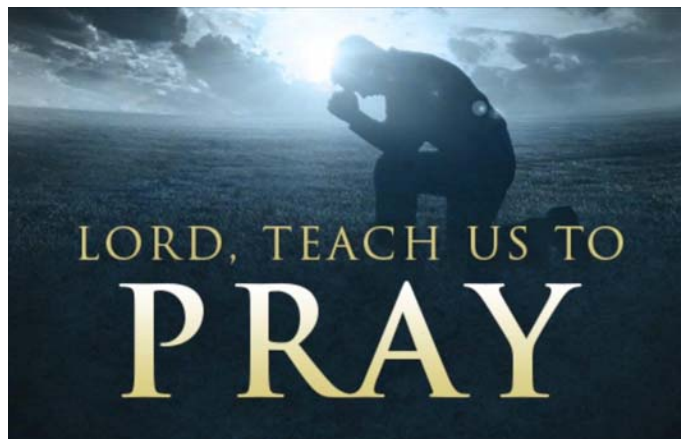


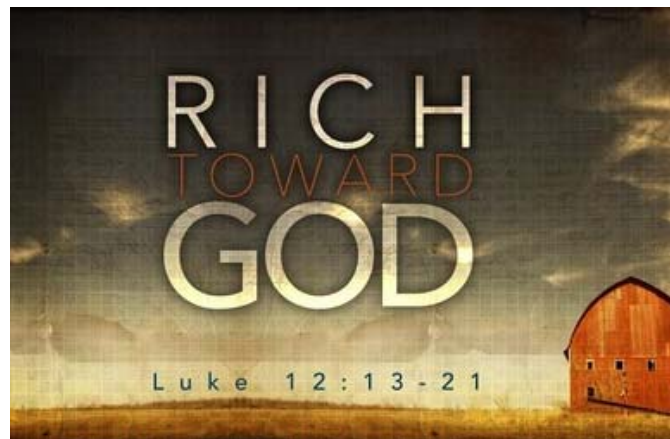


St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27/28, 2019



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3/4, 2019

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,

As you have probably heard, Fr. William Joensen of Dubuque has been designated the next bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines. This assignment comes almost a year and a half after Bishop Pates submitted his letter of resignation to Pope Francis, so now he (Bp. Pates) can finally get some respite! Please pray for both men, especially Fr. Joensen, as he transitions from priest to bishop. His ordination and installation are scheduled for September 27 at St. Francis in West Des Moines.

Thanks very much to those who helped clean up after the storm last weekend. A large branch nearly hit the house. Those who attended Mass Saturday evening could tell you about the roof creaking and rain coming in between the doors. It was very stressful. Thankfully, we did not incur noticeable damage and did not lose power. The way the wind was blowing, it could very well have been a tornado. This storm came up quickly; it is probably prudent to prepare for such events so that we are at least somewhat ready when they happen. If you have suggestions, please let me know. It will be discussed at the Cross Ministry/pastoral council meeting this week. ~ Fr. Andrew

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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 30

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

Wednesday, July 31

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jerrica Hilleman-Ruden

Thursday, August 1

8:00am St. Mary †Eunice Ives

First Friday, August 2

9:00am St. Mary †Butch Moody

Saturday, August 3

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, August 4

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis

10:00am St. Mary †Lowell Brendeland

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ron Hamm

Thursday, August 8

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

Saturday, August 10

5:00pm St. Mary †John Richardson

Sunday, August 11

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Cross Ministry

Meetings: Tuesdays, July 30 & August 27, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

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

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, August 18, 6:30pm with 1st Degree, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth, Karen Stafford

Upcoming Events

†**Sunday, July 28:** Coffee & donuts after Mass at Holy Cross

†**Wednesday, July 31:** Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall

†**Thursday August 1:** Confirmation Core Team meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall

†**Weekend of August 3 & 4:** Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall

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

†**Weekend of August 17/18:** Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry

†**Wednesdays, August 21 & 28:** RE Catechist (Preschool - 6th grades) In-Service, 6:15pm, Ed Center

†**Wednesday, August 28:** Confirmation Parent meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall

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

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome to our Parish family Robert and Kristina Barslous and their children Aubrie and Gehrig, who live in Bondurant.

† 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.

It's a PARTY!

Deacon Terry's retirement from Parish Ministry and 9 year anniversary of his Deaconate 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!!

Cleaning Holy Cross Church

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

Blood Drive

Our blood drive is Thursday, August 29, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. **Sign up today — Your donation can save up to three lives!!** A appointment sheet is in the vestibule or 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!*

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!

Musical Prayer



Do you ever find yourself humming one of the Mass songs long after Mass is over? Do the words of the songs stay with you throughout the weekend? That happens to me a lot and I've come to think of Liturgical singing as another form of prayer. If you enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument, please consider giving back of your talent during Mass. We are especially in need of piano or organ accompanists. Maybe you know someone outside our parish who has some of these talents and is looking for an outlet. Young and old — all are welcome to spread their musical wings in the best house in town. No experience is necessary as we will work with anyone interested.

The music ministry program at St. Mary's strives to provide musical prayer during Saturday and Sunday Masses. We need your help to continue this legacy. Contact Sue Schmidt at sschmidt@saintmaryhc.org for more information. Thank you for considering this request.

