



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
June 17, 2018



**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**  
June 24, 2018

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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,

On June 10, Bishop Richard Pates made his annual appearance at our parish to Confirm 24 eager young people. The church was packed. Everyone was very nicely attired and in high spirits to be sealed with the Holy Spirit. The Bishop talked in his homily mostly to the Confirmandi, but also to those in attendance and even to those not present. We were told to share the message, the Good News, with those within and those outside our Catholic faith. We are to continually be supportive of those on their own faith journey. We should not consider ourselves alone on our journey with God. We should help others on their journey also in whatever way we can.

The Bishop made a profound point in his closing. "This is not a graduation, but rather a Confirmation." So many, many young people go through faith formation by way of R.E. and Church youth groups until they are confirmed. Sadly, at that time, they are not so apt to be spotted in church any longer. In their way of thinking, their "dues" have been paid. But that way of thinking is not the Truth.

We all are constantly called to grow in our faith and to participate in liturgies. Even us "adults" should strive to come to know Jesus better and to understand His will for each of us. That can't be accomplished outside the church community and outside of faith sharing. Thus, Confirmation is just another stepping stone on our constant path to God.

Young and old alike, trust in and turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

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, June 20

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim Shaw

### Thursday, June 21

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

### Saturday, June 23

5:00pm St. Mary †Bill Ross

### Sunday, June 24

8:00am Holy Cross †Stephen Carpenter  
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

### Wednesday, June 27

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mikey & Will Carpenter

### Thursday, June 28

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

### Saturday, June 30

5:00pm St. Mary †For the Parish

### Sunday, July 1

8:00am Holy Cross †John Iliff  
10:00am St. Mary †Mike Lacey

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, June 23 & 30, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, July 19, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Cross Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, June 27, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meetings: Tuesdays, June 19 & July 17, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm.

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, July 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2

Tara Huntrods, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

## Coming Events

†**Mourning Coffee:** Meets Mondays, 7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Collecting garage sale items:** now through July 9, Youth Area

†**Wednesday, June 20:** Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall

†**Thursday, June 21:** Crafts, games and Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall

†**Sunday, June 24:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass

†**Saturday/Sunday, July 7/8:** Farewell reception for Fr. Dan after 5:00pm or 10:00am Mass, Social Hall

†**Friday/Saturday, July 13/14:** Garage sale sponsored by Youth, proceeds to help Youth attend Steubenville Retreat

## 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!

## Congratulations To Those Confirmed!



These students received the Sacrament of Confirmation June 10. May they call on the Holy Spirit to guide them today and always.

Andrew Ausman	Ella Kahler	Jennie Moore
Karley Mae Bartleson	Emma Kahler	Haleigh Penton
Abigail Bruce	Jared Laffey	Jacob Reid
Emma De Costa	Elizabeth Leu	Sophie Schaffer
Carla Edleman	Jackson McClain	Ethan Smith
Olivia Gehrke	Emily Miller	Hunter Soyer
Isabell Hobbs	James Miller	Nolan Sullivan
Lydia Johnson	Riley Miller	Jonathan Wong

Our congratulations also to Anthony Nehring of our Parish who was Confirmed May 19 at Christ The King Church.

*We would like to say a super special "thank you" to Andrea Fisher for all her work in preparing the Confirmation rehearsal dinner. It was delicious, Andrea!!*

## 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. *Deacon Terry is on retreat June 21-24.*

## Thank You

Dear St. Mary-Holy Cross Church,

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and generosity as we mourn the loss of our son. The flowers and angel wing are beautiful, and we are forever grateful for all the time and other gifts you have given to us.

Love, *Jacob & Heidi Ackerman*

## Just Married!!

Congratulations to Kylie Cornwell and Clayton Cory who were united in Marriage on Saturday, June 2 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.

## Help! Help!

Due to an injury, Nicole Cory is not able to lead our parade committee for Elkhart Days (June 23). If anyone would like to volunteer to lead in her place, please reach out to her asap at 515-313-3014 or ncory@saintmaryhc.org. Thank you!!

## Fr. Dan's Farewell!

Hope you plan to join us either Saturday, July 7 after 5:00pm Mass or after 10:00am Mass Sunday, July 8, to wish Fr. Dan farewell and also to celebrate his 40th Anniversary of Priesthood! Check for an email sent last week for opportunities to help out with the celebration.

