



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**The Most Holy Trinity**  
June 15/16



**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
June 22/23, 2019

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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 sad heart I inform you that it is time for me to go. Go, as in retire!

The guidelines for being a Deacon indicate that the retirement age for a Deacon is age 70. I just turned 73 at the end of May. The policy states that a Deacon can continue to serve on a year-by-year basis upon approval of the priest where the Deacon is assigned. Fr. Andrew has shown his support for me in the past, and would likely continue to do so, but I have a sense that it is time to go.

I am finding myself becoming excessively forgetful and it bothers me deeply. I've never been 73 before so I don't know what is "normal" in the way of forgetfulness, but it surely can't be to the degree that I am experiencing memory loss. Having said that, I would like the freedom to live out the rest of my life with my beautiful wife and our "kids", the two dogs we have.

I was ordained on August 10, 2010 so I choose that date as the time to make this official. It is possible that another Deacon would like to serve in this wonderful parish and would thus request a transfer. No guarantees on that.

Another group of Deacons will start formation in three years, so I would encourage men from our parish to prayerfully discern if they are being called to this ministry.

Even retired, and with Fr. Andrew's permission, I would still be available to do baptisms, weddings, and funerals. The old "hatch, match, and dispatch" routine. So, with all that being said, and knowing of my love for recorded music, I now hit the "play" button on "Happy trails to me!" Blessings, Deacon Terry

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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>.

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## Masses and Adoration

**Tuesday, June 18**

**5:30pm** St. Mary †*Eunice Ives*  
~ No Adoration after Mass

**Wednesday, June 19**

**5:30pm** Holy Cross †*Jim & Margaret Shaw*

**Thursday, June 20**

**8:00am** St. Mary †*Marge Cory*

**Saturday, June 22**

**5:00pm** St. Mary *For the Parish*

**Sunday, June 23**

**8:00am** Holy Cross †*Adella Hericks*

**10:00am** St. Mary †*Lowell Brendeland*

**Tuesday, June 25**

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

**Wednesday, June 26**

**5:30pm** Holy Cross †*Nydia Claussen*

**Thursday, June 27**

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

**Saturday, June 29**

**5:00pm** St. Mary †*Ralph & Neva Cory*

**Sunday, June 30**

**8:00am** Holy Cross †*LeRoy Sims*  
**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!

## 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.

## Open House - Lyle Carpenter's 90th Birthday!

Lyle has been a member of St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish for over 80 years and we would like to extend the invitation to each of you to join us to celebrate his 90th birthday at an Open House on Sunday, June 16 from 2:00 – 4:00pm at St. Mary's Social Hall. *No gifts please.*

## Parish Music Coordinator Opening

This is a paid position and averages 10 hours during most weeks, though more around the busier times of year, specifically Christmas and Easter. Anyone who is interested in serving in this capacity should contact Fr. Andrew for more information.

## Thursday, June 20!



Gather with us at 9:30am in the Social Hall if you have a craft to work on or if you enjoy playing board games or cards! There's good conversation, fellowship, laughter, and sharing of stories. Please join us (including guys)!

For movie reviews see [www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm](http://www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm).

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS!!!

June 16th



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

**Note:** No Adoration Tuesday, June 18 (Mass will be at 5:30pm this day), and no Adoration Thursday, June 20

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meetings: Tuesdays, June 18 & July 16, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm.

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, July 8, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: to be announced

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, July 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Parish Office will be closed June 28 and July 1–5.

*Fr. Andrew will be available during this time and can be contacted by phone or email.*

## Upcoming Events

✚ **Now through July 7:** Collection of gently used items for Youth's garage sale July 19 & 20. Bring items to Ed Center

✚ **Vacation Bible School:** Monday - Thursday, June 17-20, 5:30 - 8:00pm (meal included)

✚ **Thursday, June 20:** Crafts, games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall

✚ **Saturday, June 22:** Parishioners participate in parade and help with game at Elkhart Festival, 9:00am - 3:00pm

✚ **Weekend of June 22/23:** Missionary speaking at Masses for aid to Africa

✚ **Sunday, June 30:** Coffee & donuts after 8am Mass

## Join the Fun!

*Elkhart City Festival June 22*

*Parade Walkers, Volunteers and Pop Donations Requested*

Our Parish will be participating in the parade and activities in the park at this Festival. We invite you to enjoy the celebration and ask for your assistance in the following:

— *Donate 2-liter bottles of pop for a ring toss game.* These can be left at St. Mary in the designated box in the vestibule anytime before Thursday, June 20.

