



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8/9, 2023



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15/16, 2023

Dear Good People,

I hope this letter finds you well. I cannot believe we have already passed Independence Day. Summer is flying by! I think that is because a lot of positive things are happening. Just a reminder that we welcome Fr. Brendan, a Columban Father this weekend. I am sure he will share some the inspiring work he has been a part of. Please be generous in helping him and his confrere's as they continue their mission around the world.

Again, this weekend I will be at a wedding in Council Bluffs and then on Sunday we have what is called the Rite of Candidacy for two of our seminarians. It really worked out great that Fr. Brendan could be here this weekend. Then a reminder that I will be gone Thursday thru Sunday the 13th-16th. I am grateful that Fr. Dan is able to cover the masses that weekend.

Finally, again a reminder as you continue to enjoy the good things of summer and as your travels take you to different locales, please check in to make sure you can attend Holy Mass. When we put Christ first in our lives, we realize that every part of our life goes better. Christ wants to be with us in all that we do. May Christ continue to be the center of our lives as we continue to grow in holiness and virtue each day. 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.vocationonline.org

Mass and Reconciliation

Tuesday, July 11

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Jean Miller*

Wednesday, July 12

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † *Stephen & Michael Carpenter*

Thursday, July 13

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Theresa Modtland*

Friday, July 14

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

Saturday, July 15

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † *Larry Richardson*

Sunday, July 16

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † *Lyle Carpenter*

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

Tuesday, July 18

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Bernard Hanlon*

Wednesday, July 19

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † *Will & Mikey Carpenter*

Thursday, July 20

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

Friday, July 21

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Clifford & Sarah Seuferer*

Saturday, July 22

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † *Jerry Peterson*

Sunday, July 23

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross *People of the Parish*

10:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Mike Lacey*

Prayer

Loving God,
My heart is filled with joy
as I sing your praise.
You have done such wonders in my life
and made me a part of your redemption.

Sing your song in me today, my God,
and guide me in the darkness
when I do not see you with me.
Strengthen my faith
and my witness of you
as I wait to see you in Heaven.
Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: August 8, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting, 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

The parish office is closed Monday, July 17
and 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@dmdiocese.org or 515-720-3434.

Welcome To Our New Members!



Douglas and Christine Covert from Bondurant
and

Jerry and Patty Hilton from Bondurant

Thank you for joining our Parish family!

† 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@dmdiocese.org or 515-367-2685 or Deacon Schleisman at 515-669-6158 or digiterry@netscape.net.

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!



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!!

Down on my knees I learned how to stand.

Coming Events

- † **July 8 & 9 Weekend:** Rev. Brendan O'Sullivan, Missionary from the Society of St. Columban, to preside at our Masses — Youth sponsored Garage Sale for parishioners after Masses at St. Mary
- † **July 15/16 Weekend:** Collection for Huxley Food Pantry
- † **Thursday, July 20:** Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9:00am, Social Hall
- † **Friday, July 28:** Senior Citizen Breakfast following 8:00am Mass, Social Hall
- † **Saturday, July 29:** Memorial Celebration for Jack Sabol after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall
- † **Thursday, August 31:** Blood Drive, 3:00-7:00pm, Hall

Memorial Celebration for Jack Sabol

Please gather with Terry and her family on Saturday, July 29 after the 5:00pm Mass to hear and share memories and stories of Jack.

In Appreciation!

I want to thank all of my faithful, church family in the loss of my brother Larry Richardson and my health issues. It's hard to cope without breathing. How can prayers not help? I'm getting along better each day, thanks to all the prayers and cards I received..... well the Doctors helped too. 😊
God Bless you all and dear Fr. Ross! ~ JoAnn Meusburger

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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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!

We are always looking for volunteers to be Catechists and assistants in our program. If you want to help with some of the youngest members of our parish and make a difference in the future of our church, we'd love to have you. Please email us for details.

Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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Join Us Thursday, July 20!

Bring your craft to work on or play games and enjoy social time! We gather at 9:00am in the Social Hall. All are invited!

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Every person's gift brings us closer to our assessment (see above to the left). If you have not made a gift, please join us in supporting Diocesan programs and services. **Pledge cards are available at St. Mary and Holy Cross. Please make checks payable to Diocese of Des Moines.** Gifts can also be made at dmdiocese.org/giving and choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

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.

Make a Difference!



Sign-up to donate your valuable and much needed blood at our Drive on Thursday, August 31, 3:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. Appointments are required (no walk-ins allowed yet). Reserve your preferred time at www.lifesevverbloodcenter.org or in the vestibule of St. Mary.

