

# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

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*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.*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

If you were to ask people what the golden rule is, most would probably say that we should treat others the way we want to be treated. While that is not wrong, according to Jesus in the Gospel for this Sunday, it is insufficient. He refers to his death as context for the fuller understanding of this commandment: "love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12-13). Our society and culture have distorted ideas of love. Yet do we wonder why it sometimes seems to be headed in the wrong direction? Surely, we cannot go wrong when we obey Jesus and genuinely love God and others as he did, sacrificing these lives he gave us in the first place.

Congratulations to the eighteen parishioners who were confirmed by the bishop on Saturday. Please pray for them.

Next weekend Deacon Todd Church will be joining us at Masses and appealing on behalf of the Diocese of Gallup for its missionary work with Native Americans. It is part of a missionary co-op with our own diocese. A second collection will be taken to aid its efforts. ~ Fr. Andrew

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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	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:** Tuesdays 5:15 - 5:45pm; Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm and after 9:00am First Friday Mass, in the **Cry Room**, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for a preparation program

**Marriage:** Contact Fr. Andrew at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

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## Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration

### Tuesday, May 11

5:15 - 5:45pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Ron Hamm  
~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, May 12

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Sharon Dunbar

### Thursday, May 13

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Donnie and Rita Smith

### Saturday, May 15

4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Violet Peterson

### Sunday, May 16

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Ron Koeppel



As a 'Covid Consideration' the Stewardship Committee decided against giving a flower for Mother's Day this year. In order to return to some sort of tradition, we would like to honor you for Mother's Day and also celebrate May, the 'Month of Our Lady', with a bookmark, which is available in the pew. *Men, Father's Day is next month.* 😊

## 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 or Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

✝ For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew at 515-367-2685 or [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

## Masks Required in Parish Buildings

**Bishop Joensen has extended the mask requirement at all public Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other events in Church buildings. This decision corresponds to the recommendations of public health experts within the local medical community.**

For updates, resources and livestream Masses, go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

## SMHC Temporary Solution Regarding Masks

In consultation with the diocese, an additional Mass at Noon on Sundays is being offered for those individuals to whom an exemption applies (see the excerpt from the bishop below). This does NOT mean that the mask mandate is currently rescinded. It also does not mean that anyone with an exemption is necessarily barred from attending a different Mass time. It is certainly not an attempt to "exile" anyone. Rather, it is an attempt to facilitate respect for those who are anxious about others not wearing masks around them (and perhaps vice versa).

Excerpt from the bishop's statement:

*This diocesan requirement applies to all those over the age of five, who do not have a medical or psychological condition prohibiting mask use. A personal preference opposed to mask use, or the belief that masks are not effective, does not qualify as a condition exempting one from mask use. If parishioners are unsure whether an exemption applies to them, they should consult with their pastor who can assist in discernment.*

## 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 and contact the Parish Office with their address.

## Prayers to Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession  
was left unaided.  
Inspired with this confidence,  
I fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;  
to thee do I come;  
before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: May 10, 6:00pm, Social Hall  
Knights of Columbus  
May 16: 6:40pm Rosary, Church  
7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall  
Finance Council  
Meeting: May 18, 6:30pm, Social Hall  
Parish Council  
Meeting: May 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## NCYC Participants and Parishioners!

We received word from the Diocese and we were able to acquire all 31 of our tickets to attend the conference this fall! What a blessing! We also had a successful bake sale/petting zoo fundraiser at the Maxwell Market in the Park! We kindly thank anyone who baked, bought goodies, prayed for us or donated to our NCYC fundraiser, because of your generosity we were able to make \$600.11!

Watch the bulletin, social media and our website for more opportunities to support the young church! If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact Melissa Kahler, 515-290-2830/[mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:mkahler@saintmaryhc.org) or Andrea Fisher, 515-240-5059/[afisher@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:afisher@saintmaryhc.org).

**Congratulations to these students  
who received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation.**

**Please keep them in your prayers.**

Justin Anderson	Caden McCoy
Emma Bruce	Tyler Naragon
Jaxson Fried	Shaylee Norman
Blake Huntrods	Matthew Olson
Jace Huntrods	Mason Reynolds
Lucas Huntrods	Elizabeth Schaffer
Bridget Johnson	Regan Schmieding
Christianne Ledet	Estella Smith
Anastasia Leu	Maci Sullivan

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd seeks to help adults open their eyes to the hidden riches of the child, especially to the child's spiritual wealth, so that adults will be drawn to learn from the child and to serve the child. There is a Level 1 formation starting this summer in Ames at St. Cecilia Parish. We have limited scholarships available to help with costs. Even if you don't want to serve as a Catechist, this formation is one of the best adult faith formations you can take. It has been such a gift for both of us and we strongly encourage you to consider taking it.

