



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Pentecost
June 4, 2017



The Most Holy Trinity
June 11, 2017

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:

May 27th was a day that held a special meaning for many folks from our parish and to many folks who were visiting our parish. The focus of the day was the Brooks - Rooney wedding with Michael Brooks from Boston marrying Trisha Rooney, a homegrown girl. Many of Michael's family and friends from Boston attended and participated in the wedding. The wedding was a blessed thing to participate in, to be sure, but the interesting thing to watch was the dynamics when the culture of Boston interacted with the culture of Iowa, and vice versa. Some people have a preconceived notion about the nature of folks from the East Coast, and Boston in particular, but that was dispelled.

There was politeness, welcomeness, and respect to and from both cultures, with the people from Boston being a very "lively" bunch of folks. More than a fair share of smiles and laughter were enjoyed by all.

Mother Nature pulled a cruel trick in the morning before the wedding. There was a huge tent set up for the reception on the Rooney farm, with tables, glassware and china place settings -- until the storm hit, literally collapsing it all. The Iowa farmer can-do mentality kicked in. Someone said, "Let's get this set back up," which they set about doing and did. Locals and Bostonians pitched in to clean up and set up once again. The place was ready in time for the start of the reception. It is my sense that the Bostonians were a bit surprised by the attitude and efforts of the local folks, along with the help of many of the Bostonians.

My point is this: in spite of the huge differences in culture, everyone loved and respected each other and pulled together to make it a beautiful wedding package. As someone joked, this is quite the place for a destination wedding! Wouldn't it be wonderful if the whole world worked that way?! Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule

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

Masses

Wednesday, June 7 5:30pm Holy Cross	Communion Service
Thursday, June 8 8:00am St. Mary	Communion Service
Saturday, June 10 5:00pm St. Mary	† <i>Albert & Helen Schmidt</i>
Sunday, June 11 8:00am Holy Cross 10:00am St. Mary	<i>For the Parish</i> † <i>Amby Steinkamp</i>
Wednesday, June 14 5:30pm Holy Cross	† <i>Jim Shaw</i>
Thursday, June 15 8:00am St. Mary	† <i>John & Ann Breen</i>
Saturday, June 17 5:00pm St. Mary	† <i>Brad West</i>
Sunday, June 18 8:00am Holy Cross 10:00am St. Mary	† <i>Stephen Carpenter</i> <i>For the Parish</i>

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit



Celebrate with us in welcoming into the Faith this little one who has been baptized:

Charles Jake-Poru

Son of Kevin and Christine Muehlenthaler

Just Married!!

Congratulations to Trisha Rooney and Michael Books who were united in Marriage last Saturday 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!



Come to Our Mexican Fiesta!

Saturday, June 10 after 5:00pm Mass. We have Trivia Fun, Bingo, Piñatas, Cake Walk, music and a bonfire, weather permitting! Wear any type of Mexican/Fiesta costume if you'd like! We are also having a Salsa Recipe Contest! To enter, please bring 2 quarts of your favorite salsa for the judges and the remainder will be available for parishioners to enjoy! Chips will be provided. First, second, third place prizes will be awarded. Have fun competing!

All food and drinks are being provided; you are welcome to bring other beverages. Come join the fun! Ole'!

— **BINGO Prizes Wanted!** Do you have any new or like new items that would make fun prizes? If so, please bring them anytime before the picnic and place them in the prize box by the cry room or the box at Holy Cross. Thank you!



