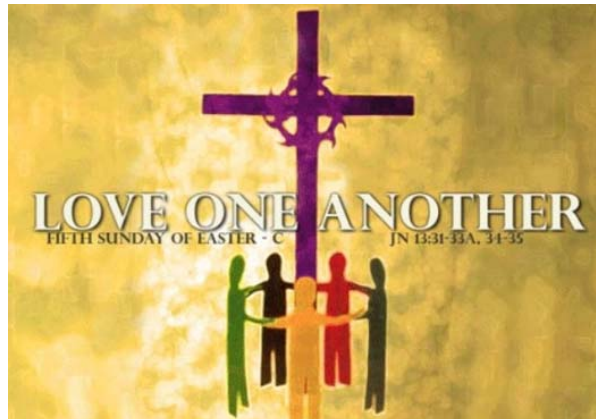




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18 /19, 2019



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25/26, 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,

I can joyfully report the good news of the new sacraments conferred upon the young folks of our parish lately. Some of the sacraments such as Holy Eucharist, are intended to be ongoing on a regular basis. The other major sacrament received was Confirmation for the young people in high school. This is a one-time-only sacrament because once you are sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are always sealed!

The anticipatory joy of those to receive their First Holy Communion was fantastic! As I talked to them at the back of church while they were lining up, the excitement and joy was contagious. They were pumped to receive the Body of Christ. No more coming forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing; they were preparing and prepared, for the Real Deal! They looked so beautiful in their shirts and ties and white dresses as most of them were attired. A thought; do we still have that same excitement and anticipation as we proceed forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament?

And the confirmandi. They, being sophomores in high school, were Cool, just plain cool. They had to look good to their peers and to the Bishop and they did a great job of doing that. Their verbal responses to the Bishop, "amen", "and with your Spirit" were overall well done and audible to most.

The most important message in the Bishop's homily was this: "This is Confirmation, not graduation." That is so important because so many young folks, once they receive Confirmation, think and act as if they have completed their final requirement in the Catholic faith. It ain't so, Joe! Confirmation is just one step in what should be a lifelong practice and participation in their faith.

Congratulations all! I'm proud of each of you!

Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
Schedule	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

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

5:30pm Holy Cross †Evan Freeman

Thursday, May 23

8:00am St. Mary †John and Ann Breen

Saturday, May 25

5:00pm St. Mary †For the Parish

Sunday, May 26

8:00am Holy Cross †Gary and Donna Smith
10:00am St. Mary †Ron Hamm

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

10:00am Holy Cross †LaMont Schreurs

Tuesday, May 28

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

Wednesday, May 29

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim and Margaret Shaw

Thursday, May 30

8:00am St. Mary †Rick McQuiston

Saturday, June 1

5:00pm St. Mary †Cecilia and Mike Morton

Sunday, June 2

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis
10:00am St. Mary †For the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Thursday, June 20, 7:00pm, St. Mary Church

Cross Ministry

Meetings: Tuesdays, May 28 & June 25, 6:30pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meetings: Tuesdays, May 21 & June 18, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, June 10, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Monday, May 30, 6:30-8:00pm, Cry Room

Knights of Columbus

Meetings: Sundays, May 19 & June 9, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Parish Office is closed Memorial Day, May 27.

Upcoming Events

†**Sunday, May 26:** Outdoor pancake breakfast after 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

†**Thursday, May 30:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall
— Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, Cry Room

†**Weekend of June 1/2:** Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass

†**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

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

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

Contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, for pastoral needs or if a family member in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, wish a visit.

Final Drop Off Day For Refugee Resettlement Program Needs

May 19 is last day to drop off your donations before pickup and delivery the next day. Thank you! The following is urgently needed:

- Twin, Full, Queen bedding: sheet sets, blankets, comforters
- New Pillows • Laundry Detergent • Dish-washing Liquid
- Toilet Paper • Paper Towels • All Purpose Cleaner

Parish Music Coordinator Position Open

Many thanks to Celeste Muehlenthaler, who has served the parish for many years (around thirty!) in our music ministry. As you may know, it is not so common anymore for someone to be in one place for that length of time; her dedication is to be lauded. She will soon step down as music coordinator to focus more on caring for her family. May God bless her in the endeavor. As a result of her moving on, this position will be vacant. It 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.

Help with Avenue of Flags for Memorial Day!

Could you assist with installing the flags on Saturday, May 25 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Monday the 27th at 5:00pm? Each session lasts about an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147/ljschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer or for more information.

Outdoor Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for pancakes outside after the 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, May 26, prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus.

Memorial Day Mass



Join us for this Mass Monday, May 27, 10:00am at Holy Cross Church. The Maxwell Legion Honor Guard Service will be present after Mass.

Give Blood, Give Life!

Help save lives by donating at our blood drive on Thursday, May 30, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors! We have appointment times available for many more donors! A sign up sheet is in the vestibule of St. Mary or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, kautza@netins.net / 515-964-7687, to make an appointment.

Please also contact Tim and Lisa if you are able to assist with any of the following: helping to unload the van and set up (about 2:00pm) and/or helping to return the supplies to the van (about 7:45pm). Light lifting. Volunteers are also needed to assist during the drive.

