

# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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# **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 2 & 3

Dear Good People,

A very blessed Labor Day to you. I hope you get a chance to rest from your labors on Monday. I know many of you have stressful or difficult jobs. I pray you can find some rest and relaxation. We also pray that others will be able to find meaningful work in their lives and that they will be paid a just wage. On this Labor Day weekend I thought I would share this from Pope Francis:

"Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others, giving glory to God. It follows that, in the reality of today's global society, it is essential that 'we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone,' no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning. We were created with a vocation to work. The goal should not be that technological progress increasingly replace human work, for this would be detrimental to humanity. Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work." (Pope Francis, On Care for Our Common Home [Laudato Si'], nos. 127-28)

A very blessed Labor Day weekend to all of you holy people. Please know of my prayers for those who travel and may God bless us abundantly! 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 Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	8:00am 5:30pm 8:00am 8:00am 5:00pm 8:00am	Holy Cross St. Mary St. Mary St. Mary Holy Cross
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	Holy Cross 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

<b>Tuesday, September 5</b> 8:00am Mass, St. Mary	† Albert & Helen Schmidt
Wednesday, September	6
5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross	+ Jim & Margaret Shaw
Thursday, September 7	
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	+ Edward & Jessie Ross
Friday, September 8 Fe	ast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Mass, St. Mary	+ Mary Maxwell
Saturday, September 9	
4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliati	on, St. Mary
5:00pm Mass, St. Mary	<i>† LeRoy Peterson</i>
Sunday, September 10	
8:00am Mass, Holy Cross	People of the Parish

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross People of the Parish 10:00am Mass, St. Mary + Mark Schmidt



We welcome the following who have joined our Parish: Darin and Angela Collum and their children,

James, Elizabeth and David, who live in Bondurant

Cal and Canon Keller, who live in Baxter

Zach and Nicole Matter and their son, Beau, who live in Elkhart

Robert and Julie Coash, who live in Bondurant



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 <u>rparker@dmdiocese.org</u> or 515-367-2685 or Deacon Schleisman at 515-669-6158 or <u>digiterrry@netscape.net</u>.

# 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 a friend. Others have been 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, please contact Fr. Parker, <u>rparker@dmdiocese.org</u>. 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.

# **Prayer for Vocations**

Loving God,

the provider of all our needs, we, your faithful people, ask that you bless this parish and our Diocese with an increase of men and women for priestly and committed ministry.

Provide from among us those who will lead and work with us in priestly and consecrated service.

As you call, so may you also provide the context for listening so that they may respond with generosity and joy.

Form our hearts so that we may be a people given to Gospel living and generous for Christian service.

Help us all to discern and pursue our vocation in life with strength and courage, making of us a priestly people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, the priest and servant of our hearts. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

#### **Parish Council**

Meeting: Sept. 19, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council Meeting, Sept. 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

**Stewardship** Meetings: Sept. 11, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus Sept. 18, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

**Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:** Team 5 from Elkhart and Cambridge

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

# **Coming Events**

- Weekend of Sept. 2/3: Collection for Buildings and Grounds — Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & Donuts after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses
- \* Weekend of Sept. 16/17: Maxwell Food Pantry Collection
- Sunday, Sept. 17: Pancake Breakfast after 8:00am Mass, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

# Help with Avenue of Flags

Could you assist with retiring the flags on Monday, Sept. 4 at 5:00pm? It will take about half an hour. Please contact Lynn Schreurs, <u>lschreurs@msn.com</u> / 515-577-8147, to volunteer.

# Annual Diocesan Appeal

We are getting closer!! 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 <u>dmdiocese.org/giving</u>; choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you.

# **Religious Education Registration**

We are still accepting registrations, but can't guarantee your preferred time for PreS-6th Grades. Register online: <u>https://forms.gle/ DFn61LKez5juiYx48</u>, or fill out a paper form (on the website and in the vestibule) and send to the office.

# Religious Education: Preschool to 6th Grade

#### **Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators**

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

We are so excited to begin our year! We kick off the year with an All Session Mass on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm. We will have a cookie and lemonade social afterwards in the Social Hall. We look forward to seeing you all there. We will briefly make announcements at Mass and then we'll be available for any questions you have about the upcoming year after Mass.

#### Upcoming Sessions

September 6- All Sessions 6:30pm Mass September 13- Good Starts-45 minute sessions September 20- Good Starts- 45 minute sessions September 27- Regular Sessions

# S.T.O.R.M. Report: 7th - 12th Grade

#### **Grades 7-12 Coordinators**

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

#### EDGE 7th & 8th

Sept. 6: 6:30pm Mass; please plan to attend with your family.Sept. 13: EDGE parent AND teen meeting from 6:00-7:00pm, Social Hall.

Sept. 20: EDGE Session Kick Off, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

#### 9th & 10th Confirmation:

**9th Grade Session:** Sunday, Sept. 10, 11:00am (after Mass) to Noon in the Youth Room downstairs at St. Mary.

**10th Grade Session:** Sunday, Sept. 24, 11:00am (after Mass) to Noon in the Youth Room downstairs at St. Mary.

Teen (9th/10th) / Adult Session: Wednesday Sept. 27, 6:00 -7:30pm in the Social Hall at St. Mary.

If you haven't already registered your child for the upcoming year, please do as soon as possible.

Please contact Nicole Cory if you have any questions.

#### STORM Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Sept 6: 6:30pm Mass; please plan to attend with your family. Sept. 13: NO Youth Gathering due to EDGE parent meeting Sept. 20: Youth Gathering/Kick Off, 7:30-9:30pm, Youth Room

# Who is Ready for Some FOOTBALL?!

The big ISU vs. U of I game is quickly approaching and we want your "VOTE." S.T.O.R.M. teens will hold a **"Cast Your Vote For Your Favorite Team"** event following all Masses this weekend, September 2/3. Please show your support for your favorite team by dropping your money donations into the "IOWA, IOWA STATE or I DON'T CARE" bucket. After we count the "votes", the team with the most \$ is the *winner*! So even if your team isn't favored to win the BIG game, they still have the chance to be the *winner* here! The SM/HC *winner* will be revealed in the vestibule and in the bulletin next weekend. Your voting will support those attending NCYC later this fall. Thank you for your continued support!

Weekly Collection Financial Update				
:	Received	Budget		
Tithes/Plate/	\$8,661	\$6,114	Aug. 20	Week 8
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,133	\$6,114	Aug. 27	Week 9
Year-to-Da	te <u>Re</u>	<u>ceived</u> <u>B</u>	udget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth	/Guests \$3	7,766 \$5	55,023	\$35,577
Food Pantry Collection: \$543.33				
Mass Attendance: August 19/20: 251, August 26/27: 285				
2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal				
Assessed Pl	<u>edged</u>	<u>Paid</u> <u>Ur</u>	npaid <u>/</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$55,196 \$5	50,215 \$4	47,815 \$2	,400	\$7,381

# **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

Celia Shedd, *Chair* - hoyhill@partnercom.net Terri Hamm - Theresa.Hamm@mercyoneiowa.org Drew Hanlon - drewsmhcpc@yahoo.com Doug Jones - djones@bossard.com Tammi McClain - tammimcclain71@gmail.com Larry Sauer - sauerld@outlook.com Lisa Schoening - lisa.schoening@cbdsm.com

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# Laudato Si

Unplug chargers for cell phones, laptops and other devices when they are fully charged or you leave your home or office. It minimizes "vampire energy"; electronics and appliances drawing power even when they are off. See more at: https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home.

# 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.

# What is a Prayer Shawl?

It is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that they are not alone and that we are praying for them. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.

### Mass for the Unborn

Join in a Mass for unborn babies and their families to be held on Saturday, September 9, 10:00am at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, St Anthony Parish, DSM. Chairs will be set up, but feel free to bring a lawn chair as seating is limited. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved to the church.

# Young Catholic Singles

Trivia/Bingo Night: Join Young Catholic Singles for a trivia/ bingo night —test your smarts and test your luck! Friday, September 22, 7:00-9:00pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall in the St. Patrick Room, 3300 Easton Blvd, DSM. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Questions? Email <a href="mailto:ycdmcatholicsingles@gmail.com">ycdmcatholicsingles@gmail.com</a>

### Liturgical Ministers September 9 & 10

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

Lector	Di Schleisman
Host Distributor	Bob Selby
Cup Bearers	Di Schleisman, Susan Selby
Altar Servers	Jack & Tommy Selby
Ushers	Jim Hudson, Bill Schmitt
Music	Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

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

Lector	Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Servers	Nick Shedd
Usher	Todd & Jill Beukema
Music	Jen Linderblood, Stacey Rooney

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

Lector	Garrett McClain
Host Distributor	Garrett McClain
Cup Bearers	Mike Nehring. Tim Loraditch
Altar Servers	Peyton & Justice Loraditch
Ushers	Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music	Sue Schmidt, Mary Ortmann
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#### Money Counters

Sept. 3: Sharon Morrie, Dona Cowman Sept. 10: Kathy Daup, Trish Morris

SAVULAT? Recycling one glass bottle or jar saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.

# **Receiving Parish Emails**

If you currently do not receive parish emails, but your spouse does, and you would like to receive them, please call the office and we will add your name to the distribution list.

Moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline? New email? Please email the parish office with any changes so our records can be up-to-date. Thank you!

#### International Day of Peace

This year's event is Thursday, September 21, 6:30pm at Cowles Commons Peace Garden, 221 Walnut St, DSM The keynote speaker is Dr. David Drake of Physicians for Social Responsibility. The service will explore the existential threats of nuclear war and climate change,. It will highlight a vision of peace and a position against war shared by all faith traditions asking all to renew their commitment to be instruments of God's peace for all people.

### **Chesterton High School Academy**

Please join us for an informational session on Chesterton High School Academy on Monday, September 25, 7:00pm at St. Augustin's parish hall. The mission of Chesterton Academy is to help parents raise up a new generation of joyful leaders and saints, educated in the classical tradition and the truths of the Catholic faith. A rigorous, integrated curriculum unlocks student's potential and prepares students to succeed in college and professional life, and to excel in service of family, country, and of Christ our Lord. For more information go to: <u>https:chestertondesmoines.org/</u>.

#### Church Sign: Change how you see, not how you look.

### 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.

# **Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing**

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 2/3

Theme: The cross is a way that leads to true life.

*Reading I:* Jeremiah 20:7-9 • I suffer for the sake of doing God's work.

Reading II: Romans 12:1-2 • Be transformed.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 • Take up your cross.

*Question for Children:* Jesus tells us that we each are called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

*Question for Adults*: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?