## S.T.O.R.M. Fundraiser

**GARAGE SALE**

We are collecting items for our garage sale now through July 9. Please place all items downstairs in the Youth Area. Look for the signs. Thank you for generously donating your unwanted items. Money to be used for a Eucharist centered retreat called Steubenville in St. Paul, MN. We are also hoping to purchase at least 10 new bibles for youth bible study. We truly appreciate your support. Due to difficulty to resell and dispose of, we will not take the following items: tires, car seats, mattresses, TV's, and anything else that is not resalable. The sale is Friday, July 13, 9:00am-6:00pm and Saturday, July 14, 9:00am-1:00pm in the Ed Center.

## Religious Education PreK-6

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

**VBS is upon us** and we will be Shipwrecked June 18-21!!

The following have graciously volunteered their time to assist in the following ways:

**Stations Leaders:** Angela Bruce, Kris Magill, Ashley Kucera, Kelly Muth, Julia Fisher, Sheri Olson, Ashley Kahler, Andrea Fisher, Angie Gilligan, Brodie Gilligan and Joel Hergenreter  
**Crew Leaders:** Sadie Kuehn, Isabella Kuehn, Griffin Muth, Estella Smith, Kiley Volz, Jenna Volz, Matthew Aschoff, Grace Fisher, Megan Theulen and Amy Theulen  
**Dinner Crew:** Lisa and Tim Kautza, Tony Kuehn, Andrew Olson, Matthew Olson, Jamie Warg, Robin Olberding, Ashley Conover, Jenny Koudelka and Andrea Fisher



**Shipwrecked  
Rescued  
by JESUS**

**A huge thank you goes to Lisa Kautza** and all of the work and planning she does for the meals each night.

We are blessed to be able to do this as it forms such a sense of community for the children.

We are collecting the following for *The Blessing Box*:

*Peanut Butter and Jelly - Monday*  
*Granola Bars, Microwave Easy Mac & Cheese - Tuesday*  
*Cereal - Wednesday*  
*Canned Fruit and Spaghetti O's - Thursday*

## 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

**High Schoolers**, join us for a six week bible study!! We will meet Sundays at 6:00pm beginning June 24 and will gather in the back room of the Youth Area. Please contact Andrea Fisher if you have questions.

**Confirmation Core Team Mtg:** June 25, 7pm, Social Hall

**Thank you!**

A huge thank you to all who came to donate, work, or provide treats for the canteen at our May 31 blood drive. We had a very good turnout; 38 units were collected from 41 registrants including two new donors with an estimated 114 lives saved or sustained! Again, thank you Craig Ellyson, Karen Bellis, Sara Cockerham, Gary Sesker, Jack McDermott,, Teresa Kaltenheuser, Lori Churchill, Brandon Birdsall, Mike Mazak, Katie Johnson, Roger Bender, Doug Heger, Rachel Daggett, Arlene Anderson, Sarah Norman, Caroline Hurst, Cassandra Reising, Genevieve Elliott, David Whitney, Joe Rumbaugh, Nick Fopma, Tom Rooney, Matt Miller, Karen Stafford, Ron Stafford, Dawn Reynolds, Andrea Fisher, Jacob Fisher, Suzette Bartleson, Paula Garoutte, Garrett McClain, Eric Argotsinger, Kathy Petersen, Jerry Barnwell, Lisa Kautza, Tim Kautza, Jean Miller, Melissa Hall, Rex Ratzlaff, Tara Goering, Dona Cowman and Sharon & Bill Dunbar. Special thanks to the "first-time LifeServe donors" Judy Sesker and Marcus Hollingshead.

## Rectory Cleaning

A sign up is in the vestibule of St. Mary and in the entryway of Holy Cross to help clean the rectory during the day or evening July 6 through 11. We will have some cleaning supplies available, or bring some with you. Thank you!!

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$3,505	\$5,234	June 2/3
Youth/Guests	\$2,863	\$5,234	June 9/10

### Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$257,128	\$261,683	\$252,766
Cemetery Collection:	\$4,648.00		

## 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

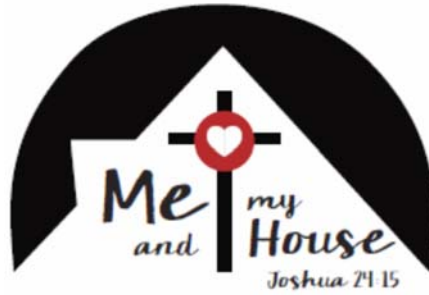
Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are in the pews and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>.

Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$53,806	\$39,830	\$38,812.50	\$14,993.50

## Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Peter Relyea in the office for more information, 515-367-2685 or prelyea@saintmaryhc.org.



Hello SMHC Parish,

Baseball, “The Great American Pastime”. A hot summer day at the ballpark is like heaven to many. As my family and I were sitting (in the air-conditioned bliss of our home) and watching the St. Louis Cardinals teach the San Diego Padres a lesson, I began to ponder the similarities between love for Baseball and love for God.

