



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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,

Last week, the first reading was from Acts 6:1-7, and it spoke of the very first seven men chosen to be ordained deacons. The need for deacons was fairly obvious. The widows and children of the Hellenists were being overlooked as far as their needs for human survival not being met. The disciples' main mission was to continue the spread of the Word of God so they said to select seven reputable man, filled with the spirit and wisdom, to be ordained as deacons so the disciples could continue on with their mission of spreading the Word.

"Deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos" which means "servant." The primary job of the deacon is to make sure that the needs of people are being met since that was the original intent of the establishment of the order of deacons. The deacons were slowly phased out in the early church but revived at the Second Vatican Council.

The duties of the deacon include proclaiming the gospel, preparing the altar before the consecration, assisting the priest in a very limited way at the altar, assisting with the distribution of Communion, offering a sign of peace at the appropriate time, and dismissal at the end of Mass. The deacon, with the blessing of the priest, is allowed to preach on occasion. He also can perform baptisms, marriages, and be the celebrant at a vigil service or for the full funeral service. I like to say that we can hatch, match, and dispatch!

I was ordained in August of 2010 as a married man. If my wife were to precede me in death, I could not remarry due to the vow of chastity that we make to the Bishop at our ordination. Today, there is a group of candidates, 17 strong, going through formation to be ordained in 2018. Pray for them to be open to do the will of God.

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, May 24

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mikey Carpenter

Thursday, May 25

8:00am St. Mary †Leo & Rosemary Overmohle

Saturday, May 27

5:00pm St. Mary †Mike Morton

Sunday, May 28

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †Gus Schwaderer

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29

10:00am Holy Cross †La Mont Schreurs

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!



Hey Graduating Seniors!

Our parish is pleased to announce a scholarship to be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education! Money used to fund the scholarship was donated by the RE bake sale and the Women's Altar and Rosary Society. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact Tammi McClain, tmccclain@saintmaryhc.org.

If you are interested in donating money for future scholarship opportunities, please contact Tammi as well.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

You are invited to volunteer for ministries needed for Masses next weekend and for Memorial Day. A sign up is in the vestibule at St. Mary and in the entryway at Holy Cross, or contact the Parish Office by Wednesday to volunteer. Thank you for your time and talents for our liturgies!

Memorial Day Mass



Join us for this Mass Monday, May 29, 10:00am at Holy Cross Church. Come see our Avenue of Flags! The Maxwell Legion Honor Guard Service will be present after Mass.

Memorial Day honors the men and women who died while serving our Country.

It was established after the Civil War as a means to unify the country with a national day of remembrance.

Pancake Breakfast

All are welcome to join us for this breakfast at Holy Cross on Memorial Day. Pancakes and sausage served from 8:00-9:00am. Enjoy each other's company until our Memorial Day Mass at 10:00am. All proceeds to support the cemetery at Holy Cross.

Holy Cross Cemetery

During our Masses next weekend and at our Memorial Day Mass, a second collection will be taken up on behalf of Holy Cross Cemetery. The funds will be used for maintenance of the grounds. Thank you in advance for your support to assure Holy Cross Cemetery remains a beautiful resting place.
~ Cemetery Committee

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, & 28, 7:00pm, Conf. Room

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, May 27, June 3, 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, May 21, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1

Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

Coming Events

†**Sunday, May 28:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass
— Hall in use after 10:00am Mass

†**Memorial Day, Monday, May 29:** Pancake breakfast hosted by the K of C, 8:00 to 9:00am, Holy Cross

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, June 1, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

†**Parish Picnic:** Saturday, June 10 after 5:00pm Mass



Give Blood, Give Life!!

Thursday, June 1, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. We have the capability to see 60 donors; we generally have about 30 donors. If you've been thinking about donating blood, maybe this is the time for you!! Let's save even more lives by filling up our schedule! High school students are also encourage to donate. An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net to make an appointment. Please give your email address as well so a reminder can be sent. Also contact them if you can help the day of the Drive.

Church Picnic: June 10 following 5:00 Mass



It's a Mexican Fiesta!! We'll have a salsa contest (more info to come), bingo, trivia fun, a cake walk, piñatas, table decorating, music, and bonfire (weather permitting). Be sure to RSVP by completing the food preference form in the pews and return it by June 4. All food is being provided. Lemonade, tea, water and coffee provided but you are welcome to bring other beverages. Come join the fun! Ole!

— **Prizes Wanted!** We would like to have prizes for our bingo winners! Do you have any new or like new items that would make fun prizes that you'd like to donate? 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!

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, tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-3904
 Sonya Staudt, [sstaudt@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ssstaudt@saintmaryhc.org), 515-710-4583

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist!

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. *Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.*
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. *Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.*
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. *Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.*
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. *You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)*
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. *It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."*

VBS is June 19-22, meal begins at 5:30pm and the fun learning begins each evening at 6:00pm!

Registrations were sent home with your child(ren), are online, and are available in the vestibule! This year we will be supporting the Elkhart Food Pantry called *The Blessing Box*. Students will have an opportunity to visit the pantry and see first hand where the 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.