— *Parade walkers.* All ages are invited to walk in the parade (Elementary age children and younger must be accompanied by an adult). We will meet at St. Mary no later than 9:30am to walk to the staging area for the 10:00am parade. Parade walkers will return to St. Mary when the parade is over. (note this is a corrected time from the bulletin)

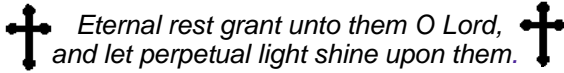
— *Adult and youth volunteers to work the ring toss booth.* If you can volunteer for a 30 or 60 minute shift from 10:00am to 3:00pm, please contact Kathy Gass at 515-419-8569 or [k.gass@mchsi.com](mailto:k.gass@mchsi.com). *Thank you and see you at the Festival!*

**Parking note:** To ensure parking is available for 5:00pm Mass, the area by the side walk and the first row of the lot will be roped off and then opened up for Mass. This also enables our parish to help the City and festival goers by allowing parking on our property when it does not interfere with Mass.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of LeRoy Sims, uncle of Sharon Morris, who passed away June 7th and for his family as they mourn his passing.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Ogden, sister of Joe Rumbaugh, who passed away June 10th. May her family know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.



## Religious Education PreK-6

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**Religious Ed Registration for Grades Preschool through 6th grade is now open.** Packets with information are available in the vestibule and on the website. If you have any questions please email us.

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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**Register now for EDGE and Confirmation sessions.**

Forms are in the vestibule and on the website.

## Human Flow Movie

Our Friends of St. Francis group invites you to see this movie at the Des Moines Art Center on Monday, June 17 at 7:00pm. This event is in conjunction with World Refugee Day which is June 20.

## Thank You

St. Mary-Holy Cross Family,

The family of Nydia Martha Claussen acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

With gratitude and love,

*Al, John and Barbara Claussen*



## 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](mailto: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

At Masses June 22/23, Sister Nesta from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ Nigeria, will be speaking about the teaching, medical, pastoral and social work that the Sisters do in Africa and other continents, focusing in particular on under privileged females. Today more than ever their help is sought out all over the world.

*We will take up a second collection to assist them in their missionary work.*

## 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/	\$7,780	\$5,311	<b>June 1/2</b>
Youth/Guests	\$2,537	\$5,311	<b>June 8/9</b>

### Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$281,013	\$255,128	\$252,429

Catholic Communications Diocesan Collection: \$90

## 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$31,340	\$27,415	<b>\$21,382</b>

If you haven't made a pledge, please consider doing so, each family's help is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and truly appreciated. Pledge cards are 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. Contact Sarah, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), for more information.



## Me and My House!

Hello, I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. VBS is this week and is a great opportunity to welcome our new RE Co-Directors.

It's been a pretty busy summer break at our house so far. Every time I think things will slow down a bit, it never seems to work out that way. There are always high hopes of relaxation in the sunlight and somehow, it's thwarted by outdoor projects, summer sports or lessons. I am starting to find out that quality time together doesn't come as easily as it should.

This past Mother's Day my youngest son filled out one of those "All About Mom" pages. You know the one. How old is your mom? 167 years old of course! What's your mom's favorite food? Macaroni & Cheese which just so happens to be *his* favorite food. And what's your mom's favorite thing to do? He answered: work. I didn't feel like I worked that much but in the eyes of my 5-year-old, it's one of my preferred pastimes.

