



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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## Pentecost

May 27/28, 2023



## The Most Holy Trinity

June 3/4, 2023

*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 Good People,

I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Pentecost. This day is arguably the second or third most important in our Church calendar. I will leave that up to the Theologians to decide. Today we celebrate the descent of the third person of the Holy Trinity, The Holy Spirit. Today marks the beginning or birth of our Holy Catholic Church as well. Pentecost takes place fifty days after Easter and it concludes the Easter season. Next week we will transition into ordinary time.

On Monday we also celebrate Memorial Day. We will celebrate Holy Mass at 10AM at Holy Cross. We especially remember those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We also continue to pray for our active military, veterans, and first responders. I hope you will be able to join us for mass. If you are traveling during the holiday weekend just make sure you check mass times before you go. Finally, Fr. Tom had very nice things to say about our parish. He mentioned how all of you were welcoming and he thought you all participated well in the mass. So good work on that front! A.M.D.G. ~ Fr. Ross Parker

## Parish Information

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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](http://www.vocationonline.org)

## Masses and Reconciliation

### Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

10:00am Mass, Holy Cross † *Mike Phelan*

### Tuesday, May 30

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *John & Ann Breen*

### Wednesday, May 31

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

### Thursday, June 1

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

### Friday, June 2

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Elaine Barnwell*

### Saturday, June 3

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † *Virginia Schmelzer*

### Sunday, June 4

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † *Stephen & Michael Carpenter*

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

**No Mass Tuesday, June 6 through Friday, June 9**

### Saturday, June 10

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

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

### Sunday, June 11

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

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

## A Summer Blessing



Walk along beside me, Jesus,  
as I begin the months of summer.  
As I work, play, enjoy family time  
and friendships,  
may I hear your voice within me,  
guiding me toward all that is right and good.

Give me faith in Your presence,  
knowing that You walk beside me  
in everything I do.

Gracious and loving Jesus,  
thank you for the gift of summer.  
May the warmth of its sun  
and the beauty of its light  
remind me daily of Your love for me. Amen.

### Parish Council

Meeting: June 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting, June 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting: June 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Knights of Columbus

June 19, 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@dmdiocese.org](mailto:rparker@dmdiocese.org) or 515-367-2685 or Deacon Schleisman at 515-669-6158 or [digiterry@netscape.net](mailto:digiterry@netscape.net).

— Fr. Parker leaves for the Priests Retreat after Mass on June 4 and returns June 8. In case of emergency those days, please contact Fr. Dan Krettek at 515-423-2888.

## Memorial Weekend

Outdoor Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, May 28 after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Please join us for our 10:00am Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross. The Maxwell Legion and McKinsey Guard Bagpipers will be present following Mass. See our Avenue of Flags and take a self-guided walking tour of the cemetery.

We will take up a collection at our weekend Masses and at our Memorial Day Mass for upkeep of the cemetery grounds. Please make checks out to Holy Cross Cemetery. Thank you for your support ensuring the cemetery remains a beautiful resting place.

## Church Sign

**Down on my knees I learned how to stand.**

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@dmdiocese.org](mailto:rparker@dmdiocese.org) or 515-720-3434.

## Coming Events

- † **Memorial Weekend:** Collection for upkeep of Holy Cross Cemetery at all Masses.
- † **Sunday, May 28:** Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross — Social Hall in use 11:00am – 5:00pm
- † **Friday, June 2:** Staff meeting, Office closed 10:30-11:30am
- † **Weekend of June 3/4:** Buildings & Grounds collection — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am & 10:00am Masses
- † **Collection for Youth sponsored Garage Sale:** Half hour before and after 5:00pm & 10:00am Mass on June 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25. Week days by appointment, 515-240-5059
- † **Saturday, June 10:** Celebration of Fr. Parker's 10 year Ordination Anniversary and Parish Volunteer Appreciation, after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall

## Summer Bulletins

With this bulletin we begin our summer schedule of bi-weekly bulletins. If you wish to have something included in our June bulletins, please email your information to the parish office, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org), by Wednesday June 7 for the June 11 & 18 bulletin and by Wednesday, June 21 for the June 25 & July 2 bulletin. Thank you!

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Please join us for **Vacation Bible School!** We'll have dinner for the kids each night, along with fun activities, songs and even a family carnival on Thursday night! We will meet from 5:00-7:30 on June 20-22. For kids age 4-11. We'd love to have your children join us! Registration is online this year! <https://forms.gle/UD3koED2AJwSiv2X6>.

Let us know if you are willing to help out as a volunteer.  
Children age 12 and up are able to help!

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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## Pentecost Sequence Reflection

### Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) from St. John Paul II

#### *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*

The magnificent sequence, which contains a rich theology of the Holy Spirit, would also be worthy of meditation, stanza by stanza. Here we will reflect only on the first word: *Veni*, come! It recalls the *waiting* of the Apostles after Christ's Ascension into heaven.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke presents them to us gathered in the Upper Room in prayer with the Mother of Jesus (cf. Acts 1:14). What better words than these could express their prayer: "*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*" — the invocation, that is, of the one who moved over the face of the waters at the beginning of the world (cf. Gn 1:2), whom Jesus had promised them as the Paraclete?