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

Here's a list of supplies that we need. Please leave in the Ed Center and marked "VBS". Thanks so much!

glue dots, polyester fiberfill, red or purple yarn, colored cellophane, butcher paper, re-sealable plastic gallon bags (250 total), spray bottles (2-3), large paintbrush, plungers (10), straws (75), electric leaf blower (just to borrow), small colored pompoms, small stickers, bath tissue rolls

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

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Father Dan, 515-423-2888 or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, if a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 14 Week 46

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$7,219	\$5,469

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$233,708	\$251,585	\$255,286

Rice Bowl Total: \$262.76

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and return a pledge card in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the Parish Office. Pledge cards are available in the pews. Everyone's participation is needed! Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 56,442	\$ 41,256.64	\$ 35,188.34	\$ 21,253.66

Communications Campaign Collection

Through Internet, social networks, TV, radio, and print, this collection helps the Church spread the Gospel message locally and nationally. Half of all donations collected in our diocese stay here to support our local needs, such as radio and TV programming and diocesan publications. Help keep the 'good news' coming! Please return the envelope in this bulletin next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend
These Masses are by sign up—please volunteer at Church or contact the Office by this Wednesday.
Thank you!

Saturday, May 27, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary
 Volunteers needed: Announcer, Lector, 1 Cup Bearer, Host Distributor, 3 Altar Server, 4 Ushers
 Cup Bearer JoAnn Meusburger

Sunday, May 28, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross
 No volunteers at this time.

Sunday, May 28, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary
 Volunteers needed: Announcer, Lector, 1 Cup Bearer, Host Distributor, 3 Altar Server, 5 Ushers
 Cup Bearers Marion Panyan

Memorial Day, May 29, 10:00am Mass, Holy Cross
 No volunteers at this time.

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Money Counters

May 21: Carol Weber, Sharon Morris
May 28: Brenda Nehring, Dawn Reynolds

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Becoming Catholic

People come from many different backgrounds and levels of belief to learn more about the Catholic way of life. Some may have extensive experience with the Church through the influence of a spouse or child, a grandparent or friend. Others have been attracted through the witness of Catholics in their daily life or through a service offered in a time of need. Some have little experience of connection with the church, but have a yearning or longing that nothing else has satisfied. All are welcomed into an inquiry community where they may ask questions, discuss experiences and discover more about who we are as Catholic people. If you, or someone you know, want to learn more about the Catholic way of life, please contact Deacon Terry Schleisman at tschleisman@saintmaryhc.org / 515-669-6158. Participation in the inquiry sessions does not require you to commit to joining the Church. We ask only that you be open to learning more about God, the Catholic tradition and yourself.

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.*

Moms for Moms

Catholic Charities' *Moms for Moms* program is recruiting volunteers to become life changing mentors for single mothers living in Central Iowa. Our goal is to connect young families with experienced mothers who can provide encouragement and positive parenting skills to increase confidence and stability of families living in our community. Spending 1 hour a week with a young mom can have a powerful impact not only for her, but you'll find it rewarding too. For more information, please contact Kelsey Tyrrell at 515-237-5027 or ktyrrell@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

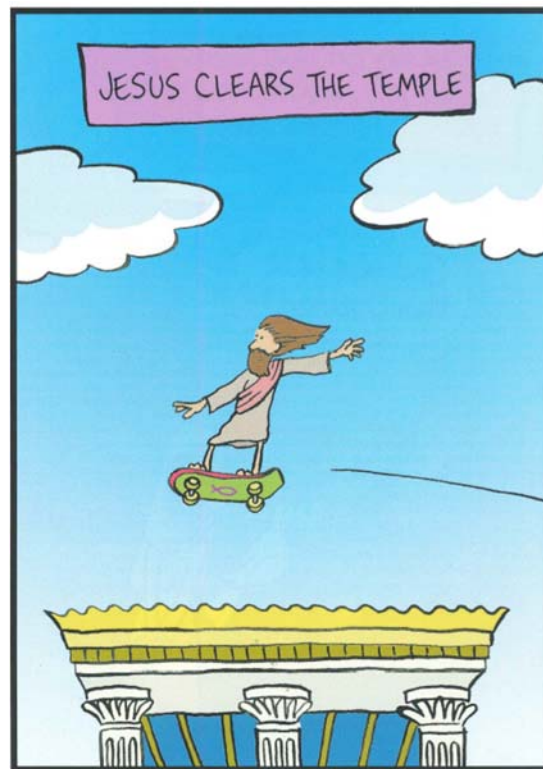
SAYWHAT? Americans use 85,000,000 tons of paper a year; about 680 pounds per person.

For every ton of recycled glass turned into new products, 315 kilograms of extra carbon dioxide that would have been released during the creation of new glass are saved.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter 

"God reveals Himself through the Love of a couple." Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming dates are October 27-29 in Cedar Falls and November 10-12 in Iowa City. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email JLJwwme08@gmail.com.

What's That Funny Look On Your Faith?



Check out Diocesan events by visiting www.dmdiocese.org.
 Visit www.sjeciowa.org for opportunities sponsored by St. Joseph Educational Center

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21

Theme: We have the spirit of truth to guide us.

Reading I: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 • They prayed to receive the Holy Spirit.

Reading II: 1 Peter 3:15-18 • Christ died for sins once for all.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 • If you love me, obey my commandments.

Question for Children: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Question for Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?