Religious Education PreK-6

Welcome to Geneveve Loraditch and Tracy Miller, who are parishioners and have come aboard as staff to coordinate the pre-kindergarten through sixth grade Religious Education Program. They have experience of educating groups of children (not just their own families!) already and are eager to not just educate but form them in the faith. Stay tuned to hear from them about a wonderful new opportunity that they plan offer. - Fr. Andrew

We are very excited to have this opportunity to serve the children and families of St. Mary – Holy Cross. We will be at all of the Masses the weekend of June 1 & 2 to introduce ourselves and answer any questions you might have about the upcoming year. We look forward to meeting you!

~ Geneveve (gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150)

~ Tracy (tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981)

Save the Date For Vacation Bible School!

VBS is right around the corner! Please mark you calendars and plan to join us June 17-21, with a meal at 5:30pm and ending at 8:00pm. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Geneveve or Tracy.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Confirmation Liturgy special. Congratulations to all of our Confirmandi!

Collections for

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry needs your gently used items! Collections begin May 28 and end July 7 for our NCYC Garage Sale being held July 19 & 20. Proceeds to help students fund NCYC in November.

Celebrate with Doug and Kim Heger!

Saturday, June 1, 1:00-4:00pm at the Adventureland Inn in the Iowa Ballroom, celebrating their 40th anniversary.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

We are having a SM-HC community-building outing to the I-Cubs game on Sunday, June 9. Game time is 1:08pm. We have 30 tickets that have been donated, so the first 30 people get to go 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!

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.

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

Week ending May 12 Budget Week 45

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$4,519	\$5,311	
<u>Year-to-Date</u>			
	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$268,509	\$233,884	\$228,896

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. Simply fill out the pledge card you received from Bishop Pates and mail it or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you!

Unwanted Glass Bud Vases?

If you have an excess of these vases, we would love to take them off your hands. Please leave them in the kitchen in the Social Hall. Thank you!!

Liturgical Ministers are by sign up for May 25/26 and Memorial Day.

Please volunteer at church or call the Parish Office
by Wednesday, May 22 to volunteer. Thank you!

Saturday, May 25, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Needed: Announcer, Lector, 3 Altar Servers, 4 Ushers

Cup Bearers JoAnn Meusburger, Delila Roberts
Host Distributor Deacon Terry

Sunday, May 26, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Needed: Announcer, Lector, Altar Server, 2 Ushers

Cup Bearer Deacon Terry

Sunday, May 26, 10:00am, St. Mary

Needed: Announcer, Lector, 2 Cup Bearers, 3 Servers, 5 Ushers

Host Distributor Deacon Terry

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 10:00am, Holy Cross

Needed: Announcer, Lector, Altar Server, 2 Ushers

Cup Bearer Deacon Terry

Liturgical Ministers for June 1 & 2

Saturday, June 1, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer Jack McDermott
Lector Arlene Anderson
Cup Bearers Patty & Mike Devereux
Host Distributor Lisa Jones
Altar Servers Alexis Hergenreter, Emily Devereux,
Abby Devereux
Ushers Doug, Patrick, Thomas Jones,
Joe Rumbaugh

Sunday, June 2, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer Anne Davis
Lector Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema
Altar Server Natalie Shedd
Ushers Chris & Lynn Schreurs

Sunday, June 2, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer Kris Sturtz
Lector Matt Miller
Cup Bearers Tim Loraditch, Carol Weber
Host Distributor Marion Panyan
Altar Servers Peyton, Felicity & Veronica Loraditch
Ushers Merle Olberding, Dave Pottebaum,
Jerry McClain, Gregg Richwine,
Dennis Schmitt

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Money Counters

May 19: Sue White, Carol Weber

May 26: Sharon Morris, Dawn Reynolds

June 2: Lisa Kautza, Sharon Morris

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Prayer Shawls

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.



It takes between 400 and 500 years for a Styrofoam cup to decompose. It takes an orange peel six months to decompose.

Thoughts From Me and My House

Spring has finally sprung! We've had a few days of actual May weather and it feels better than I ever thought it would. Have you ever watched something grow in the spring? I am always amazed each year at how quickly the trees and flowers grow. Nature is truly amazing and resilient.

When is the last time you thought about self care? We had a long Winter and Spring is a wonderful time to commit or recommit to something. Go outside and take a deep breath and think about things that bring you joy. Maybe it's something creative like drawing, painting, or journaling. Get outside and go walking, hiking, biking or kayaking. Try something new or bring something old back. Whatever you decide, make sure that it's something that makes you smile. Happy Spring!

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



Ordination Anniversary

Please join us as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of **Father Eugene Koch** on Sunday, June 2, 3:00 – 6:00pm. at Sacred Heart Church. There will be a Prayer Service followed by open house in their Parish Center.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 19

Theme: Jesus commands us to love one another!

Reading I: Acts 14:21-27 • They assembled the church and gave an account of all that.

Reading II: Revelation 21:1-5a • God will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35 • Love one another!

Question for Children: How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?

Question for Youth: The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?

Question for Adults: Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 26

Theme: The Holy Spirit instructs us in everything we do.

Reading I: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 • The Spirit does not burden you.

Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 • The glory of God is with you.

Gospel: John 14:23-29 • The Spirit will instruct you in everything.

Question for Children: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

Question for Youth: Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

Question for Adults: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org