forgotten of Brazil. In Nigeria they serve both established parishes in crowded cities, and travel out to remote rural areas where native communities gather to worship. A Redemptorist in Nigeria may find his parish in an ever-growing circle of far-flung shacks where the richness of spirit far exceeds the simplicity of facilities. Unpaved back roads to such mission outposts are dangerous enough in working vehicles, but the missionaries' old jeeps often break down, stranding them in places where they are vulnerable to ambush by thieves and gangs, but their courage and commitment are outstanding. Our donations to Father Chuong's appeal will go directly to support the work of these missions. Cash and checks, written to St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish, can be placed in the envelopes provided in the pews and placed in the basket when it is passed after Communion that weekend, or it may be sent to the Office. The Parish will send one check to the Redemptorists for all our donations. Please welcome Father Chuong next weekend, and thank you for your generosity in response to his appeal. (While Father Chuong will be the celebrant and homilist at all masses next weekend, I will be away at a Regional Beginning Experience Conference in Grimes.) 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 19 5:30pm Holy Cross	†Will Carpenter
Thursday, July 20 8:00am St. Mary	†Theresa Kaltenheuser
Saturday, July 22 5:00pm St. Mary	†John & Eleanor Sabol
Sunday, July 23 8:00am Holy Cross	<i>For the Parish</i>
10:00am St. Mary	†Ron Koepfel
Wednesday, July 26 5:30pm Holy Cross	†Mikey Carpenter
Thursday, July 27 8:00am St. Mary	†Albert & Helen Schmidt
Saturday, July 29 5:00pm St. Mary	<i>For the Parish</i>
Sunday, July 30 8:00am Holy Cross	†John Iliff
10:00am St. Mary	†Ron Hamm

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. 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.

Just Married!!



Congratulations to Kirsten Muehlenthaler & Nick Schramm who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on July 8 at St. Mary. Our blessing and prayers for them that their lives always be filled with God's presence, and they grow stronger, day by day, in the bonds of love and fidelity.



Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study

These sessions will be a time to pray, study, and discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Fr. Dan will prepare a copy of the text of the readings and a set of study notes for the session and email them to anyone who would like to receive them, even those who will not be at the session itself. To receive these notes, please send an email to Fr. Dan at dkrettek@saintmaryhc.org.

Next scheduled sessions are Wednesdays, July 19 & 26, 7:00pm in the Conference Room

Thursday, July 20!



YOU are invited to join us for conversation, fellowship, and/or playing games or working on crafts at 9:30am in the Social Hall And.....

We extend and invitation to you to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Take this time to listen in the quiet to what the Lord has to speak to you.



Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, July 19 & 26, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturday, July 29, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays, July 20, St. Mary and August 17, Holy Cross, 7:00pm

Pastoral Council
Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council
Meetings: Tuesday, July 18, 7:00pm and August 15, 7:15pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Wednesday, August 8, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meetings: Sunday, July 16, 7:00pm and August 20 with 1st Degree, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1
Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, July 17, closes at Noon on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and is closed Friday, July 21.

Coming Events

†**Thursday, July 20:** Crafts, Games, Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Weekend Masses July 22 & 23:** Fr. Chuong speaks about the missionary work of the Redemptorist order

†**Sunday, July 30:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass

†**Pool Party, Friday, August 18** at Slater! 7:00-8:30pm — **Note date change!**

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, August 31, 3:00-7:00pm, Hall

Music News



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

Rockin' the Rafters will be Sunday, July 30 at 10:00am Mass. Please arrive by 9:00am so we can go over music. If you'd like a little snack before, please come a little earlier (about 8:40-8:45) to share with us! If you let me know you're coming, I will get music ready for you! I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, July 30!



Pool Party!!

DATE CHANGE!! Friday, August 18, 7:00 to 8:30pm at the Slater Pool!! Join us for lots of fun and some snacks!! It's free and sponsored by our Parish. We do need to know how many are attending so the pool can be properly staffed with lifeguards, **so RSVP with the number attending by Sunday, August 18** to Barb at the Parish Office, 515-367-2685/ bliske@saintmaryhc.org. It will be a splash of a time!!

Prayer Chain



If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, contact the Parish Office 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 bliske@saintmaryhc.org / 515-367-2685. *If the request is not for you, please ask their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

Religious Education

REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES

Hello everyone, we hope your family is having a great summer!!! We want to reach out to you about enrollment for classes that begin in September. Registration forms are available in the vestibule and on the website. **Please return your form with the \$50 reservation fee to the Parish Office ASAP.** This will help us with our planning for catechist staffing, materials, etc. *We ask that all forms be returned by August 20.*

We are looking forward to another awesome year and appreciate you sharing your children's journey of faith with us!

September 13: First class for PreK-6, EDGE & Life Night
September 24: Confirmation Student/Parent gathering

PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

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

Please prayerfully consider being a catechist this fall. We have several grades available for both time slots. You will work with another catechist and training will be provided. Please contact me if interested.

Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator
ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014 - texts welcome!

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

Thank You! 

Thank you to everyone who donated items to and/or shopped at our NCYC Fundraiser Garage Sale on July 14/15. We are so grateful for your donations and purchases! We'll let you know in the next bulletin how much we collected. We are looking forward to our trip to NCYC this fall. Thank you for your continued support!

The Youth of our Parish and Their Leaders

Catholic Movie Reviews

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

Becoming Catholic

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic way of life? Do you wish to be one with us in our Catholic faith tradition? Have you been away from the Church and are compelled to get "caught up" on what you've forgotten or missed? All are welcome to an inquiry community where they ask questions, discuss experiences and discover more about who we are as Catholic people. If you, or someone you know, want to learn more about the Catholic way of life, please contact Deacon Terry Schleisman, tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org / 515-669-6158. Participation does not require you to commit to joining the Church; we ask only that you be open to learning more about God, the Catholic tradition and yourself.



Before you travel...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

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$6,517	\$5,234	July 1/2
Youth/Guests	\$7,490	\$5,234	July 8/9

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$14,006	\$10,467	\$6,740

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are available 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>. Thank you to those who have already made a pledge.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 56,442	\$ 49,131.64	\$ 44,861.64	\$ 11,580.36

Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your timely payments for this Campaign.

Pledged	Payments	Balance Due	SMHC Rec'd
\$443,909.35	\$370,061.21	\$73,848.14	\$179,030.61

