

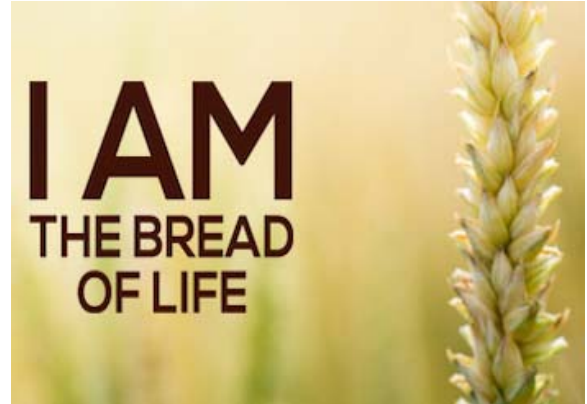


St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 29, 2018



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 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,

"Who Are You?" is the name of a song written by a group called "The Who" in 1978. It is also a common thought that runs through a person's mind when they meet someone not familiar to them. It goes through my mind in an invitatory sort of manner when I encounter a parishioner I haven't met yet. In too many instances, I might have already met them but my "senior memory" prevents me from remembering their name. As long as I've been here, it is still difficult to remember some names. Can you imagine how hard it is for Fr. Andrew, new to our parish, to begin to remember everyone's name? EVERYBODY knows him but not so easy the other way around!

So let's do this; if you haven't heard me address you by name, tell me who you are the next time we encounter each other. Probably, and unfortunately, you will have to do the same the next time we meet. I really would like to know each of you by name as I'm sure Fr. Andrew would. He is showing great signs of being a good shepherd, and a good shepherd knows his sheep, so help him out. Also, just because he is a young guy doesn't mean that he too might not have difficulty remembering names so keep trying.

And speaking about introductions, what about at the beginning of Mass when we are to greet those around us.....? Blessings, Deacon Terry

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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, August 1

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mickey and Will Carpenter

Thursday, August 2

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

First Friday, August 3

9:00am St. Mary †Bill Ross

Saturday, August 4

5:00pm St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday, August 5

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen Carpenter

10:00am St. Mary †Dan Murphy

Wednesday, August 8

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

Thursday, August 9

8:00am St. Mary †Mike Lacey

Saturday, August 11

5:00pm St. Mary †Ron Odgaard

Sunday, August 12

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am St. Mary †Ron Hamm

New Members!

We welcome to our Parish family **Brett and Lindsey Haefner** who live in Elkhart.

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 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.

Meet and Greet for Father Andrew - Watch for it!

We will be hosting informal meet and greet events to welcome Father Andrew to our parish. Dates have yet to be confirmed but will be held in August after weekend Masses.

Father Dan's Reception, Many Thanks!

Thank you to all of you who helped make Father Dan's 40th Anniversary and Farewell reception such a festive event. Exceptional thanks and appreciation go out to those who helped including: reception and food planning and prep, presenting their personal memories, pictures, presentation and poem, made the ATV gift selection and delivery such a special surprise, contributed money for such a unexpected and personalized gift, for the many food contributions, all who pitched in to help make and serve food, stayed around to clean up and put things back in order and for all those in attendance. Thank you so much, we couldn't have done it without the many giving hands of our parish! Note: Folks were so generous that we were also able to contribute most of the cost of an aluminum trailer for Father Dan!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, August 16, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Cross Ministry

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

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, August 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Date to be announced.

Knights of Columbus

Meeting with First Degree: Sunday, August 19, 6:30pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Hantrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

Coming Events

†Weekend of August 4/5: Missionary from Africa here celebrating Mass — Wine and cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass

†Thursday, August 16: Crafts, games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†Saturday, August 18: Parish bike ride, starts in Slater, 7:00pm

†Thursday, August 30: Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Hall

Music News

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

"Talents are gifts that God gives us to enjoy, but we enjoy them even more once they're shared. Every gift we have been given is meant not just for ourselves, but to be passed along to others."

CARRIE GRESS
Taken from *Nudging Conversions*



Picnic Planning Meeting

Come join us for a picnic planning meeting Sunday, August 5 in the social hall after 10:00am Mass. Your vote was for an Italian-themed picnic so put your creative hats on and join us to begin planning food, decorations and games. We'll start with coffee and donuts and will hold the meeting to one hour with one additional follow-up meeting.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven



Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are 5:30pm Vigil at Holy Cross on August, 14 and 6:30pm August 15 at St. Mary.

Liturgical Ministers are needed for this Mass. A sign up is available at St. Mary and Holy Cross or call the parish office to volunteer. Thank you!

