

St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 24/25, 2023



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 1/2, 2023

Dear Good People,

I hope this message finds you well. It seems like there are a tremendous amount of things going on right now. Personally the coronavirus lockdowns were very hard on me so I feel like I try to do extra activity for fear of missing out on things. This can be good and bad. It is a challenge for me to find that balance between activity and rest and reflection. Something I continue to work on, and maybe something for all of us to reflect on. Right now we are getting ready for the ordination to the priesthood for Deacon Jason Lee. Please pray for him. We are also finalizing applications for new seminarians as well. Hopefully we will have three men entering seminary next fall. As I write this we are in the midst of Vacation Bible School. We have had a tremendous turnout. A big thank you to the volunteers who have done so much to promote and execute VBS this year. We are also getting ready for the town festival. I am looking forward to the truck-pull and all the other fun activities around Elkhart.

Secondly, I just want to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers. Hopefully you feel appreciated and cherished. Many of you do so much. Things seen and unseen. I am grateful to the Stewardship Committee and others who put on such a beautiful dinner for our volunteers and for my ordination anniversary. I was extremely touched and honored. Thank you to all for being so hospitable to my family and to some of my former parishioners who joined us. I was touched by the Irish Blessing as well. I know my great-grandparents and grandparents would be very proud. Thank you again to all.

Finally, as you maybe saw in the Catholic Mirror two priests have been assigned to be assistant vocation directors. Please do not read too much into this. The two priests are assigned to our two high schools. My job description is not changing. We just wanted to include these holy priests in vocation work because they are closer to the action so to speak as they work day in and day out with young people. This will also take some pressure off me in terms of speaking engagements and travel etc. I have been vocation director for six years so some kids have heard the same kind of talk from me six times. I think it is good to have a new perspective coming from someone who is younger and cooler than old Father Ross! So a lot of good things are happening. Let us always keep one another in prayer. A.M.D.G. ~ Fr. Ross Parker

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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Mass Schedule

Tuesday	8:00am	St. Mary
Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
Friday	8:00am	St. Mary
Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
	10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm, St. Mary or by appointment with Fr. Parker

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Please contact Fr. Parker

Marriage: Contact the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Priesthood/Religious: www.vocationsonline.org

Mass and Reconciliation

Tuesday, June 27

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Robert Cory*

Wednesday, June 28

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † *Doc Birchmier*

Thursday, June 29

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Edward & Jessie Ross*

Friday, June 30

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Leo & Emma Sickerson*

Saturday, July 1

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † *Bill Devereux*

Sunday, July 2

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † *Mike Phelan*

10:00am Mass, St. Mary *People of the Parish*

Tuesday, July 4

8:00am Mass, St. Mary *For Our Country*

Wednesday, July 5

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † *Ashley Carpenter & Mary Beth Bump*

Thursday, July 6

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Ralph & Neva Cory*

First Friday, July 7

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Jeff Hurd*

Saturday, July 8

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † *Mark Schmidt*

Sunday, July 9

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † *Patrick Phelan*

10:00am Mass, St. Mary *People of the Parish*

Prayer

Shepherd and spirit of love,
I listen for your voice,
warm, familiar and loving.
I hear you call my name
as you guide me in life.
Help me always to
recognize your voice
leading and guiding me.
Help me also to see the stranger
you lead me to love and serve.
I beg your Holy Spirit
to set my heart on fire.
Like the deer longs for water,
I long for you, my God.
May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Parish Council

No meeting in July

Finance Council

Meeting, June 27 & July 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meetings: July 10, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

July 17, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 5 from Elkhart and Cambridge

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!

Pastoral Assistance

Emergency contact: Fr. Ross Parker, 515-720-3434.

If a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit please contact Fr. Parker at rparker@dmdioocese.org or 515-367-2685 or Deacon Schleisman at 515-669-6158 or digiterry@netscape.net.



Meal Needed for August!

Volunteers to prepare and deliver a meal to Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter (about 10 families, up to 34 people) are needed for August, September & December. One or more families or groups can volunteer together. Covid precautions are taken and up to 3 people can now prepare the meal on-site. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt that can be used for a tax deduction.

To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza, kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687. Our parish has been preparing a meal for the families once a month for more than 20 years. They count on us. Please help if you can.

The parish office is closed Thursdays during the summer.

Fr. Parker does not have set office hours when he is here at the parish. To reach him, please email, call or text: rparker@dmdioocese.org or 515-720-3434.