The Roman Catholic Church can be traced back more than 2000 years. Throughout that time, it’s been met with love, loyalty, faith, hate discrimination, wars, and poverty. Yet its pillars stand tall and it continues to be a stronghold of solace and hope for its 1.1 billion members and countless communities worldwide. Baseball, although not quite 2000 years old has stood the test of time. The first recorded game in New Jersey was in June of 1846 where the New York Nine defeated the Knickerbockers 23-1. Baseball has been a comfort to our Nation during many wars, national hardships, and times of peace and prosperity.

Home, that’s what Church feels like to me. The Bible says, “And the dust returns to the earth as it once was, and the life breath returns to God who gave it.” Ecclesiastes 12:7. Baseball is all about coming home and finishing where you began: home plate.

The Church has St. Peter, Mother Teresa, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Therese of Lisieux. Baseball has Babe Ruth, Willie Mays, Barry Bonds and Jackie Robinson. Baseball even has its suffering servant, the Chicago Cubs. And even if there were nothing else to compare, there is hope and love, sins, and redemption.

“Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday’s success or put its failures behind and start over again. That’s the way life is, with a new game every day, and that’s the way baseball is.” Bob Feller.

*Me & My House*

[joshua2415smhc@gmail.com](mailto:joshua2415smhc@gmail.com)

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, June 23, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer Jack McDermott  
 Lector Olivia Jones  
 Cup Bearers Lisa Jones, Di Schleisman  
 Host Distributor Jerry Barnwell  
 Altar Servers Abigail, Joseph & Emily Devereux,  
 Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones,  
 Ushers Mike Devereux

### Sunday, June 24, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer Heidi Ackerman  
 Lector Anne Davis  
 Cup Bearer Tom Morris  
 Altar Server Brock Phelan-Ruden  
 Ushers Bill & Shirley Jorgensen

### Sunday, June 24, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer Garrett McClain  
 Lector Garrett McClain  
 Cup Bearers Jacki Ausman, Marion Panyan  
 Host Distributor Tom Ausman  
 Altar Server Sawyer Smeltzer  
 Ushers Andrew Ausman, Jerry McClain,  
 Tammi & Jackson McClain,  
 Gregg Richwine

### Saturday, June 30, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer Arlene Anderson  
 Lector Cory Schoening  
 Cup Bearers JoAnn Meusburger, Diane Cronk  
 Host Distributor Susan Stillmunkes  
 Altar Servers Daniel & Jessica Schoening,  
 Justin Anderson  
 Ushers Mark Lengel, Drew Hanlon,  
 Bill Schmitt, Mark Birchmier

### Sunday, July 1, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer Karen Bellis  
 Lector Doug Heger  
 Cup Bearer Laurie Phelan  
 Altar Server Valerie Beukema  
 Ushers Lynn & Chris Schreurs

### Sunday, July 1, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer Lori Dunham  
 Lector Joe Dunham  
 Cup Bearers Carol Weber, Mike Nehring  
 Host Distributor Matt Miller  
 Altar Server Griffen Muth  
 Ushers Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum,  
 Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Andrew Croy

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## Money Counters

**June 17:** Dona Cowman, Sue White

**June 24:** Kathy Daup, Lisa Kautza

**July 1:** Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman

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## 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.*

**SAYWHAT?** Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles per hour. Each one takes 500 years to decompose.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 17

*Theme: God's reign is unfolding.*

*Reading I:* Ezekiel 17:22-24 • I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit.

*Reading II:* 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 • Walk by faith and not by sight.

*Gospel:* Mark 4:26-34 • Through Jesus will come the Kingdom of God.

*For Children:* Have you ever had to walk in the dark with no light? How is that like walking by faith and not by sight? What did you have to do to keep going in the dark?

*For Youth:* Do you pray and ask for faith? How do you work on building your faith?

*For Adults:* When do you find it hardest to have faith? Must you "see" answered prayer, or can you peacefully accept God's will?

### Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, June 24

*Theme: God's promises will be fulfilled*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 49:1-6 • I will make you a light for the nations.

*Reading II:* Acts 13:22-26 • Jesus descended from a man after God's own heart, David.

*Gospel:* Luke 1:57-66, 80 • The hand of the Lord was with John.

*For Children:* How did you feel when you first heard about Jesus?

*For Youth:* How do you think people received John's news that Jesus' arrival was at hand? What fears, doubts, or joys do you think they experienced at the news?

*For Adults:* When and where have you seen God's promises fulfilled? How did it make you feel?

**What's  
That  
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Look  
On  
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Faith?**