Religious Education PreK-6

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

If you have not registered for RE please do so at your earliest convenience so we know how many children to plan on. This is especially important as a number of new supplies need to be re-ordered due to the flood. Forms are in the vestibule and on our website. Please return the form and \$50 minimum payment, to the Parish Office. Thank you!

We are still short volunteers for our upcoming classes. Please contact me with any questions 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.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*
 Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Please join S.T.O.R.M. as we gather together Sunday, August 5 at 5:00pm in the social hall. We will watch the movie *I Can Only Imagine*. We'll have pizza, snacks and drinks. We will also be wrapping baby models in blankets to pass out at the fair and other pro-life events. Call or text Melissa or Andrea for details.

Confirmation Core Team meeting: Monday, August 20, 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Save the Date For a Parish Bike Ride!

Saturday, August 18, starting at 7:00pm at the tennis courts by the park in Slater. We will ride to the High Trestle Bridge. People that want to continue to Woodward can, or people can stop at The Flat Tire Lounge in Madrid! Night riding--lights strongly encouraged. Questions? Please contact Tammi McClain, *tammimcclain71@gmail.com* or 515-290-3904.

Thank You For Your Amazing Support!!

"What?" "Are you kidding?" Those are the comments I have been hearing since the Silent Auction/Bake Sale. I am so very thankful for all of your support; we raised a whopping \$1667.16! When the church was flooded it didn't look like we would be able to pull off a fundraiser in time. Thank you all so much for all of your generous donations and then again supporting us by buying things or giving a monetary donation. You helped 16 youth to be able to come to know Jesus just a little better while on retreat this weekend. We return Sunday. We will pray for all of you. Look for pictures on Facebook. ~ Andrea Fisher

YOU Are Needed!



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!

Our next Core Team meeting will be Monday, August 20 at 6:30pm at St Mary. If you are interested in being a small group leader and/or a part of this team that assists in planning for our Confirmation year, please join us.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/	\$9,137	\$5,157	July 14/15
Youth/Guests	\$2,166	\$5,157	July 21/22

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$18,621	\$20,627	\$23,488

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are in the vestibule 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

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.*

Missionary Visit

We welcome Fr. Fortunatus from the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara in Tanzania, Africa to our parish August 4 & 5. He will celebrate Mass with us and speak to us about the need for clean water for the people of that area; needs of the Diocese to help support their 28 Seminarians and health care for their priests who receive no salary. Thank you in advance for your generosity for our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.



Thoughts From Me & My House

*“The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’
There is no other commandment greater than these.”* Mark 12:31

There is no question that summer in Iowa has been challenging this year. We have seen everything from torrential downpours, and flooding to tornadoes. Our own St. Mary Church and rectory have seen major damage from the water. Just when many folks were getting back to life as usual after flooding in June, tornadoes came along last week to remind us that it wasn't time to relax just yet.

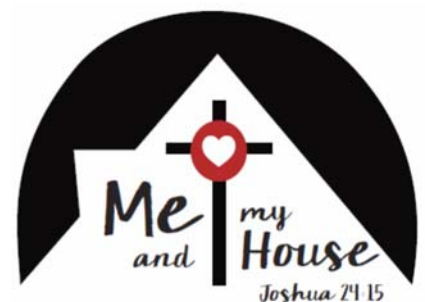
With flooding in June, an overwhelming amount of people stepped up to help others. Damage to homes due to flooding is not typically covered by homeowner's insurance and sitting there just watching the water come in and not being able to do anything to stop it is heart wrenching. Community sandbagging became almost a daily occurrence in some places. Cities were quick to set up relief sites and immediate pickup of damaged items from the curb. People walked the streets coming to the aid of others whether it be pulling carpet from a basement or just someone to talk to for a few minutes.

On Thursday, July 19, 2018 tornadoes ripped through Bondurant, Marshalltown, and Pella. Property damage was substantial to all three communities, with Marshalltown seeing the worst of it. The average lead time for a tornado warning is about 13 minutes. Bondurant received 60 seconds lead time, Marshalltown was 17 minutes and Pella was 30 minutes. Even with any lead time, it's hard to prepare yourself for a natural disaster of any type. The uncertainty of loss of property, or worse—life, can be immense and it's easy for fear to take over.

As these communities emerged from their shelters to see the damage that had taken place, the helplessness began to set in again, but not for long. My family and I set out that evening to see where our help was needed, and we saw more than we ever thought we would. The damage was indescribable. But seeing the support from others was powerful. There were hundreds of people cleaning up damage less than 30 minutes after the sirens stopped wailing. First responders from so many communities came rushing in. We saw people walking around with arm loads of pizza boxes handing out dinner. And even though it was hard to believe, there was no loss of life.

