



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

St. Mary: 460 NW Washington Avenue, Elkhart Iowa 50073

Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street, Maxwell Iowa 50161



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13/14, 2026



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20/21, 2026

It is customary at our Parish that 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 passes away. 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 hope this note finds you well. I was just reflecting this past week as I celebrated my 13th ordination anniversary that it has been an absolute blessing and honor to be your priest these last few years. God has truly blessed me beyond belief! I truly enjoy being with all of you. I know that Fr. Pisut will feel the same welcome and care. With that being said June is typically very busy as we have one diaconate and one priesthood ordination. Please keep Luke Mohan and Deacon Stan Asjes in your prayers as they both prepare for ordination. Connor Lynch will be ordained a transitional deacon over in Rome in the fall. During the summer months let us continue to keep one another in prayer as we rightly enjoy some time for vacation and self-care. I was thinking the other day why does winter drag on and summer seem to go by so fast?! ~ A.M.D.G. Fr. Ross

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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.
Marriage: Please contact the Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: Please contact Fr. Parker or Nicole Cory
Priesthood/Religious: www.vocationsonline.org

Mass and Reconciliation

Tuesday, June 16

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Donald Hanlon

Wednesday, June 17

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † Healing for Chris Pritchard

Thursday, June 18

8:00am Mass, St. Mary *Living & Deceased Members
of the Mike & Brenda Nehring Family*

Friday, June 19

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Larry Richardson

Saturday, June 20

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Jerry Girres

Sunday, June 21

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Wendell & Ruth Carpenter

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

Tuesday, June 23

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Healing for Chris Pritchard

Wednesday, June 24

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † Doc Birchmier

Thursday, June 25

8:00am Mass, St. Mary *Melvin & Diane Ward*

Friday, June 26

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † James Fickbohm

Saturday, June 27

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Bob Canney

Sunday, June 28

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Patrick 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, <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/membership>. We are glad you are here!

Pastoral Assistance

In case of an emergency please contact Fr. Ross Parker, 515-720-3434. To schedule a visit with Father at your home, or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit, please contact him at rparker@dmdiocese.org.

Reception for Fr. Parker

Please join us Saturday, June 27 after 5:00pm Mass to say farewell to Fr. Parker and to wish him well at St. Augustin Parish. We will be serving smoked chicken and pork, baked beans, mac and cheese, coleslaw and chips. Hot dogs will be available for kids. Drinks will be provided. See you there!

Summer Bi-weekly Bulletins

If you wish to have something included in the bulletin, please email your information to the Parish Office at bliske@saintmaryhc.org by Wednesday Noon on June 24 and July 8. Thank you!

June 21!



God our Father,
we give you thanks and praise for fathers.
For young fathers newly embracing their vocations;
May they find the courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own fathers
who have supported and challenged us;
May they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.
We remember fathers
whose children are lost or suffering;
May they know that the God of compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us
with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers,
and great-grandfathers no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Parish Councils, Committees & Staff

Meeting: June 16, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: June 23, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: July 13, 6:00pm, Social Hall

OCIA

Interest meeting, Sunday, July 12, 11:00am,
Youth Room, Ed Center

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: June 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations

Team 6: Alleman, Des Moines area, Madrid,
Mingo, Mitchellville, Polk City, Prairie City,
Runnells, Sheldahl, Slater

The Parish Office has varied hours during June and is closed on Thursdays. Please call ahead to be sure someone is here before stopping by. Thank you.

Fr. Parker does not have set office hours at the Parish.

*To reach him please email, call or text:
rparker@dmdiocese.org or 515-720-3434.*

Coming Events

- ✚ **Weekend of June 20 & 21:** Blessing of Fathers and Fathers-to-be — Food Pantry Collection for Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter
- ✚ **Farewell Reception for Fr. Parker:** Saturday, June 27 after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall
- ✚ **Family Movie Nights:** Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 14, 6:30pm, Social Hall

With God everybody is somebody.

Religious Education: Preschool - 6th Grade

Coordinator

Tracy Miller, tmiller@saintmaryhc.org, 515-520-7981

Please join us for a family movie night on Monday, June 29 6:30-8:30pm, *Love God's Will* -The true story of Father Ryan Stawaisz. Everyone is welcome to attend! Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Registration for this Fall will be open soon. Watch your email for updates.

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

Coordinators

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Celebrate Two Ordinations!

Seminarian Luke Mohan will be ordained a transitional deacon on Friday, June 19 at 5:00pm Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. Deacon Stan Asjes will be ordained a priest on Friday, June 26 at 5:00pm Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. May they grow in holiness and virtue as they serve the people of God in our Diocese. Please keep them and all our seminarians in your prayers. All are invited to these celebrations!

Meal for Family Shelter Needed



Could you help provide a meal for Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter in Des Moines on Sunday, **July 12**. One or more families or groups can volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal (number for the meal varies) to the Shelter. Volunteers can pay for the meal, be reimbursed by the Parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt. *To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Stacey Rooney at 515-490-5034 or rooneyslg17@gmail.com.*



Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass June 20/21; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity; your donation this month will assist Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter.