July 12-18, 2021, January 15-16 & February 5-6, 2022  
and March 5-6, 2022 if needed.

For more information, please contact Melissa Teggatz at [mteggatz@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:mteggatz@stceciliaparish.org) or 515-232-3515, ext. 356.

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

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**May 12:** All 8th-12th graders are welcome to join us for 5:30pm for Mass at Holy Cross. If you are unable to attend Mass, please plan to join us in the youth area for a meal and youth gathering at 6:15pm until 8:30pm. We hope to see you. Feel free to bring a friend!

## Upcoming Parish Council Opening

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish Council was established just over a year and a half ago in an attempt to help Father Andrew guide and make decisions for our Parish family. This Council was established with six parishioners with representatives from both St. Mary's and Holy Cross. Our aim is to have each new member serve a three year term with two members rotating off each year. Now that the Council is established, we are looking for up to two new members to join. This June the Parish will hold a vote (if necessary) for new members who are interested. If you are interested, or anyone you know who might be, please feel free to reach out to any of the current Parish Council members for more information.

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## PARISH AMBASSADOR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 2 Budget Week 44

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$4,893	\$4,860

*Year to Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund*

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$242,925	\$213,840	256,882

## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Unpaid Pledges</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$51,038	\$30,328	\$5,287	<b>\$20,710</b>

Thank you to those who have been so generous to this year's Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese and return your pledge card from Bishop Joensen to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Church. If donating by check, please make it out to the Diocese of Des Moines. You can also donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; then choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you.

## Thank You

St. Mary and Holy Cross Family:

Thank you so much for the \$50 memorial gift for my mother. That was a very nice surprise. This gift with the Mass offering was so unexpected. Our whole family sends this thank you.

~ Greg and Susan Stillmunkes



## Blood Drive

Our blood drive is Thursday, May 27, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. What safer and easier way to serve others than to donate your life-supporting blood that will help save or sustain the life of three others. Blood is always in short supply and especially now. The whole process (registration, confidential health history interview, donation, and post-donation rest in our canteen) will take less than an hour with the actual donation taking only about 10 minutes. LifeServe Blood Center provides a disinfected and sanitized environment and their personnel along with donors are required to wear a mask. Appointments are required for added safety. To schedule your appointment sign up in the vestibule of St. Mary or use this link [https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/169798](https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/169798) to choose your donation time and then log in or create an account. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 and mention you would like to sign up for the Elkhart Community Blood Drive on May 27.

Contact Lisa or Tim Kautza ([kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687) if you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen or can provide cookies, bars or other snacks.



## 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, please contact Barb, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto: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.*

## 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 are 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, email Fr. Andrew at [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org). 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.

## Auto Debit for Tithing

Please consider using this type of tithing where you designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. For questions or to begin ACH, please contact Sarah, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), or find the form in the vestibule or on the home page of our website, <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/>. Thank you to those who currently use ACH for your tithing.



Only 23% of disposable water bottles are recycled.

## Online Giving

This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation will send gift receipts. Thank you for considering using this for your tithing and thank you to those who are currently using it!

## Hawaiian BBQ Fundraiser

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School in Ankeny is fundraising with a Hawaiian BBQ on Saturday, June 19! Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or grass skirt if you dare. It's sure to be a blast, we hope to see you there. \$50 per ticket, includes dinner and drinks. Tickets on sale now until June 1st. Get your tickets here: <https://events.handbid.com/auctions/green-gala-2021>. Come for the Social Hour from 5:30-6:30pm and the dinner is 6:30-7:30pm. 50/50 raffle tickets available starting May 12 until the drawing at the event. Details on possible silent auction and entertainment to come soon. \*Must be 21 to attend this event. For more information go to [www.slte-school.org](http://www.slte-school.org).

*This event is in lieu of our annual Green Gala that we were not able to hold this year due to COVID-19. We hope to host the Green Gala again in the winter of 2022.*

## Church Sign

A smile is a light in the window of your soul.

## Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

Divorced or separated and wondering what your next step is? Join us Tuesdays starting May 11, 6:00pm at Christ the King Parish. We'll help untangle the knots from a Catholic perspective in our 12 week program. \$35 for the materials. Call Deacon Tony Valdez at 515-979-2301 to pre-register.

## Get Your Copy of The Catholic Mirror Online

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## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9

*Theme: Love one another.*

*Reading I:* Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • A person from any nation is called to follow Christ.

*Reading II:* 1 John 3:18-24 • Let us love one another.

*Gospel:* John 15:9-17 • So I have loved you.

*For Children:* Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

*For Youth:* Jesus is the vine – we are the branches, connected to Him as our life-source. When do you feel most connected to Jesus in your everyday life? How can you go there more often?

*For Adults:* Concretely, how do you show love to others?