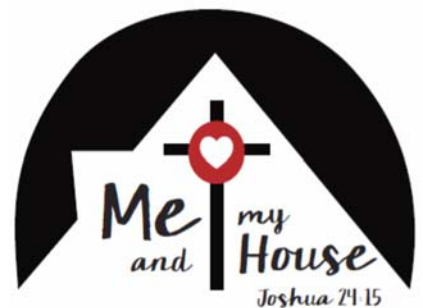
Just a few weeks later we brought two sweet little boys to live in our home through emergency kinship care. We received a call and had only a few hours to make the decision. Within 24 hours they were with us. They are 1 and 2 years old. We thought having one adventurous, high energy filled little boy was hard; having three exactly alike and at the same time has been challenging.

Just a few days ago we took a long walk to a new park we hadn't visited before. We had spent most of the day inside doing housework and had three little boys itching to release some energy. So, what better way to get them ready for bed than to let them run and climb for a few hours? While we were watching them play, I began to think about how quickly our lives had changed. Instead of scheduling time together, we have to block off time to get work done. Keeping three boys aged 5 and under entertained while simultaneously providing mind stimulating experiences daily isn't easy. Especially when we went from a 6 member to an 8 member family basically overnight. I used to go to bed sometimes feeling a little guilty because I spent the entire day working and missed out on some family time. Now, I go to bed wondering if I will have enough time the next day to get all my work done. The difference is that I don't feel guilty about it. The work will still be there tomorrow. But seeing the look of accomplishment on my son's face after climbing a rock wall may not happen tomorrow.

The boys haven't been with us for long, but I am already beginning to see the benefits our family will gain from having them with us. Playing more and working less is the one I will value most. Most adults will tell you that their most cherished memories from childhood are the ones that were spent with people, not receiving an expensive gift because of all their parents hard work. And if you ask them if quality time is the most important, they will say, yes of course!! But how many people live by that rule? I challenge you to count your hours of awake time for one week. How many hours are spent working your job, doing housework, yard work, or extra projects for other people? And how many hours are spent doing things you don't have to do and spending quality time with your loved ones? It may surprise you. At the end of my life I don't want someone to talk about how hard I worked; I want them to remember how hard I loved.

With this being Father's Day, I cannot say it enough. Spoil each other with presence instead of presents. Happy Father's Day from Me and My House!

Email [joshua2415smhc@gmail.com](mailto:joshua2415smhc@gmail.com) with any thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have.



June 16, 2019

## SMHC Parish: Capital Improvements

Several weeks ago now the Finance Council shared with you their strategic intention to begin directing funds toward Capital Improvements in the parish. There are some immediate structural needs to address and some items will be addressed in the not too distant future. We will be forming a capital assessment committee to build out a list of potential items to address and begin to collect estimates. That information will help with prioritization and guide funding options.

The Finance Council determined that the first and most immediate need is at Holy Cross. The furnace is 22 years old and has begun to fail. Adding an air conditioning unit to the furnace installation was taken into consideration based on price and the long term impact for the parish and building. Input from parishioners was requested and taken into consideration.

The council is charged to be responsible stewards of parishioner donations and as such decisions are not made quickly. To that end, the following items were key factors of the final decision related to the consideration of an HVAC at Holy Cross:

- 1. Long Term Responsibility:** Current needs as well as long term use of the church beyond 8:00 AM Sunday Mass were discussed. Additionally, helping to assure the viability of the Holy Cross Church in the long term was taken into account.
- 2. Financial Responsibility:** The cost to purchase the HVAC is not a drain on operational expenses of the parish as a dedicated fund was previously established for building and grounds. Second collections and private donations have been used to help build a fund for Capital Improvements. There are funds on hand to support the purchase of the HVAC. Additionally, the bid being considered from Bell Brothers offers a generous price for dual installation of a furnace and air conditioning unit.
- 3. Impact of Parishioners:** There is no harm to parishioners or the church building by adding the option of air conditioning at Holy Cross.

After mindful and prayerful consideration, the decision was made to notify Bell Brothers that their bid will be accepted. Thank you all for your input on these conversations. Together we are all responsible for ensuring the buildings and grounds of the parish are well maintained places for worship for generations that follow us. Stay tuned, more conversations on capital improvements will be coming. Please contact the finance council if you have ideas, see needs, and/or want to engage in the efforts.