The hearts of Mary and the Apostles at those moments were longing for his coming, alternating between ardent faith and the confession of human inadequacy. The Church's piety has interpreted and passed on this sentiment in the hymn "*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*". The Apostles know that the work Christ has entrusted to them is arduous, but decisive for the history of humanity's salvation. Will they be able to complete it? The Lord reassures their hearts. At every step of the mission that will lead them to proclaim and witness to the Gospel to the furthest corners of the globe, *they will be able to count on the Spirit promised by Christ*. The Apostles, recalling Christ's promise on the days between the Ascension and Pentecost, will focus their every thought and sentiment on that *veni* — come!

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Thus beginning her invocation to the Holy Spirit, the Church makes her own the substance of the Apostles' prayer as they gathered with Mary in the Upper Room; indeed, she extends it in history and makes it ever timely.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* Thus she says over and over in every corner of the earth, her fervor unchanged, firmly aware that she must remain in the Upper Room, always awaiting the Spirit. At the same time, she knows that she must leave the Upper Room and travel the world's roads, with the ever new task of bearing witness to the mystery of the Spirit.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus!* So we pray with Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, a most precious dwelling-place of Christ among us, so that she may help us to be living temples of the Spirit and tireless witnesses of the Gospel.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Veni, Sancte Spiritus!  
Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Amen!*

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

May 21 Budget Week 47

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,081	\$5,944

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$244,985	\$279,374	\$278,139

Food Pantry Collection: 693.83

Weekend Mass Attendance: May 20/21: 197

### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$43,795	\$41,265	\$2,530	\$13,931

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

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## Laudato Si

Consider sharing electronic devices rather than having a device for each person in your home. Consider buying refurbished devices rather than factory new, helping to reduce exploitive practices used to get the minerals needed to make the devices. See more at:

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

## SMHC Youth Sponsored Garage Sale

Donation drop off times are one half hour before and after 5:00pm & 10:00am Mass on June 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25. During the week drop off by appointment with Andrea Fisher, 515-240-5059. Please bring your items to the Social Hall. Thank you! Proceeds to assist our Youth attend NCYC in the fall.

## Liturgical Ministers June 3/4

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Di Schleisman  
Host Mary Thomas  
Cup Bearers Di Schleisman, Deacon Terry  
Altar Servers *Volunteers needed*  
Ushers Mike Devereux, Bill Schmitt  
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

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

### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Greg Feldmann  
Host Distributor Greg Feldmann  
Cup Bearers Tim Loraditch, Deacon Terry  
Altar Servers Peyton & Justice Loraditch  
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory  
Music Karon Lacey, Christine Muehlenthaler, Mary Ortmann

## Liturgical Ministers June 10/11

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Linda Froehlich  
Host Distributor Linda Froehlich  
Cup Bearers Lisa Schoening, Tom Froehlich  
Altar Servers Callahan Coffelt, *1 Volunteer Needed*  
Ushers Doug & Thomas Jones  
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Sheri Fogarty  
Cup Bearer Jon Hand  
Altar Servers Claire & Oliver Hand  
Usher Mike Veasman  
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Kris LeRoy  
Host Distributor Tracy Miller  
Cup Bearers Mike Nehring, Garrett McClain  
Altar Servers Isaac, Jonah & Gabriel Miller  
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar  
Music Sue Schmidt, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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## Money Counters

**May 30:** Dona Cowman, Brenda Nehring

**June 5:** Brenda Nehring, Sharon Morris

**June 12:** Brenda Nehring, Sharon Morris



Americans recycle only 5% of all the plastics produced in this country.

## Parish CELEBRATION

Volunteers---you are needed and necessary to continue to make SMHC a great parish community. Let's celebrate on Saturday, June 10 after 5:00pm Mass with dinner and FUN to honor YOU and FR. ROSS on his 10 Year Ordination!

Bring a side dish (last name A-M) or dessert (last name N-Z) to share. Fill out a survey by **June 2** at <https://forms.gle/T7u4LhwRcjJMa4HE6> about how you have volunteered this past year. Hope to see YOU at the party!

## 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. *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 at [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-367-2685.

## Catholic Communications Campaign

Your support of this collection helps build Catholic communities using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half the funds collected remain in our Diocese to support local efforts. Spread the Gospel message! To learn more visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc). Donation envelopes are on the table at St. Mary and Holy Cross.

When you travel this summer....check out Mass times and Catholic Church locations at [www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org)



## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Pentecost, May 27/28

*Theme: We have been given the breath of God - the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

*Reading I:* Acts 2: 1-11 • All were filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Reading II:* : 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 • There are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

*Gospel:* John 20:19-23 • As the Father sent me, so I send you.

*Question for Children:* When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

*Question for Youth:* How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?

*Question for Adults:* When did the power of the Spirit give you the right words or the insight into a dilemma?

### The Most Holy Trinity, June 3/4

*Theme: The mystery of the Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit.*

*Reading I:* Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 • A merciful, gracious God.

*Reading II:* 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Mend your ways.

*Gospel:* John 3:16-18 • God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

*Question for Children:* When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

*Question for Youth:* How would you describe your relationship with God the Father, Jesus and with the Spirit?

*Question for Adults:* If you were to encourage fellow parishioners to live as a "community of love," which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live?