Before you travel...go to www.Masstimes.org or call 1-858-207-6277 for nationwide Mass times and Catholic Church locations.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, June 14 & 21, 7:00pm, Conference Room
Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, June 17 & 24, 8:00-9:00am, Office
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, June 15, 7:00pm, St. Mary
Pastoral Council
Next meeting to be announced.
Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, June 20, 7:00pm, Conference Room
Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 6:00pm, Office Area
Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, June 11, 7:00pm, Social Hall
Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1
Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

Coming Events

- †**Now thru June 11:** Can Drive sponsored by NCYC participants, thru June 11, St. Mary parking lot
- †**Saturday, June 10: Parish Picnic** after 5:00pm Mass
- †**Tuesday, June 13:** *Let's Chat*, 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, June 15:** Crafts, games & social time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of June 17/18:** Food Pantry collection
- †**June 19-22:** Vacation Bible School, 5:30pm Meal, 6:00-8:00pm fun and learning!
- †**June 23:** Garage sale items drop off start date, Ed Center

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

It was so great to have the Brothers In Song sing for us on Mother's Day! I'd love to get a women and kid's group together to sing for Father's Day. Anybody willing?!? Please email me. I look forward to hearing from you! We'll set a practice time soon!

NCYC Can & Plastic Bottle Drive

Please assist the NCYC teens with their expenses by bringing your bagged or boxed cans and plastic bottles. **No glass please!** A trailer is in St. Mary's parking lot now through June 11. Thanks for your continued support!

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. *Fr. Dan is on retreat June 5 - 9.*

Parade at Elkhart City Festival

Are you interested in helping with the St. Mary - Holy Cross float in the parade on Saturday, June 24 at 10:00am? If so please contact Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org/515-313-3014. We will need people to help decorate, ride/walk in the parade, pass out flyers and throw candy. ALL ages are welcome!! Children under the age of 10 will need to be accompanied by an adult volunteer during the parade.

Religious Education

PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

Tammi McClain, tmccclair@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-3904
 Sonya Staudt, ssaudt@saintmaryhc.org, 515-710-4583
 Stacie Hergenreter, lopin2win@live.com, 515-491-3876

Please prayerfully consider being a catechist next year. We have several grades available for both time slots. You will work with another catechist and training will be provided. Contact Stacie or Tammi if interested.

Thank you to all the volunteers that have graciously signed up to help at VBS! It is not too late! We would love your help and support! **VBS is June 19-22, meal begins at 5:30pm and the fun learning begins at 6:00pm!**

Registration forms are available in the vestibule and on our website. We will be supporting the Elkhart Food Pantry, *The Blessing Box*. Students will visit the pantry and see where donations are stored and how they are handed out.

We are collecting the following items during the week to show our support: *Monday*: boxed dinners-hamburger helper, tuna helper, soup, Mac & Cheese, etc. / *Tuesday*: canned meat-chicken, ravioli, tuna, etc. / *Wednesday*: breakfast items-cereal, granola bars, pop tarts, pancake mix, etc. / *Thursday*: Frozen meals-waffles, pancakes, pizza, individual meals, etc.

Please look over volunteer opportunities below and let us know which one fits your talents. You will be contacted after registration is complete with more details.

Supper prep	Pre-VBS prep	Crew leader	Theater
Supper server	Music	Storyteller	Snacks
Supper clean up	Games	Imagination Station	

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

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

Summer STORM gatherings! Sundays, June 4 & 25, 7:00-9:00pm. Come join us for fun around the campfire or in the Youth Room. Text Melissa so we know you'll be joining us! Bring a friend or two!

Important Dates for NCYC Attendees

—Spread the word about our can drive through June 11! Then we will sort and haul the cans away. This can drive will help pay the expenses for our NCYC pilgrimage. You can always go pick up the bags of cans/plastic bottles from family and friends. NO GLASS PLEASE!

—**Sunday, June 25:** We will meet at 7:00am at St. Mary and then go clean up after the Elkhart Festival. Please wear appropriate clothes. MANY hands will make light work. We should be finished up by around 9:00 or 10:00am.

*If you missed the deadline and would like to attend NCYC, please contact Melissa Kahler (515-290-2830) for more details. We still have spots available!