Coming Events

- † **Weekend of July 1 & 2:** Buildings and Grounds collection — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass (we are in need of a host for coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass).
- † **Youth sponsored Garage Sale:** July 5-9, Social Hall
- † **Weekend of July 8 & 9:** Rev. Brendan O'Sullivan, Missionary from the Society of St. Columban, to preside at our Masses

Coffee & Donuts at St. Mary

We are in need of hosts for July 2nd and all following months. Please contact the parish office to host or for more information. Thank you to those who recently volunteered!

Bi-Weekly Summer Bulletin Submissions

Please email the parish office, bliske@saintmaryhc.org, by Wednesday, July 5 for the July 9/16 bulletin and by July 19 for the July 23/30 bulletin. Thank you.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Jerry Peterson, cousin of Delila Roberts and Diane Cronk, who passed away June 16

Julie Sexton, step-mom of Bill Sexton, who passed away Saturday, June 17

Larry Richardson, brother of JoAnn Meusbarger, who passed away Sunday, June 18

and for their families that they find peace and strength at this most difficult time.

✠ Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, ✠
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

Geneveve Loraditch, gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org, 515-556-4150
Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

We had a great week of Vacation Bible School!! Thank you to all the people who helped make the week awesome!

Registration will be out mid July. Sessions for the upcoming year are all on Wednesday: Session A 4:45-6:15pm, Session B 6:30-7:45pm and Session C 9:00-11:30am. We look forward to serving you in the Fall!

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830
Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059
Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014

Got Stuff? Need to Declutter?

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry needs your gently used items for a garage sale. We are raising funds to send 11 of our amazing youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference 2023 in November. Our sale is July 5 - 9 in St. Mary's Social Hall.

We cannot accept tv's, mattresses, car seats and tires. Drop off all other donations in the Social hall until July 3: 1/2 hour before and after weekend Masses, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30am to 3:00pm, or to drop off at other times, call the office, 515-367-2685, to see if someone is here or call Andrea, 515-240-5059. Tell your friends and family. Thanks for supporting our young people!



Help with Avenue of Flags

Could you assist with raising the flags on Saturday, July 1 at 10:00am and/or retiring them on Tuesday, July 4 at 5:00pm? Each session lasts about half an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147 / lschreurs@msn.com, to volunteer, for more information, or if inclement weather.

Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, don't hesitate to contact us so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for, to be on our prayer chain.* To request prayers or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact the parish office, bliske@saintmaryhc.org.

Peter's Pence Diocesan Collection

Your support assists Pope Francis as he reaches out to the marginalized and suffering around the world. Thank you for your prayers and generosity for those in need. *Envelopes are on the table; please return your donation the next few weeks.*

Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget		
Tithes/Plate/	\$2,649	\$5,944	June 11 Week 50	
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$7,959	\$5,944	June 18 Week 51	
Year-to-Date			Last Year	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$262,855	\$303,150	\$299,550	
Food Pantry Collection:	\$644.35			
June Weekend Mass Attendance:	10/11: 233, 17/18: 220			
2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal				
Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$46,225	\$44,025	\$2,200	\$11,171

Councils and Committees

If you prefer to speak with one of our committee members instead of email, please contact the parish office for their phone number.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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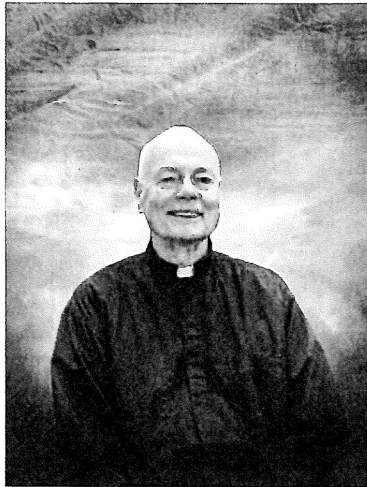
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Fr. Brendan O'Sullivan is from Chicago, IL. He was ordained in 1970 and served as a missionary in the Philippines for 10 years. He served in various ministries in the US and Ireland before taking on the position of U. S. Regional Director after which he became Superior General of the Missionary Society of St. Columban living in Ireland from 2000 to 2006. Upon completion of his term he returned to the USA to minister in a parish in California until moving to the US Region headquarters in Omaha, NE February 2020.

About the Columbans: The Missionary Society of St. Columban, also known as the Columban Fathers, is a Catholic missionary society that was founded in 1918 to proclaim and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Society seeks to establish the Catholic Church where the Gospel has not been preached, help local churches evangelize their laity, promote dialogue with other faiths, and foster among all baptized people an awareness of their missionary responsibility. The Society's U.S. headquarters are based in Bellevue, Neb., which is south of Omaha.

