



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



The Ascension of the Lord
June 1/2, 2019



Pentecost Sunday
June 8/9, 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,

Thanks to Dave Ortega for his service to us over the last several months. He moves on to a simpler work schedule and to have more time with his family. Sarah Baumberger will fill in until a new bookkeeper is found.

The Easter season concludes with Pentecost on June 9, after which we return to ordinary time. The word ordinary is not to be understood as a synonym for normal, commonplace, usual, etc. Rather, in its liturgical context, it refers to the successive series of events in Jesus' life.

Know of my prayer for you all as I attend the diocesan priest retreat from the evening of the 2nd to the 6th at Conception Abbey in Missouri. Please pray that it prove fruitful. ~ 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>.

Masses and Adoration

**Father Andrew is at the Priests Retreat
Monday through Thursday evening, June 3 - 6**

First Friday, June 7

9:00am St. Mary †*Albert & Helen Schmidt*

Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9

8:00am Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*

10:00am St. Mary †*Don Murphy*

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Nydia Claussen*

Thursday, June 13

8:00am St. Mary †*Alex Koch*

Saturday, June 15

5:00pm St. Mary †*Ron Odgaard*

Sunday, June 16

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)

— no Mass or Adoration Tuesday, June 4

— no Adoration Tuesday, June 18 (Mass at 5:30pm)

—no Adoration Thursday, June 20

Cross Ministry

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

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meetings: Mondays, June 10 & July 8, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Date to be announced

Knights of Columbus

Meetings: Sundays, June 9 & July 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Upcoming Events

†**Thursday, June 6:** Confirmation Core Team Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, Social Hall

†**Sunday, June 9:** Parish outing to Principal Park for Iowa Cubs game at 1:08pm

†**Weekend of June 15/16:** Food pantry collection for Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter

†**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

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith these little ones who have been baptized:



Levi Vincent

Son of Casey and Staci Klostermann

Averie Jean

Daughter of Burke and Jenna Overturff

Just Married!!



Congratulations to Nicole Bishop and Mason North who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on May 25 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.

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



Fr. Andrew is attending the Priests Retreat, leaving Sunday afternoon June 2, and returning Thursday evening June 6. Deacon Terry is also away. For pastoral needs please contact Fr. Adam Westphal, St. Luke's Parish, 515-964-1278 or emergency cell 515-216-0066.

Holy Cross Work Day



A BIG thank you to those who helped at our work day at Holy Cross! This small group got everything done: Lynn Schreurs, Dave & Char McHone, Mike Winders, Mike Phelan and John Evans. Thank you for your service to the Parish!!

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.

It would be most appreciated if any of our current musicians or cantors could temporarily help us out by managing the sign up genius for music for our weekend Masses. If interested, please contact Fr. Andrew.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!



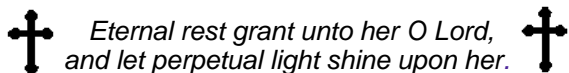
Join us for a SM-HC community-building outing to the I-Cubs on Sunday, June 9. Game time is 1:08pm. Our free tickets are about gone—only a few left! Free tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are planning to join us, please email Di Schleisman at princessdiowa@aol.com. If we run out of the donated tickets, anyone else wishing to attend may purchase tickets the day of the game at the box office. Hope to see you there!

Food Pantry Collection

June 15/16 for Catholic Charities Family Emergency Shelter. They are in need of diapers and baby supplies. We will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nydia Claussen who passed away May 11 and for Albert and their family as they mourn her passing.



*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

Religious Education PreK-6

PreK-6th Grade Coordinators

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Religious Ed 2019-2020 Registration is now open.

Packets with information are available in the vestibule. If you have any questions please email one of us.

VBS- A Saint Adventure - Registration is now open and forms are also available in the vestibule. VBS dates/times are June 17-20, 5:30-8:00pm. Supper is included. *This is a great opportunity for teens and adults to volunteer!* Please contact us with questions or to volunteer.

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

If anyone is looking for more information on volunteering for our Confirmation Program, please attend our Confirmation Core Team meeting on Thursday, June 6, 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

Thank You

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, sympathy cards and for the beautiful plant for my father, Howard Staber.

~ Susan Stillmunkes and the Howard Staber Family



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.

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.*

Collections For



S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry needs your gently used items! We are collecting now through July 7 for our NCYC Garage Sale being held July 19 & 20. Please bring your donations to the Youth Area in the Ed Center. Proceeds to help students fund NCYC in November.

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/	\$9,167	\$5,311	May 18/19
Youth/Guests	\$1,934	\$5,311	May 25/26
<u>Year-to-Date</u>			
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$279,610	\$244,506	\$242,973
Food Pantry Collection: \$848			
Cemetery Collection: \$4190			

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$29,090	\$21,830	\$26,967

Thank you to those who have made a pledge. If you haven't please consider doing so, each family's assistance is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be gratefully received and truly appreciated. Please fill out the pledge card you received from Bishop Pates, and mail it to the parish office or place it in the offertory basket at Mass.

Catholic Communications Campaign

Help spread the Good News everywhere by returning the attached donation envelope next week. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers for June 8 & 9

Announcer	Lisa Schoening
Lector	Cory Schoening
Cup Bearers	Diane Cronk, Delila Roberts
Host Distributor	John Zidon
Altar Servers	Daniel Schoening, Kaden Gilligan, Jessica Schoening
Ushers	Brody, Angie & Drew Gilligan, Bill Schmitt

Announcer	Kathy Daup
Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Cup Bearer	Jon Hand
Altar Server	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Shirley & Bill Jorgensen

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Garrett McClain
Cup Bearers	Jacki & Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Mike Nehring
Altar Servers	Lauren Feldmann, Sawyer Smeltzer Caleb Coffelt
Ushers	Andrew Cory, Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Tammi & Jackson McClain

Liturgical Ministers for June 15 & 16

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Tim Kautza
Cup Bearers	Tony Kuehn
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Isabella Kuehn, Jack Selby Tommy Selby
Ushers	Dawn & Mason Reynolds, Mike & Joe Devereux

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Doug Heger
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Jill Beukema
Ushers	Mike Veasman, Sandra Hunter

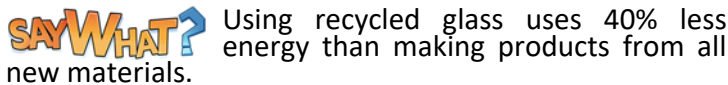
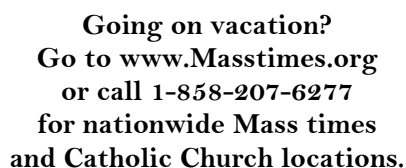
Announcer	Kris Sturtz
Lector	Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers	Julia Fisher, Matt Miller
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Veronica, Peyton & Felicity Loraditch
Ushers	Doug Zehr, Merle Olberding, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum

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Money Counters

June 16: Sharon Morris, Lisa Kautza

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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.* Kids and families are invited to meet at St. Mary at 8:40am to walk in the 9:00am parade.

— **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.

Thank you and see you at the Elkhart City Festival!

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.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Ascension of the Lord, June 2

Theme: We are sent, and Christ is with us.

Reading 1: Acts 1: 1-11 • Why are you standing there looking up at the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-13 • God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53 • Jesus blesses the disciples and is taken up to heaven.

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be brave when we need to be. When do you need to be brave?

Question for Youth: Even after Jesus ascended into heaven, he worked through the disciples to spread the Gospel. We are Jesus' disciples today. How can you open yourself up more to let Jesus work through you to spread the Gospel?

Question for Adults: How do you experience the divine power of Christ-among-us in your daily life?

Pentecost Sunday, June 9

Theme: God's breath – the Holy Spirit – gives us true life and peace.

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-11 • All were filled with the Spirit!

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 • We are one Body in Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23 • Receive the Holy Spirit.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we need to forgive to have peace. Name one way that you can forgive a friend or classmate.

Question for Youth: We all have unique gifts for the good of others. What is special about you? How can you use those gifts to help others – friends, family, strangers?

Question for Adults: Even as working disciples of Christ, we are given the gift of peace. How do you experience this gift, and how do you share it with others?