



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

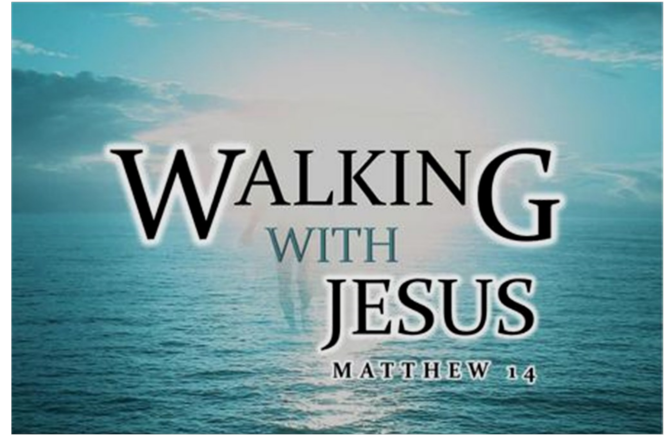
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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 5/6, 2023



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12/13, 2023

Dear Good People,

I hope this letter finds you well as we are moving into August and are looking forward to the Iowa State Fair. Just a reminder that World Youth Day is just wrapping up in Lisbon, Portugal. Please pray for all of the pilgrims who are attending World Youth Day. If you ever have a chance to attend a World Youth Day, please consider it. It can truly be a life changing experience. We will find out where the next one will be at the end of the current World Youth Day.

Secondly, just an update about my travel schedule. We have the seminarian convocation this year in Davenport so I will be there starting Monday the 7th and returning on Wednesday afternoon. There will be mass that evening at Holy Cross. Next month I will be travelling to Rome for the diaconate ordination of Mike Mahoney and then we have our priest convocation that next week. Thank you again for your understanding for the times I have to be away.

Finally, on Tuesday, August 15th we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady body and soul into heaven. This is a holy day of obligation and as I say a holy day of opportunity. Please plan on attending holy mass this day. We will offer mass at 7AM and 6:30PM at St. Mary's. If you are unable to make one of these times, please find another mass time in Ankeny or somewhere else that would work for you. What an outstanding opportunity to honor Our Lady and to ask for her intercession! I remember all of you daily in my prayers. God bless you! 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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Regular Mass Schedule

<i>See inside for August 8 & 15 Mass schedule changes.</i>	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, August 8 — No Mass today

Wednesday, August 9

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † *Tom Morris*

Thursday, August 10

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

Friday, August 11

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Karen Breese*

Saturday, August 12

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

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

Sunday, August 13

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † *Harry & Mary Fisher*

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

Tuesday, August 15 Holy Day: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

7:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Leo & Rosemary Overmohle*

6:30pm Mass, St. Mary † *LaVina Clemens*

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Rick Johnson*

Friday, August 18

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † *Mary O'Mara*

Saturday, August 19

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † *Mark Schmidt*

Sunday, August 20

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

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

Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven



We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation with 7:00am and 6:30pm Mass on Tuesday, August 15 at St. Mary. We invite you to come celebrate Mary, who, when her earthly life was completed, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory!

A Get Together!



Please join us on Thursday, August 17 to work on your craft or play games and enjoy conversation with fellow parishioners! We gather at 9:00am in the Social Hall. All are invited — give it a try!

Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray

no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me

a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

Parish Council

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

Finance Council

Meeting, August 22, 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 Thursday, August 10, Tuesday, August 15 and Thursday, August 17.


Fr. Parker does not have set office hours when he is here at the parish. To reach him, please email, call or text:


rparker@dmdioocese.org or 515-720-3434.

Coming Events

- † **Weekend of August 5/6:** Buildings & Grounds Collection — Wine & cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & donuts after 8:00am and 10:00am Masses
- † **Thursday, August 17:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:00am, Social Hall
- † **Weekend of August 19/20:** Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry

Music Notes

We welcome Emma DeVries (incoming college freshman) to our group of talented accompanists. Emma will play occasionally as it works for her college schedule. She is the niece of Tim & Geneveve Loraditch and comes with a wealth of church piano experience. Please welcome her at St. Mary's on Sunday, August 6 for her first Mass with us. 

Also, please welcome Mary Snyder as a new substitute accompanist. She is a regular visitor to SM & HC Masses and will play for us as needed on a substitute basis. Mary has many years experience as a church music director and accompanist and we're very grateful to have her share her talents with our music ministry! Mary will play at St. Mary's on Sunday, September 3. Be sure to give her a warm welcome. 



