



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	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, September 5

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 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Mary Maxwell*

Saturday, September 9

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

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

Sunday, September 10

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

10:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Mark Schmidt*



Welcome To Our New Members!

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

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

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, rparker@dmdiocese.org. 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, lschreurs@msn.com / 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 dmdiocese.org/giving; 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: <https://forms.gle/DFn61LKez5juiYx48>, 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

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Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 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, mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830
Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059
Nicole Cory, ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 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-Date		Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$37,766	\$55,023		\$35,577

Food Pantry Collection: \$543.33

Mass Attendance: August 19/20: 251, August 26/27: 285

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$50,215	\$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.

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