



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 30, 2017**



**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord  
August 6, 2017**

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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.*

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Dear Friends in Christ:

With the grace of God, I flew to Oshkosh and back. Because of changing winds and a line of thunderstorms, my best laid plans were laid to waste! Kind of like life; we have to go along with whatever God hands us and He definitely took care of me on this trip.

When I got to Oshkosh and wandered around taking in all the sights and sounds, I was struck with the overall friendliness and kindness of everyone I encountered. Strangers engaged in conversations with each other, people smiled a lot at each other, people were gracious as far as not crowding into lines, people laughed with each other not at each other. I thought to myself, "This must be what heaven is like!"

As I thought about this caring atmosphere, I came to realize that it was because we all shared a common denominator, a shared interest in all things airplane. Then I remembered that the same atmosphere existed at motorcycle get-togethers, Sturgis notwithstanding. It happens everywhere that people gather with a shared interest! I wondered what would it take to bring this type of respect and caring into the whole world?

It was then that I recognized that we all do have a common denominator-God! We are all made by Him, He is present within each of us, and He wants the best for us, much like we want the best for ourselves. So..... why is it that we don't do a much better job of taking care of, looking out for, each other? It's not a new, unheard of concept; He specifically asks us to live our lives in that way. It would take so little out of our lives if we reached out to each other with love and respect. Let's recognize, know, and love our "common denominator" and live our lives in a way that shows such love.

Blessings, Deacon Terry

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## Parish Information

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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](http://www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm)

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## Masses

**Wednesday, August 2** †*Ina Dittmer*  
5:30pm Holy Cross

**Thursday, August 3** †*Donna Archer*  
8:00am St. Mary

**First Friday, August 4** †*Roberta Angell*  
8:00am St. Mary

**Saturday, August 5**  
5:00pm St. Mary †*John Richardson*

**Sunday, August 6**  
8:00am Holy Cross †*Bill Davis*  
10:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

**Wednesday, August 9**  
5:30pm Holy Cross †*Wendell & Ruth Carpenter*

**Thursday, August 10**  
8:00am St. Mary †*Theresa Kaltenheuser*

**Saturday, August 12**  
5:00pm St. Mary †*Rita Mae Staber*

**Sunday, August 13**  
8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*  
10:00am St. Mary †*Dan Murphy*

**Tuesday, August 15** **Holy Day of Obligation**  
*Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven*  
6:30pm St. Mary †*Mike Lacey*

## Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

*Chad & Lauren Reinhard* who live in Ankeny

*Jean Miller* also from Ankeny

*Ben & Andrea Johnson and son Winston* from Pleasant Hill

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## † 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.

## 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!

## Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven



This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation; our Mass will be at St. Mary on Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30pm.

### Liturgical Ministers are needed for this Mass.

A sign up will be in the vestibule of St. Mary on August 5, or call the Parish Office to help out.

Thank you!!



## Pool Party!!

**Friday, August 18**, 7:00-8:30pm at the Slater Pool!! Join us for lots of fun! It's free!! **RSVP with the number attending by Sunday, August 13** to Barb at the Parish Office, 515-367-2685/bliske@saintmaryhc.org, so the pool can be properly staffed with lifeguards. It will be a splash of a great time!!

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, August 2, 9, 23 & 30, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 17, St. Mary, 7:00pm

Pastoral Council

Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 7:15pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, August 20 with 1st Degree, 6:30pm,  
Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

## Coming Events

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

✠**Weekend of August 5/6:** Wine and cheese after  
5:00pm Mass and coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass

✠**Tuesday, August 15:** *Let's Chat*, after 6:30 Holy Day  
Mass, Social Hall

✠**Thursday, August 17:** Crafts, Games & Conversation,  
9:30am, Social Hall

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

✠**Thursday, August 24:** Confirmation Core Team meeting  
6:30-8:30pm, Social Hall

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

## Music News



**Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler**

515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

I have been asked about singing gospel style music at Mass. In contacting people, August seems to be the best month. Anyone interested? Please contact me with preferred Mass time/date. I look forward to hearing from lots of people!

Forgiveness will take away the bondage of hurt  
and anger with a new lease on life.

## Missionary Visit

Father Chuong Cao, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist missionary, was with us last weekend and spoke about his Community's work among the poor in Brazil and Nigeria. Thank you to those who have already so generously given to this appeal. If you were not able to make a donation last weekend and would like to, envelopes are provided in the pews. Cash and checks, written to St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish, can be placed in the envelopes and placed in the collection basket, handed to Fr. Dan after Mass or you may send your donation directly to the Parish Office. Thank you!

## Do You Have?



We are looking for some chicken wire and fencing including a gate for our Parish garden. Might you have some around you could spare? Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to provide any. If you would like to get involved with this garden in another way, please contact Tim Kautza, 515-967-7687 / kautza@netins.net.

## Religious Education

### REGISTRATION FOR FALL CLASSES

Hello everyone! We wanted to send a reminder out to please register your children for the fall RE classes. It is just around the corner and Nicole, Melissa and Stacie want to be sure they are fully prepared. 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. We ask that all forms to be returned by August 20.