Registration for Preschool - 10th Grade Religious Education

Registration is now open! We have an online option for registration this year: <https://forms.gle/DFn61LKez5juiYx48>. You may also send in your registration into the office if you prefer. You can download a form from our website, or you can pick up a form in the vestibule. It would be very helpful for our planning purposes if you could register by **August 15**.

Religious Education: Preschool to 6th Grade

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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

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 4:45-5:30pm
Session B 6:30-7:15pm
Session C 9:00-9:45am

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/Youth Group begins September 6 at 6:30pm with Mass; please plan to attend with your family. September 13 we have our EDGE parent AND teen meeting from 6:00-7:00pm in the social hall. We are blessed to be ministering along with you and look forward to seeing you soon.

9th & 10th Confirmation: Parent/Teen Meeting: Sunday, August 27, 11:00am (after Mass) 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.



Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of August 19/20; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need. Your donation will assist Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

Religious Education Assistance



We are looking for catechists to help with our upcoming Religious Education year. No experience is necessary - just a love of the faith and a willingness to serve the children. Please contact Geneveve Loraditch, 515-556-4150/gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org or Tracy Miller, 515-520-7981/tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, if you are interested in helping.

Blood Drive



Sign-up in the vestibule of St. Mary or at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org 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. It takes only about 30 to 45 minutes from check-in to check-out. Contact Larry Sauer, sauerld@outlook.com / 515-710-2421 to help during the drive or bring items for the canteen.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget		
Tithes/Plate/	\$1,372	\$6,114	July 23	Week 4
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$4,762	\$6,114	July 30	Week 5

	Year-to-Date	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$22,296	\$30,568	\$19,676	

Mass Attendance: July 22/23: 220, July 29/30: 245

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$48,735	\$46,205	\$2,530	\$8,991

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

If possible, opt to pay your bills online. It's quick and convenient and reduces paper use. Choosing to receive bills, bank statements and the like electronically can save a huge number of trees, and in that way help to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. See more at <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>.

Summer Bulletin Submissions

Please email the parish office, bliske@saintmaryhc.org, by Wednesday, August 16 for the August 20 & 27 bulletin and by August 30 for the September 3 bulletin. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers August 12/13

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Lorrie Hanlon
Host Distributor Drew Hanlon
Cup Bearers Mike Devereux, Lisa Jones
Altar Servers *Volunteers needed*
Ushers Drew Hanlon, Mike Devereux
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer Laurie Phelan
Altar Servers Natalie & Nick Shedd
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Greg Feldmann
Host Distributor Jill Swanson
Cup Bearers Greg Feldmann, Tracy Miller
Altar Servers Isaac, Jonah & Gabriel Miller
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music Christine Muehlenthaler, Karon Lacey, Maggie Bruce

Liturgical Ministers August 19/20

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Linda Froehlich
Host Distributor Tom Froehlich
Cup Bearers Linda Froehlich, Susan Stillmunkes
Altar Servers Drew Gilligan, Callahan Coffelt
Ushers Brodie Gilligan Family
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Anne Davis
Cup Bearer Michele Hand
Altar Servers Claire & Oliver Hand
Usher Mike Veasman
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Di Schleisman
Host Distributor Di Schleisman
Cup Bearers Tom & Jacki Ausman
Altar Servers Jon & Marcus Larsen
Ushers Tom & Jacki Ausman
Music Sue Schmidt, Terri Hamm, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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Money Counters

August 6: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman
August 13: Kathy Daup, Sue White
August 20: Trish Morris, Dona Cowman



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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.

Diocesan Collection for Church in Africa

Help support our brothers and sisters in faith in Africa. Envelopes are available at both churches through August 20. Please return your gift in the collection basket. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Diocesan Eucharistic Procession



Join us Saturday, August 19 for 9:00am Mass at the Grotto at St. Anthony's Church and procession to St. Ambrose Cathedral. Lunch served at the Pastoral Center. Transportation back to St. Anthony provided. Registration not necessary but appreciated: www.dmdiocese.org and click on Eucharistic Procession event near the bottom of the main page. Your RSVP helps us plan. Come together in faith, love, and hope! All are welcome to this grace-filled gathering.

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



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, August 5/6

Theme: Jesus appears glowing with light.

Reading I: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 • His clothing was snow bright.

Reading II: 2 Peter 1:16-19 • We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 • His face shone like the sun.

Question for Children: How do you show that you listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: How does your faith in Jesus as the Son of God affect your life?

Question for Adults: When have you had a "transfiguration" experience? What was it like?

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 12/13

Theme: If we believe, we will be saved.

Reading I: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a • The Lord will be passing by.

Reading II: Romans 9:1-5 • I speak the truth in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 • Lord, save me!

Question for Children: What does God's voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

Question for Adults: Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in "tiny voices" rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.