Religious Education Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinators

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Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

Registration is underway for 2019-2020. Classes start with Mass and a social at 6:00pm on September 3 for the Tuesday Session and September 4 for the Wednesday Session. Please don't wait until the last minute to register. Forms are available online and in the vestibule. If you have any questions please feel free to call/text/email one of us.

Catechists, please mark your calendar for August 21 and 28, 6:15-8:00pm. We will meet in the Ed Center and take a look at the new space and go over details for the upcoming year. We look forward to working with you!

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

Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven



We celebrate Mary, Mother of God! When she completed the course of her earthly life, she was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory. Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are Wednesday, August 14, 5:30pm Vigil at Holy Cross and 8:00am Thursday, August 15 at St. Mary.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for our Masses. Please sign up at Church or call the parish office to volunteer. Thank you!

Update from the Finance Council

Thank you all for your increased interest and support for the work on Capital Improvements of SMHC buildings and grounds. Occasionally the Council will share information on the progress and plans for improvements specific to the financial needs for these efforts. We welcome your thoughtful input and engagement. Current updates include:

1. The HVAC at Holy Cross has been successfully installed and helping parishioners have a "cool" feeling these very hot days. Thank you all for helping to make this a reality!
2. As mentioned in the June 16 & 23 bulletin, second collections will begin once per month that will be specifically designated for Capital Improvements. Updates on the balance funds secured will be listed in the bulletin.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous investments in your parish.

Thank You!

Thank you parish family for so generously supporting our youth. We asked for donations for the garage sale and you gave a lot, and several came to the sale. Because of you, we were able to raise almost \$1600. Once again we offered a free day to the community with the leftovers and we served 24 families. A huge thank you once again for your awesome giving hearts!

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/	\$9,622	\$5,730	July 14/15
Youth/Guests	\$2,568	\$5,730	July 20/21

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$16,520	\$17,190	\$18,721

Peter's Pence Collection: \$195 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. For more information, please contact Sarah Baumberger, parish bookkeeper at sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org.

August 3/4 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 3, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Lisa Schoening
Lector	Jack McDermott
Cup Bearers	John Zidon, Drew Hanlon
Host Distributor	Susan Stillmunkes
Altar Servers	Daniel Schoening, Kaden Gilligan Jessica Schoening
Ushers	Brodie, Angie & Drew Gilligan, Drew Hanlon

Sunday, August 4, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Anne Davis
Lector	Jeff Ruden
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Aiden Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, August 4, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Tim Loraditch
Host Distributor	Nicole Cory
Altar Servers	Caleb Coffelt, Peyton Loraditch Sawyer Smeltzer
Ushers	Merle Olberding, Doug Zehr, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum

August 10/11 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 10, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	Kris Sexton
Cup Bearers	Bill Sexton, Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Tommy & Jack Selby, Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Jim Hudson

Sunday, August 11, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Bill & Shirley Jorgensen

Sunday, August 11, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Joe Dunham
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Kelly Hoffmeier, Marion Panyan
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Altar Servers	Andrew Ausman, Jackson Waters, Joel Waters
Ushers	Jacki & Tom Ausman, Thom Hamm, Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine

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Money Counters

July 28: Carol Weber, Lisa Kautza

August 4: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman

August 11: Sue White, Carol Weber

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

Our bulletin can be found on our website at
<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/bulletin>



There is no limit to the amount of times
aluminum cans be recycled.

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.*

Pilgrimage to Germany and Austria

Join Father Andrew for this incredible Journey of Faith and Adventure July 24 - August 2, 2020. Some of the things we will do: *In Germany*, watch the world-renowned "Passion Play", explore historic Munich city center, visit Dachau Concentration Camp, tour Neuschwanstein Castle and experience famous Hofbrauhaus. *In Austria*: Eucharistic Miracle location in Seefeld, ride to majestic alps mountaintop, explore gorgeous resort town of Seefeld, exciting tour of Salzburg salt mine, nostalgic Sound of Music tour and discover the unique and beautiful Salzburg. This trip includes daily Mass, confession and time for shopping and relaxation! Cost is \$4,699. Includes round-trip coach airfare, transportation in Europe, breakfast, lunch and dinner, museum fees and local guides. Sign up by December 31 for \$100 discount. View www.CollinsTravel.biz for full itinerary. Questions? Email Jason@CollinsTravel.biz or call 515-850-6133.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27/28

Theme: The Lord's Prayer is a map for life.

Reading I: Genesis 18:20-32 • Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?

Reading II: Colossians 2:12-14 • God made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 • Hallowed be your name.

Question for Children: Prayer is talking with God and listening to God in our hearts. Where do you talk to God and how do you listen to what God says to you?

Question for Youth: Jesus teaches us how important it is to pray. How do you ask God for what you need? How do you listen for his response?

Question for Adults: Jesus teaches us how to pray. When this past week did you take the time to pray, to talk to and listen to God?

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3/4

Theme: Faith helps us set Godly priorities.

Reading I: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 • What do all her/his labors profit a person?

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 • Seek the things that are of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 • What is really important to you?

Question for Children: What is the most important thing in your life?

Question for Youth: It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?

Question for Adults: What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?