Jesus said, “Love thy neighbor...” He said to love God and everyone else and nothing was greater than these commandments. There is always hope and joy to be found amid tragedy. It's very easy to think that humanity is in decline. The goodness of people isn't typically as newsworthy as the evil is. But, after all that we have suffered locally in the last month, I beg to differ. I have seen humanity at its finest and in action.

Tell me your stories! How have you seen some “love thy neighbor” in action? Let's celebrate the kindness of our every day heroes! Email *Me & My House* at joshua2415smhc@gmail.com.



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 4, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Di Schleisman
Cup Bearers	Drew Hanlon, Lisa Jones
Host Distributor	Jerry Barnwell
Servers	Emily & Abby Devereux, Jessica Schoening
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Mike Devereux

Sunday, August 5, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Sandra Hunter, Tracy Irwin

Sunday, August 5, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Matt Miller
Lector	Garrett McClain
Cup Bearers	Mike Nehring, Marion Panyan
Host Distributor	Matt Miller
Altar Server	Sawyer Smeltzer
Ushers	Brodie Gilligan Family, Jerry McClain

Saturday, August 11, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	John Roberts
Cup Bearers	John Zidon, Diane Cronk
Host Distributor	Susan Stillmunkes
Altar Servers	Bennet Bruns, Justin Anderson
Ushers	Joe Rumbaugh, Jim Hudson, Drew Hanlon, Mark Lengel

Sunday, August 12, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Lynn Schreurs
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Tom Morris
Server	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Shirley & Bill Jorgensen

Sunday, August 12, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Tim Loraditch, Garrett McClain
Host Distributor	Carol Weber
Altar Servers	Felicity, Veronica & Peyton Loraditch
Ushers	Doug Zehr, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Tammi & Jackson McClain

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Money Counters

July 29: Carol Weber, Kathy Daup

August 5: Lisa Kautza, Sue White

August 12: Dona Cowman, Carol Weber

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50th Anniversary Celebration!

Please join us for a 50th Anniversary Open Hose in honor of Joe and Jean Rumbaugh on Saturday, August 25, 1:00-4:00pm at the Cambridge Community Center. Light snacks and drink provided. Please no gifts.

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

SAYWHAT? Every three months, Americans throw enough aluminum in the landfills to build our nation's entire commercial air fleet.

Blood Drive

Thursday, August 30, 3:00 - 7:00pm in the Social Hall. **It's not too early to sign up!!!** More than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. **Will you donate blood?** An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687/kautza@netins.net to make an appointment. Please give your email address so a reminder can be sent. Thank you for giving the gift of life!

"Mourning Coffee"

These weekly meetings for those grieving a loss have been discontinued due to lack of participation. Should anyone wish support among others also facing a loved one's death, a new group can be organized. Please call/text Paula Garoutte, 515-306-6633 or email paulasongbird@msn.com.

Beginning Experience Open House

What if life changes in the blink of an eye and you are widowed, separated or divorced? How do you cope? *Beginning Experience* can help. You don't have to suffer alone; we will walk with you in this journey discovering a new hope and meaningful life. We meet Friday evenings August 10, 17 & 24, 7:00-8:30pm at St. Augustin Church Hall (42 & Grand Avenue) and invite you to attend our weekend on September 14-16. If you wish to know more about the healing process, contact Dana Reed, 515-975-3745, Mike Losee, 515-360-8268 or Father Bob Schoemann 515-418-1938.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 29

Theme: Jesus generously provides and cares for us.

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44 • Give it to the people to eat.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6 • Bear with one another lovingly.

Gospel: John 6:1-15 • Jesus gave the people all the food they wanted.

For Children: How do you share with others what you have?

For Youth: Generosity is key to today's Gospel. What do you have that you should be sharing with others? Think of your possessions, your talents, and your time. How can you use these for the good of others?

For Adults: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 5

Theme: Jesus is the Bread of Life

Reading I: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 • The Lord provides what we need.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 • Be renewed in the spirit of your mind; put away your old self.

Gospel: John 6:24-35 • Do not work for food that perishes; work for food that endures for eternal life.

For Children: Why is Jesus compared to bread? How can his teachings be like food?

For Youth: Jesus is the bread that gives us life. How does believing in Jesus make your life different?

For Adults: How do you partake of the nourishment that Jesus provides? How often?