Haven't donated before — give it at try! It only takes about 30 – 45 minutes from check-in to check-out and you get to enjoy beverages and homemade treats at our canteen. We look forward to seeing you at our drive on Thursday, August 31 in the Social Hall from 3:00 – 7:00pm.

Please contact Larry Sauer, sauerld@outlook.com / 515-710-2421 if you wish to help with set up, during the drive or brings items for the canteen.

Additional Options for Tithing

Automatic Debit from your bank account once a month.

Online Giving thru the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa.

For questions or to begin either of these, please contact Candy at bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org. Thank you for considering one of these methods for your tithing.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget		
Tithes/Plate/	\$2,779	\$5,944	June 25 Week 52	
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$5,378	\$6,114	July 2 Week 1	
Year-to-Date	Received	Budget	Last Year	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$5,378	\$6,114		
Buildings & Grounds Collection: \$1,103				
Mass Attendance: June 24 & 25: 237, July 1 & 2: 247				
2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal				
Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$46,805	\$44,645	\$2,160	\$10,551

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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Laudato Si

Use matches instead of disposable lighters to light the grill or fireplace or for other uses. Estimates are that 1.5 billion lighters end up in landfills each year, and they are made of plastic and contain butane, neither of which is environmentally friendly. Paper matches are preferred because they are made from recycled paper.

See more *On Care for Our Common Home* at:

<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Summer Bulletin Submissions

Please email the parish office, bliske@saintmaryhc.org, by Wednesday, July 19 for the July 23 & 30 bulletin and by August 2 for the August 5 & 13 bulletin. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers 15/16

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Susan Selby
Host Distributor Susan Stillmunkes
Cup Bearers Mary Thomas, Bob Selby
Altar Servers Jack Selby
Ushers Bill Schmitt, Jim Hudson
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers Titus & Zeke Weber
Usher Sandra Hunter
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Greg Feldmann
Host Distributor Jacki Ausman
Cup Bearers Greg Feldmann, Tom Ausman
Altar Servers Jon & Marcus Larsen
Ushers Tom & Jacki Ausman
Music Sue Schmitt, Maggie Bruce

Liturgical Ministers July 22/23

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Tim Kautza
Host Distributor Lisa Schoening
Cup Bearers Drew Hanlon, Di Schleisman
Altar Servers *Volunteers needed*
Ushers Drew Hanlon, Mike Devereux
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis
Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema
Altar Servers Natalie & Nick Shedd
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Kris LeRoy
Host Distributor Mike Nehring
Cup Bearers Tracy Miller, Tim Loraditch
Altar Servers Peyton & Justice Loraditch
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music Garrett McClain, Karon Lacey, Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

July 9: Trish Morris, Sue White
July 16: Dona Cowman, Kathy Daup
July 23: Sharon Morris, Sue White

SAYWHAT? One drip per second from a faucet wastes 540 gallons of water a year.

How to Make Health Care Decisions

Do you need help making health care decisions that are in alignment with Catholic moral teaching? The Iowa Catholic Conference can help. They released a new webinar for its project called Supportive Care Iowa. You can find it at the Iowa Catholic Conference YouTube channel. To be connected with a trained person who can assist in completing advance care directive documents, email Tom Chapman at tom@iowacatholicconference.org.

4 Diocese Cycling4Christ

In the spirit of the national Eucharistic Revival initiative, the four Dioceses of Iowa will offer a fuel for the soul during RAGBRAI this year with a Mass at each overnight stop. On July 26 – during the overnight stop in Des Moines -- RAGBRAI riders and their support teams can attend 5 p.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Check out the map with all the Mass times and locations: <https://www.lumenmedia.org/ragbrai-2023.html>

When you travel this summer....check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at www.Masstimes.org.



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 8/9

Theme: Jesus refreshes and strengthens us for ministry.

Reading I: Zechariah 9:9-10 • Shout for joy! He comes in peace!

Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13 • Live by the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 • Come to me all you who are weary.

Question for Children: When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?

Question for Youth: Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

Question for Adults: As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 15/16

Theme: Discipleship—opening our hearts to Jesus' word and acting upon it.

Reading I: : Isaiah 55:10-11 • My word shall accomplish my will.

Reading II: Romans 8:18-23 • We bear our suffering in light of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 • A sower went out to sow.

Question for Children: Who helps you to grow deeper in your faith?

Question for Youth: When the sower sowed his seed, not all of it fell in "good soil." What can you do in to make sure that you are open to God in your life? What is getting in the way of your being "good soil?"

Question for Adults: Using the parable of Jesus in this reading, describe how faith has been planted in your life? How long did it take for that seed to land "on good soil?"