Cemetery Avenue of Flags



We are taking orders for flags now through June 18 for display on July 4th. Cost and installation is still \$150. An identification tag on each pole will designate the "Honoree" and the "Donor". Flags may be purchased for those living or deceased, whether buried at Holy Cross or not. Order forms are in the vestibule and on the Parish website, and must be returned by June 18! If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 28 Week 48

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$5,872	\$5,469	
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$243,097	\$262,523	\$264,538
Cemetery Collection:	\$5,483.76		

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to those who have so generously given to this Appeal. If you have not pledged, you are encouraged to do so. Pledge cards are in the pew and can be returned in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 56,442	\$ 46,856.64	\$ 40,675.01	\$ 15,766.99

Let's Chat!

What's on your mind? Bring it for discussion Tuesday, June 13, 7:00pm in the Social Hall. The topics open for discussion are endless. Have a question about anything Catholic, liturgical, or something affecting our world today? Join us and see where the discussion goes!! As for past meetings, free popcorn for the first 300 folks through the door!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 10, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Lorrie Lengel
Cup Bearers	Patty & Mike Devereux
Host Distributor	Diane Cronk
Altar Servers	Joseph, Emily, Abby Devereux
Ushers	Mark Lengel, Mark Birchmier, Jim Hudson, Drew Hanlon

Sunday, June 11, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer	Sheri Fogarty
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Isabella Kuehn
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, June 11, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Kris Sturtz
Cup Bearers	Matt Miller, Mike Nehring
Host Distributor	Marion Panyan
Altar Server	Griffen Muth, Cale Tollefson
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory

Saturday, June 17, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Di Schleisman
Lector	Peter Relyea
Cup Bearers	Lisa Jones, JoAnn Meusbarger
Host Distributor	Jerry Barnwell
Altar Servers	Lauren De Costa, Justin Anderson Riley Anderson
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Bill Schmitt

Sunday, June 18, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Valerie Beukema
Ushers	Sandra Hunter, Tracy Irwin

Sunday, June 18, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Announcer	Lisa Gonnerman
Lector	Lori McQuiston
Cup Bearers	Garrett McClain, Jacki Ausman
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Altar Server	Bridget Johnson, Cale Tollefson
Ushers	Andrew Ausman, Dave Pottebaum, Jackson & Tammi McClain Thom Hamm

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Money Counters


June 4: Kathy Daup, Lisa Kautza

June 11: Dona Cowman, Sue White

June 18: Brenda Nehring, Carol Weber

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Thursday, June 15!

 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)!

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00pm at St. Mary, and experience a quiet hour with the Lord.



SAYWHAT? The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.

Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! Most of them are thrown away! Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

Lend Our Trees a Hand!

Can you devote one hour this summer to provide life-giving water to our 18 young, growing trees? Some labor is required. For more information or to volunteer, contact Tim Kautza, 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net. These gifts of God's hand now need our hands to help them grow!

Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, contact the Parish Office so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact Barb at bliske@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685. *If the request is not for you, please ask their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass on June 17/18; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation assist St. Joseph Emergency Family Shelter.

Scholarship Available for A Graduating Senior!

Graduates, are you pursuing higher education? To apply for this scholarship contact Tammi McClain, tmccclain@saintmaryhc.org. **Application deadline is June 30; scholarships will be granted in early July.**

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Pentecost, June 4

Theme: We have been given the breath of God - the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Reading I: Acts 2: 1-11 • All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 • There are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

Gospel: John 20:19-23 • As the Father sent me, so I send you.

Question for Children: When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

Question for Youth: How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?

Question for Adults: When did the power of the Spirit give you the right words or the insight into a dilemma?

Most Holy Trinity, June 10

Theme: The mystery of the Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Reading I: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 • A merciful, gracious God.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Mend your ways.

Gospel: John 3:16-18 • God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

Question for Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Question for Youth: How would you describe your relationship with God the Father, Jesus and with the Spirit?

Question for Adults: If you were to encourage fellow parishioners to live as a "community of love," which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live?