Sincerely,

The SMHC Finance Council

## Liturgical Ministers for June 22 & 23

**Saturday, June 22, 5:00pm, St. Mary**

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Lisa Jones
Cup Bearers	Drew Hanlon, Joe Rumbaugh
Host Distributor	Susan Stillmunkes
Altar Servers	Alexis Hergenreter, Bennett Bruns, Jessica Schoening
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Jim Hudson

**Sunday, June 23, 8:00am, Holy Cross**

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Mike & Mary Winders

**Sunday, June 23, 10:00am, St. Mary**

Announcer	Joe Dunham
Lector	Lori Dunham
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Mike Nehring
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Altar Servers	Jackson Waters, Caleb Coffelt, Joel Waters
Ushers	Thom Hamm, Dave Pottebaum, Tammi & Jackson McClain, Jerry McClain

## Liturgical Ministers for June 29 & 30

**Saturday, June 29, 5:00pm, St. Mary**

Announcer	Arlene Anderson
Lector	Bill Sexton
Cup Bearers	Diane Cronk, Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Bill Sexton
Altar Servers	Kaden Gilligan, Abby & Emily Devereux
Ushers	Brody, Angie & Drew Gilligan, Mark Lengel

**Sunday, June 30, 8:00am, Holy Cross**

Announcer	Karen Bellis
Lector	Heidi Ackerman
Cup Bearer	Tony Kuehn
Altar Server	Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Tracy Irwin Family

**Sunday, June 30, 10:00am, St. Mary**

Announcer	Matt Miller
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Jacki & Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Nicole Cory
Altar Servers	Griffen & Leah Muth, Lauren Feldmann
Ushers	Andrew Cory, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Gregg Richwine, Dennis Schmitt

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## Money Counters

**June 16:** Sharon Morris, Lisa Kautza  
**June 23:** Carol Weber, Dona Cowman  
**June 30:** Sue White, Kathy Daup

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## Blood Drive Update

Thank you to those who helped make the Blood Drive a success. Out of the 46 people who scheduled to donate, 38 registered. Thirty four people were able to donate a total of 40 units of blood, translated to up to 120 lives saved or sustained!!!

If you would like to help save three lives please consider donating at our next Blood Drive on August 29, 2019. That will be a crucial time of the year when more donations than usual are needed. Please consider being a LifeSaver! Sign up by contacting Tim & Lisa Kautza (515-964-7687), LifeServe Blood Center (800-287-4903), or sign up on the bulletin board in the Social Hall. Someone will be glad you did.

If you have any questions please talk to Tim or Lisa, or call the LifeServe Center. Maybe consider being a First Time Donor and get a free T-shirt!



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and Catholic Church locations.**

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

## The Most Holy Trinity, June 16

*Theme: God is love.*

*Reading 1:* Proverbs 8:22-31 • I was present at the creation of the world.

*Reading II:* Romans 5:1-5 • We are at peace.

*Gospel:* John 16:12-15 • The Father and I are one and the Holy Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

*Question for Children:* God fills us with love. How will you show your family that you love them as God loves them?

**Question for Youth:** When Jesus left the world, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. Have you ever given something important to someone else as a sign of your love for them? Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit as a similar gift to you?

**Question for Adults:** Today we celebrate the relationship of love among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In what similar community of love do you live?

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 23

*Theme: Jesus continues to offer himself to us  
and feed us in the Holy Eucharist.*

*Reading I:* Genesis 14:18-20 • Blessed by God most High!

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • Each time you eat this bread and drink from this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

*Gospel:* Luke 9:11b-17 • Christ feeds us.

*Question for Children:* How can you share what you have received from Jesus with others this week?

**Question for Youth:** Each week, when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist we are asked to “do this in remembrance of me”. How else do you acknowledge the importance of Jesus in your life? Through prayer? Through the ways that you treat others?

*Question for Adults:* How can you prepare yourself to be nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist?