

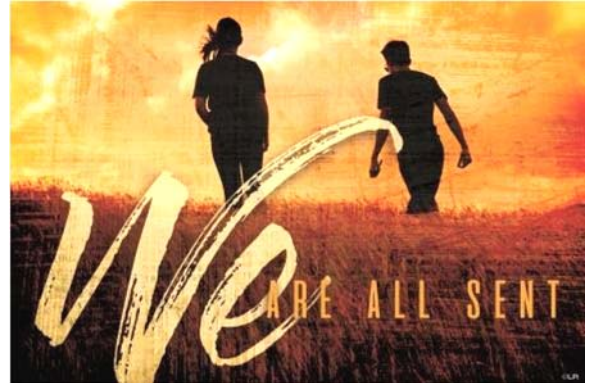


St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 29/30, 2019



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 6/7, 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,

While reviewing our parish calendar for July, I realized how lightly populated it is with activities compared to other months. One might consider us an inactive parish, but I think that would be unfair for a couple reasons. The first is that it is only one month out of twelve! The second and most important is that most of us do not get enough spiritual rest. And if our spirits are connected to our bodies, that means we need to get physical rest too. Jesus himself said to the apostles, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). He not only beckons but also commands us to rest! So, I encourage you to think of summer vacation as more than just the physical endeavor that we accomplish now and not at other times of the year. Obviously the most important thing we do as Catholics, which is to celebrate Mass, is still on the calendar. Even though it seems arduous at times to get up and go, Mass facilitates that spiritual rest that we so desperately need with God.

Thanks, and welcome to the staff to Sue Schmidt, who has offered to step into the position of music coordinator. She is a parishioner and you have experienced her as a cantor along with Mark and Leah, her husband and daughter. Music is meant to lend to the greatest prayer that we pray, the Mass. She seems excited to serve God and the rest of us in that regard.

In Scripture (Matthew 18:15-17) Jesus lays out a protocol for resolving conflict. Please submit both positive and constructively critical input and suggestions for the parish to the responsible parties in a fashion that, despite dispute, is Christian-like, including charitable in nature. In the recent past, for example, a letter was sent to one of the committees, which offended at least one of the members. Another involves anonymously sending notes to the home addresses of parishioners who were not involved with the matter. Such behavior is not to be tolerated. While we are certainly allowed to have different opinions and even disagreements, there are better ways to bring those differences to light and work on them together. Know that if you so desire to discuss anything, my door remains open. ~Fr. Andrew

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Mass Schedule	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
<i>See inside for change for Thursday July 4th</i>	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

Tuesday, July 2

6:00pm St. Mary †Leo & Bertha Flannery
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, July 3

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ashley, Will & Mikey Carpenter

Thursday, July 4

9:00am St. Mary †Ron Hamm

First Friday, July 5

9:00am St. Mary †Violet Peterson

Saturday, July 6

5:00pm St. Mary †LeRoy Peterson

Sunday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 9

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

Wednesday, July 10

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, July 11

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

Saturday, July 13

5:00pm St. Mary †Gerald Adams

Sunday, July 14

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish
10:00am St. Mary †Chuck Nehring

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 7:00pm, Ed Center

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

The Parish Office will be closed July 1st through July 5th.

Upcoming Events

†**Now through July 7:** Collection of gently used items for Youth's garage sale; please bring items to Ed Center

†**Sunday, June 30:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass

†**Weekend of July 6/7:** Wine and cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass

†**Garage Sale by S.T.O.R.M.:** Early Bird sales, Thursday, July 18, 5:00-8:00pm, Sale: Friday, July 19, 9:00am-7:00pm, Saturday, July 20, 8:00am-3:00pm and after 5:00pm Mass until 6:30pm and Sunday, July 21, after 10:00am Mass until Noon, Ed Center

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.



STORM youth will be holding their annual garage sale. All proceeds go to the youth that are attending NCYC this November. By parishioner request, we will be holding an early bird night on Thursday, July 18, 5:00-8:00pm; cost for entry will be \$5. The sale is Friday, July 19, 9:00am to 7:00pm, Saturday, July 20, 8:00am to 3:00pm and again after 5:00pm Mass until 6:30pm and on Sunday, July 21 after 10:00am Mass until Noon. As always we greatly appreciate your support and your donated garage sale items! Gently used items for the sale can be dropped off in the Ed Center now through July 7.

Thank You!

We at InnerVisions extend a huge thank you for your participation in our Baby Bottle Campaign, which raised \$1,893! This will go a long way in helping the women and babies who are served by our compassionate medical staff on a daily basis. If you have any additional bottles, please deliver them directly to InnerVisions HealthCare in West Des Moines. God bless you for your generosity!

Help with Avenue of Flags



Could you assist with raising the flags on Wednesday, July 3 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Sunday, July 7 at 4:00pm? Each session lasts about an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147 / lschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer or for more information.

Cards for Home-Bound and in Care Facilities

If you know someone who might like to receive cards from parishioners, please ask them if we may put their address in the bulletin so cards can be sent. Please contact the Parish Office with their address.



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.*

A SUMMER BLESSING



Walk along beside me, Jesus, these months of summer.

As I work, play, enjoy family time and friendships,

may I hear your voice within me,

guiding me toward all that is right and good.

Give me faith in Your presence,

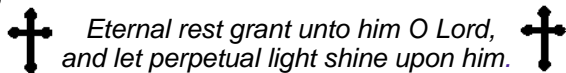
knowing that You walk beside me in everything I do.

Thank you for the gift of summer.

*May the warmth of its sun and the beauty of its light
remind me daily of Your love for me. Amen.*

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Scott Strong, father of Beth Hart, who passed away June 13th. May he find rest in God's presence, and his family find peace and strength at this most difficult time.



Religious Education Preschool - 6th

Coordinators

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Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a success! We could not have run this fun and spiritual program without these amazing volunteers. Also, thank you to all those who were able to attend. It filled our hearts with joy meeting and serving the awesome children from our parish.

Registration is still open for Religious Education in the fall! Please register as soon as possible to be sure you get your preferred session!

Catechists: Thank you to everyone who has contacted us about helping as a catechist next year. We will have two meetings the last two Wednesdays in August to discuss the upcoming year and answer any questions you might have. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

If you are interested in helping and haven't already contacted us, please do so as soon as possible. You do not have to have a child in the program in order to help! We need a wide range of helpers, from people willing to hold a baby to 6th grade catechists. Whatever your gift, I'm sure we can use it! Contact one of us if you'd like more information!

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Register now for EDGE and Confirmation sessions.

Forms are in the vestibule and on the website.

Peter's Pence Diocesan Collection

This collection is a way for each of us to support the Holy Father, to help others, and to serve the poor and marginalized around the world. Please join Pope Francis in his great works of mercy. Thank you for your generosity.

Please return the envelope in this bulletin next week.

Auto Debit for Tithing

You are encouraged to use the convenient service of automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing; You designate a dollar amount to be automatically withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis on a pre-determined date. Sign up forms are available in the vestibule. For more information, please contact Sarah Baumberger at sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org.



Going on vacation? Go to www.Masstimes.org or call 1-858-207-6277 for nationwide Mass times and Catholic Church locations.

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/	\$10,026	\$5,311	June 15/16
Youth/Guests	\$ 2,873	\$5,311	June 22/23

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$294,092	\$265,750	\$263,452

Catholic Communications Diocesan Collection: \$90

Missionary Collection: \$1,651

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$32,090	\$29,411	\$19,386

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.

Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your timely payments for this Campaign.

<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>	<u>SMHC Rec'd</u>
\$443,909	\$424,549	\$19,360	\$206,275

Me and My House!

Humans are social by nature and our “villages” are vital to our well being. I have been thinking a lot about this lately and how thankful I am to have it. Recent happenings in my household have forced me to look beyond and see who I can depend on when the going gets tough and it’s made me realize just how important the people around us are. It’s not that I didn’t know how valuable my people were, but I can admit that I have taken some of them for granted a time or two.

The idea of community has changed a lot in recent decades. I can still tell you the names of the families who lived in the neighborhood I grew up in. I haven’t seen or heard from them in over 20 years, but I remember those days and the people vividly.

I remember all the parents on our road taking turns carpooling kids back and forth to school when it was too cold to walk. And when it was warm, we all walked home together. We built snow forts in the winter and in the summer, we swam in the creek. It was literally the end of my world if I was in trouble and couldn’t go outside and play.

Back then, the entire neighborhood kept watch over the kids. If there was an unrecognized person or car around, everyone knew within the hour and many had probably made their way to question the circumstances and it was done all without social media. We knew the rules and we followed them. And if we didn’t, someone would let us know, whether it was our own parents or other parents. Children respected the adults in the neighborhood and the adults knew their boundaries.

I know that many people will say that the difference between now and 30 years ago, when it comes to how we raise our children, is the crime rate and I can’t completely disagree. I hear people say that we didn’t have all the “crazy” in the world back then, but I think it’s always been there. We haven’t always had breaking news delivered directly to the palm of our hands. We were blissfully ignorant, and it was magnificent. I miss the days where I didn’t constantly question everything because of what I read or saw online. I trusted myself and others around me a lot more. With the rise of technology, we have seen a downfall of face to face human interaction. This is undeniable.