**September 13:** First class for PreK-6, EDGE & Life Night

**September 24:** Confirmation Student/Parent gathering

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**PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader**  
*shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876*

I have been blessed with many volunteers to be catechists for PreK-6th but I am still left with a number of open slots. We are currently short 5 catechists for the 5:15pm session and we are short 2 catechists for the 6:30pm session. A number of the classes have a lead and are just in need of a second teacher. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who has not done this before and would like to be paired up with a veteran! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me via email or by cell listed above. God Bless!

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

Confirmation: Sessions for 9th & 10th grades will begin on Sunday, September 24 with a small retreat for teens AND parents after 10:00am Mass.

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

**Thank You!!** 

We had a great turnout for our Garage Sale and profited about \$1700+! We are grateful to you who donated and also to those who shopped our sale. The support shown to our NCYC participants is greatly appreciated.

We are also pleased to have been able to share our abundance of donated items with approximately 35 area families, when we opened our doors for a FREE Garage "Sale." People in need were encouraged to come through and "shop" for any items they wanted for their families. They did not have to pay anything! This was a rewarding way to share the generous donations we received with our surrounding communities! All other leftover donations were boxed up and set aside for Refugee groups via St. Ambrose Cathedral, the Salvation Army and the ARL. We also gathered coats for our Knights of Columbus' annual coat drive. Thanks again for your continued support!

*Melissa Kahler and the Garage Sale Group*

Dear St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$797.25 for St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter. We will use it well for our homeless families.

*Shelter Staff and Guests*



Before you travel...go to [www.Masstimes.org](http://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/	\$7,096	\$5,234	<b>July 15/16</b>
Youth/Guests	\$2,385	\$5,234	<b>July 22/23</b>

#### Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$23,488	\$20,935	\$22,653

Food Pantry Collection: \$718.55

Redemptorist Mission Collection: \$2,937.75

### 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.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 56,442	49,831.64	\$ 45,111.64	<b>\$ 11,330.36</b>

### Bite-Sized Faith For Parents

<http://sjeciowa.org/category/blogs/bite-sized-faith>

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, August 5, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Jerry Barnwell
Lector	John Roberts
Cup Bearers	Mike & Patty Devereux
Host Distributor	John Zidon
Altar Servers	Emily, Abigail & Joseph Devereux
Ushers	Brodie, Angie, Kaden & Drew Gilligan Tom Bowman

### Sunday, August 6, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer	Lynn Schreurs
Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Tony Kuehn
Altar Server	Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Sandra Hunter, Tracy Irwin

### Sunday, August 6, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Garrett McClain
Lector	Lori McQuiston
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Jacki Ausman
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Altar Server	Andrew Ausman
Ushers	Gregg Richwine, Jerry McClain, Doug Zehr, Dennis Schmidt, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum

### Saturday, August 12, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Kathy Claussen
Cup Bearers	Drew Hanlon, Delila Roberts
Host Distributor	Lisa Jones
Altar Servers	Riley & Justin Anderson, Daniel Schoening
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Drew Hanlon

### Sunday, August 13, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Brett Beukema
Ushers	Dave & Char McHone

### Sunday, August 13, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Lisa Gonnerman
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Mike Nehring, Matt Miller
Host Distributor	Lori McQuiston
Altar Server	Grace & Bridget Johnson
Ushers	Garrett, Tammi & Jackson McClain, Thom Hamm, Dave Pottebaum

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## Money Counters

**July 30:** Sharon Morris, Lisa Kautza  
**August 6:** Carol Weber and Brenda Nehring  
**August 13:** Kathy Daup, Sue White

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## Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, please contact the Office 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 their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

**SAYWHAT?** Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 2 hours.

Recycling one ton of plastic can save up to 2,000 gallons of gasoline.

## First Friday Mass

Join us for this Mass at 8:00am on August 4 at St. Mary and then join us for refreshments and conversation after Mass.

## New Blessing Box Hours & Needs

The Blessing Box Food Pantry, located at 252 South Washington Avenue in Elkhart, is now open the first Saturday of every month with donations of fresh produce (and other food items) accepted from 9:00-9:30am, then open for food distribution until 10:30am. The Blessing Box remains open the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:00–7:00pm. Clients enjoy homemade foods (especially breads) distributed fresh and frozen; packaged individually and dated. Current special food needs are canned meats, breakfast cereals, jelly, and syrup. Please spread the word about the food pantry to friends and relatives who may be in need of food supplements. Donations can be delivered to the pantry when open or placed in the box by our Parish Office to be delivered by Parish Youth, and tax deductible checks can be made payable and sent to The Blessing Box, c/o Elkhart Christian Church, P.O. Box 97, Elkhart, IA 50073. We thank the many parishioners of St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish for your financial and food support and volunteer work.

See Diocesan events at [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org) and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org)

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30

*Theme: The kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.*

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 • Give your servant an understanding heart.

Reading II: : Romans 8:28-30 • God makes all things work together for good.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 • The reign of God is a treasure.

*For Children:* If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?

*For Youth:* God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?

*For Adults:* What is the Reign of God like for you personally, use a parable to describe it.

### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, August 6

*Theme: Jesus appears glowing with light.  
Moses and Elijah appear with him.*

Reading I: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 • His clothing was snow bright.

Reading II: 2 Peter 1:16-19 • We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 • His face shone like the sun.

*For Children:* How do you show that you listen to Jesus?

*For Youth:* How does your faith in Jesus as the Son of God affect your life?

*For Adults:* When have you had a "transfiguration" experience? What was it like?