Join Us For "Work of Our Hands"!

Parishioners are invited to participate in our "Work of Our Hands" Fair later this year. Whether you create handmade items, delicious treats, unique décor, have a service you provide, or represent a favorite company or product line; be part of this special event! Showcase your talents, support one another, and enjoy fellowship together! To join us or for more details contact Trish Morris, girardifan@hotmail.com or 515-480-9922 **by July 1**, and we'll plan an informational meeting.



Parish History

We've updated our 150th year history book and now are updating the family genealogy records for both Churches to preserve our Parish records for future generations. Go to [Family Questionnaire](#) to add new information or update existing records. If you prefer not to include vital records, just leave those sections blank; if you wish to complete that, but maintain privacy, those details can be kept confidential within the database. **Questionnaire deadline is July 1 to have this information printed in this 150th year history book.**

Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/	\$7,541	\$5,536	May 31
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$5,221	\$5,536	June 7
<i>Year-to-Date</i>			
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$318,803	\$271,242	\$289,892
Cemetery Collection to date:	\$4,232		
Building Fund Collection:	\$1,702		
Mass Attendance: May 30/31:	367	June 6/7:	341

2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Refund
\$47,270	\$52,740	\$48,466	\$4,274	\$1,196

Councils and Committees

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Thank You

SMHC Family & Stewardship Committee,
Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I have very fond memories from growing up in this Parish. I feel certain that the relationships and friendships I have established will continue well into the future.

Thank you again. ~ Jessica Schoening

Prayer Chain

If illness or crisis strikes your family or friends, please don't hesitate to contact us so members of our Parish can offer prayers for them. *If the request is not for you, please ask permission from the one it is, to be on our prayer chain.* For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact the Office at bliske@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685.

Ministers for June 20 & 21

Saturday, June 20, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Garrett McClain
Host Distributor: Joe Rumbaugh
Cup Bearers: Bill Sexton, Garrett McClain
Ushers: Bob & Jack Selby, Mike D., Joe R.
Music: Drew Hanlon, Lisa Jones, Maggie Bruce

Sunday, June 21, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector: Matt Hart
Cup Bearer: Laurie Phelan
Altar Servers: Titus & Zeke Weber
Usher: Sandra Hunter
Music: Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, June 21, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Kris LeRoy
Host Distributor: Julie Coash
Cup Bearers: Tracy Miller, Bob Coash
Altar Servers: Jackson Cory, Carter Cory
Cross Bearer: Gabriel Miller
Ushers: Andrew Cory, Gregg Richwine
Music: Sue Harrington, Mary Ortmann

Ministers for June 27 & 28

Saturday, June 27, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Olivia Jones
Host Distributor: Susan Stillmunkes
Cup Bearers: Lisa Jones, Drew Hanlon
Ushers: Doug Jones, Bill Schmitt
Music: Lisa J., Garrett M., Mary Schmelzer

Sunday, June 28, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector: Jackie Crouse
Cup Bearer: Michele Hand
Altar Servers: Claire & Oliver Hand
Usher: Mike Veasman
Music: Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

Sunday, June 28, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector: Greg Feldmann
Host Distributor: **Volunteer Needed**
Cup Bearers: Angela Collum, Greg Feldmann
Altar Servers: **Volunteers Needed**
Cross Bearer: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Tom & Jacki Ausman
Music: Sue H. Karon L. Mary Ortmann

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Money Counters

June 14: Sue White, Trish Morris

June 21: Kathy Daup, Kathy Petersen

June 28: Dona Cowman, Trish Morris

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Senior Appreciation Social

Join Us 

Are you retired (or about that age!) and want to join others for Mass, breakfast, and conversation? Join us on Friday, August 7 for 8:00am Mass at St. Mary followed by breakfast. Please mark your calendar!

Additional Options for Tithing

Automatic Debit from your account once a month.
Online Giving through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa. For questions or to begin either of these, contact Candy at bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org
Thank you for considering one of these for your tithing.

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



Christ Our Life Conference 2026

Saturday & Sunday, Sept 26-27 at Casey's Center, DSM
Tickets are on sale for this Conference featuring world-class speakers, inspirational music, and sacramental moments to lift your soul! There will be breakout sessions for high school students & young adults. Tickets: 23 years & younger: free, but registration is still required. Adults: \$30 each. Livestream also available for the same price as in-person admission. Learn more and reserve your ticket at christourlifeiowa.com.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 13/14

Theme: Jesus calls us to serve others.

Reading I: Exodus 19:2-6a • I bore you up on eagles wings.

Reading II: Romans 5:6-11 • We will be saved by the life of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8 • We are sent.

Question for Children: Share about small ways in which you help others around you.

Question for Youth: What have you done in the last year to serve others? How can you be more compassionate to those who are in need?

Question for Adults: What are the small ways in which you are sent to heal, teach, and "give the gift" of faith which you have received?

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 20/21

Theme: There is nothing to fear if we stay close to Jesus.

Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 • He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-15 • God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33 • Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your family and friends?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?