Community is so very important. The neighborhood I described above is like the one that many of us grew up in. They were our “village”. How close are you with the people who live around you? Developing a relationship with them can make all the difference in the world when you face a hardship, in how your children are brought up and when you celebrate victories. It surprises me to think about how many people I see daily without even knowing their names. Even though it’s very hard for me to admit, I’ve let the world scare me into believing to keep my family safe I should hold them at arms length and to question before assuming the good in anything or anyone. I think there are many people who feel the same as me, though they would rather not admit it.

I keep looking out at the streets around me wishing that my children could experience the same sense of community I had when I was younger. And some days it feels very similar. But it isn’t. Because the sense of safety I felt and that my parents felt doesn’t exist anymore. I have made it my goal this summer to get to know as many people around me as I can. The first step in creating a sense of security for my family is to create a large and loving village and we will begin at home, in my own neighborhood.

Wishing you and your family a happy and safe Independence Day,
from Me & My House!

Email joshua2415smhc@gmail.com with any
thoughts, ideas, and opinions you have.



July 6 & 7 Liturgical Ministers

Volunteers needed; please sign up in the vestibule.

Saturday, July 6, 5:00pm, St. Mary

**Needed: Announcer, Lector, Cup Bearer, Host Distributor,
3 Altar Servers, 3 Ushers**

Cup Bearer Joe Rumbaugh
Usher Joe Rumbaugh

Sunday, July 7, 8:00am, Holy Cross

No volunteers at this time

Sunday, July 7, 10:00am, St. Mary

No volunteers at this time.

July 13/14 Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 13, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer Cory Schoening
Lector Olivia Jones
Cup Bearers Lisa Jones, Lisa Schoening
Host Distributor Cory Schoening
Altar Servers Isabella Kuehn, Jessica Schoening,
Daniel Schoening
Ushers Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones,
Mark Birchmier

Sunday, July 14, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer Lynn Schreurs
Lector Stacey Rooney
Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema
Altar Server Kaden Gilligan
Ushers Brody Gilligan Family

Sunday, July 14, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer Garrett McClain
Lector Matt Miller
Cup Bearers Tim Loraditch, Kelly Hoffmeier
Host Distributor Marion Panyan
Altar Servers Sawyer Smeltzer, Caleb Coffelt,
Peyton Loraditch
Ushers Jacki & Tom Ausman, Andrew Cory,
Merle Olberding, Doug Zehr

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Money Counters

June 30: Sue White, Kathy Daup

July 7: Carol Weber, Sharon Morris

July 14: Lisa Kautza, Dona Cowman

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Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Join us for this Mass! On August 4 during the 8:30am Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Bishop Pates will be honoring those couples in our diocese who have celebrated a milestone anniversary in the last year, with a reception to follow. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5 year increments and 50+ years). Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families. This Mass is open to all families who would like to honor and celebrate marriage!

To register call Cathy Gearhart at 515-237-5004 or email her at cgearhart@dmdioocese.org. St. Ambrose Cathedral is located at 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.



The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail.

The Third Option

It can be a challenge to keep a marriage strong when you're juggling a demanding job, kids' activities and more. You're not alone. Both couples that are hurting and couples that want to make a good thing better, get together the first and third Monday each month at Mercy College in Des Moines to talk about a different skill that will help their marriages thrive. Questions? Contact Adam Storey, astorey@dmdioocese.org.

Summer Mission Trip

If you know a teenager looking for a unique way to spend a week this summer, invite them to consider Prayer & Action right here in our diocese. This is a week of faith and service to those most in need in our communities. Interested in learning more? Contact Justin White, 515-237-5098 or jwhite@dmdioocese.org.

Ignatian Retreat Day

Father Dan Krettek's brother, Jesuit Father Tom Krettek, will lead a retreat at St. Mary of Nazareth Church on Saturday, July 20. Make plans now to attend. For more information and to register, visit theemmaushouse.org and click on Upcoming Events.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 29/30

Theme: We are all invited to "come follow."

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 • You shall anoint Elisha.

Reading II: Galatians 5:1, 13-18 • My brothers and sisters, you are called to freedom.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 • I will follow you wherever you will go.

Question for Children: Name a time this past week when you followed Jesus by doing the right thing you were asked to do, the first time, without an excuse.

Question for Youth: The people in the story had lots of reasons why they couldn't follow Jesus. What makes it hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why do you make the choice to follow Jesus even though it is hard?

Question for Adults: Sometimes we have many excuses for why we cannot follow Jesus. Name a time last week that you followed Jesus even though you had many excuses.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 6/7

Theme: We are called to evangelize.

Reading I: Isaiah 66:10-14c • The Lord's power shall be known.

Reading II: Galatians 6:14-18 • I boast of nothing but the cross!

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 • I am sending you as lambs.

Question for Children: How do you let others know about your faith?

Question for Youth: How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?

Question for Adults: To what part of the harvest are you being sent? What are you being called to do for the Reign of God?