Columbans minister in fourteen different countries mainly in Asia and around the Pacific Rim. Despite China government limitations on public worship, Columbans spread the message of Christ in word and deed through education, spiritual formation, and service to the disabled. In Pakistan Columbans minister among the deprived Catholics and engage in dialog with Islam. Columbans support the struggling church in Myanmar as that country suffers from decades of military dictatorship. Service to the poor, interreligious and intercultural dialog, promoting human rights, care for the environment, serving the disabled, and work with migrants are among their ministries in the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Ireland, Great Britain and the United States. Columbans encourage young people to serve on mission as Columban priests, sisters, lay missionaries and associates and so spread the Good News of God's love.

To learn more about the Columban Fathers, please visit our website at www.columban.org. You can view current videos from the missions, engage in dialogue with the Columbans, read our magazine and sign up for our newsletter.

**We welcome Fr. O'Sullivan as celebrant
of our Masses the weekend of July 8 - 9.**

Laudato Si

An average U.S. home receives as much as 40 pounds of junk mail a year. You can cut down on the clutter and help the environment by registering (for a small fee) with the Data & Marketing Association to reduce the amount of junk mail received. Go to <https://dmachoice.thedma.org/register.php>.

See more *On Care for Our Common Home* at:
<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Breakfast for Our Senior Citizens!

Join us Friday, July 28! We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 8:00am Mass. An RSVP is appreciated to the parish office by Tuesday, July 25, but come even if you are unable to RSVP!!

Liturgical Ministers July 1/2 are by Sign Up

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Lorrie Hanlon
 Host Distributor Tom Froehlich
 Cup Bearers Linda Froehlich, Deacon Terry
 Altar Servers *Volunteers needed*
 Ushers Drew Hanlon, *Volunteer needed*
 Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector *Volunteer needed*
 Cup Bearer Deacon Terry
 Altar Servers *Volunteer needed*
 Usher Sandra Hunter
 Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector *Volunteer needed*
 Host Distributor *Volunteer needed*
 Cup Bearers Jacki Ausman, Deacon Terry
 Altar Servers *Volunteers needed*
 Ushers Jacki Ausman
 Music Jen Linderblood, Mary Ortmann

Liturgical Ministers July 8/9

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Tom Froehlich
 Host Distributor Mike Devereux
 Cup Bearers Linda & Tom Froehlich
 Altar Servers Drew Gilligan, Callahan Coffelt
 Ushers Brodie Gilligan Family
 Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Jackie Crouse
 Cup Bearer Michele Hand
 Altar Servers Claire & Oliver Hand
 Usher Mike Veasman
 Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Garrett McClain
 Host Distributor Garrett McClain
 Cup Bearers Tracy Miller, Mike Nehring
 Altar Servers Isaac, Jonah, Gabriel Miller
 Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar
 Music Christine Muehlenthaler, Karon Lacey, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

June 25: Trish Morris, Kathy Daup
July 2: Trish Morris, Dona Cowman
July 9: Trish Morris, Sue White

Thank You's

Some years ago there was an anonymous donation of the piano in the hall and it has been very much appreciated and used ever since. We remain thankful for the piano donation! Each year we have professionals tune the pianos in the church and hall. Unfortunately the piano in the hall is no longer able to be tuned and is currently very out of tune so it has not been used this past year. Word spread that we were in need of something to replace the piano. It didn't take long for an anonymous benefactor to provide the funds to purchase a piano keyboard for use in the hall.

In the words of our donor, "This keyboard donation is in honor of the past, present and future members of our St. Mary-Holy Cross family that serve America in the Armed Forces. May their sacrifice never go unnoticed or unappreciated."

To our donor we say a big THANK YOU! We are humbled and very appreciative of your generous gift. Because of you we now have a new electric piano keyboard for the hall that is easily portable and will be gratefully used. Your gift will be used and appreciated by our parish family for years to come.

~ SMHC Music Ministry

Dear St. Mary-Holy Cross,

We thank you for your beautiful generosity. Thank you for caring for people who need food. Your donations are much appreciated, and much needed., Kind regards,

~ Terri Speirs of IMPACT Community Action Partnership

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 24/25

Theme: There is nothing to fear if we stay close to Jesus.

Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 • He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-15 • God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33 • Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your family and friends?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 1/2

Theme: Jesus asks his disciples to take their cross and follow him.

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a • Elisha is a holy man of God, let him remain.

Reading II: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 • Buried with Christ in baptism, we shall walk in the newness of life.

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42 • Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you, receives me.

Question for Children: How can you live as a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: What does Jesus demand of his followers?

Question for Adults: What does this Gospel teach you about the cost of discipleship and how does it relate to your experience so far?