



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
July 22/23, 2023



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
July 29/30, 2023

Dear Good People,

I hope this letter finds you well. I had a very nice time re-connecting with some people in Council Bluffs for the wedding I presided at, and I had a nice few days of relaxing with some friends of mine. It is also good to be back though because I felt like I was kind of living in my suitcase for a week there. Thank you again for your understanding. It was kind of weird timing being gone for two consecutive weekends. Fr. Brendan left me a nice note saying how much he enjoyed being at SMHC. So well done there! At this time in the vocations office we are finishing up a lot of loose ends and trying to make the final push to get a last candidate admitted into seminary. Please pray for this young man as I hope it will work out.

I just wanted to remind all of you again that we are seeking members for our Finance and Parish Council's. We will get more information to you about the process, but we would like to move to a discernment model. So this takes some discernment on all our parts. If you are interested in serving on one of these councils please let me or someone else know. I know that all of you have so much going on and it is so hard to commit to things, but the commitment to serve on these councils is about 11 hours per year. I think that is pretty reasonable and we try to be respectful of your time. So maybe spend some time praying about serving on one of the councils.

Finally, I just want to give a big shout out and thank you to all who participated in the garage sale. That was a lot of work! I do not want to mention people by name (for fear of leaving someone out), but there were many nights where I saw people working until very late getting things ready. So again a big thank you to them. These funds will help our High School students attend the National Catholic Youth Conference. It can really be a life changing experience for our young people. So thank you again for the donations and the work that went into making the event a success. A.M.D.G. ~ Fr. Ross Parker

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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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### 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](http://www.vocationsonline.org)

## Mass and Reconciliation

### Tuesday, July 25

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Cecilia & Mike Morton

### Wednesday, July 26

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † Aiden Phelan Ruden

### Thursday, July 27

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

### Friday, July 28

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Our Parish Members

### Saturday, July 29

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Jack Sabol

### Sunday, July 30

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Doc Birchmier

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

### Tuesday, August 1

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Rick McQuiston

### Wednesday, August 2

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

### Thursday, August 3

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Dick & Veda Dyer

### First Friday, August 4

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Roberta Angell

### Saturday, August 5

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † John Richardson

### Sunday, August 6

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Pat Phelan

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

## 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).



## 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!!

## 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.

## Church Sign

**WAIT! Jesus wants to talk to you!**



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2023

The third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is celebrated Sunday, July 23, and has the theme, "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk

1: 50). This verse reminds us that God's mercy is manifested in history through the testimonies of those who have experienced it and passed it on to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents and the elderly are called to carry this mercy, to tell through words and life how God has been faithful to His promises and how He continues to love His people. They are also called to receive God's mercy, and to allow themselves to be comforted by His fatherly love that never abandons them.

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an occasion to once again express with joy that the Church wants to celebrate together with those whom the Lord -- as the Bible says -- has given "a full life".

Read Pope Francis' message: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20230531-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html?bbeml=tp-PTB0k67Y8k6Tf5hqVlv4cQ.jQR9lrMlxKky3tbMW9xSeEg.rQ1eLg0dX7Eu5jFWwTWMxlg.IZlvJ9Ng0GEuFJZ5HsmOIEA>

### Parish Council

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

### Finance Council

Meeting, July 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meetings: August 14, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Knights of Columbus

August 21, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

### Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 5 from Elkhart and Cambridge

The parish office is closed Thursdays during the summer and also on Friday, July 28.

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

- † **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
- † **Weekend of August 5/6:** Buildings & Grounds Collection — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass. And after 10:00am Mass if have hosts.

## Coffee & Donuts at St. Mary

If you would like to host this August 6 after 10:00am Mass or learn more about hosting coffee & donuts, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Registration is in full swing! This year we have an online option for registration, by following this link: <https://forms.gle/DFn61LKez5juiYx48>.

If you'd prefer to send your registration into the office, you can download a form from the website, otherwise forms are available in the vestibule. **Sessions start September 6 at 6:30pm with Mass for all sessions.** On September 13 we begin with our Good Starts Sessions for the first 45 minutes of each session. We are looking forward to working with your children again this year!

September 6: 6:30pm Mass for all sessions  
Sept. 13 & 20: Session A 4:45-6:15pm  
Session B 6:30-7:45pm  
Session C 9:00-11:30am

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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## Thank You!!

We would like to thank the parish for donating and shopping at our garage sale fundraiser this year. We were able to raise over \$2000. The money will go to the youth to help pay for their NCYC ticket. We all appreciate your generous hearts.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.lifesevverbloodcenter.org) or in the vestibule of St. Mary. Each blood donation saves up to three lives and more than 100,000 units of blood are needed yearly. **May we count on you to donate?** It takes about 30 to 45 minutes from check-in to check-out.

Please contact Larry Sauer, [sauerld@outlook.com](mailto:sauerld@outlook.com) / 515-710-2421 if you wish to help during the drive or bring items for the canteen.

## Support the Diocesan Newspaper

If you like getting your monthly edition of *The Catholic Mirror* to catch up on the news and inspiring stories of faith, be sure to take a subscription for yourself and maybe one for someone who cannot afford it. The Catholic Mirror subscription drive offsets the cost of producing and distributing our newspaper. Send your \$25 subscription to The Catholic Mirror, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

## Movie Reviews

See [www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm](http://www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm).

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget		
Tithes/Plate/	\$1,991	\$6,114	July 9	Week 2
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$8,872	\$6,114	July 16	Week 3
Year-to-Date		Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$16,062	\$18,341		\$12,704
Collections: Food Pantry: \$654 / Missionary: \$1099 to date				
Mass Attendance: July 8 & 9: 219, July 15 & 16: 202				
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.

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