



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 10/11, 2023



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17/18, 2023

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.

Parish Information

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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, June 13

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Anita Brendeland

Wednesday, June 14

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † Will & Mikey Carpenter

Thursday, June 15

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

Friday, June 16

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Ardy McDermott

Saturday, June 17

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Mark Schmidt

Sunday, June 18

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Aiden Phelan-Ruden

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

Tuesday, June 20

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † John & Fran Cory

Wednesday, June 21

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † Tom Morris

Thursday, June 22

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Clarence & Victoria Becker

Friday, June 23

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Darlene Hughes

Saturday, June 24

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Harry & Mary Fisher

Sunday, June 25

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. 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.



Meal Needed for August!

Volunteers to prepare and deliver a meal to Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter (about 10 families, up to 34 people) are still needed for August, September and December. One or more families or groups can volunteer. Covid precautions are taken and up to 3 people can now prepare the meal on-site. Volunteers can pay for the meal themselves, be reimbursed by the parish, or receive a Gift-In-Kind receipt that can be used for a tax deduction.

To volunteer or to find out more, please contact Lisa or Tim Kautza at kautza@netins.net or 515-964-7687. Our parish has been preparing a meal for the families at the on the second Sunday of each month for more than 20 years. They count on us. Please help if you can.



June 18!

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 Council

Meeting: June 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting, June 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meetings: June 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

June 19, 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.

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

† **Saturday, June 10:** Celebration of Fr. Parker's 10 year Ordination Anniversary and Parish Volunteer Appreciation, after 5:00pm Mass, Social Hall

† **Youth sponsored Garage Sale:** July 5-9, Social Hall

Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, please 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 at bliske@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685.

Church Sign: Walking with God is a daily adventure!

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Agee, brother-in-law of Sharon Morris, who passed away Sunday, June 4, and for his family that they know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.* ✠

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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

There are a few spots left for this year's Vacation Bible School on June 20-22, from 5:00-7:30pm. For children age 4-11. Register by June 18 if you'd like to join us! We'll have dinner for the kids each night, along with fun activities and songs. The whole family is invited to join us Thursday, with Mass at 5:00pm, dinner following, and a carnival beginning at 6:30pm! We'd love to have your children join us! Registration is online this year! <https://forms.gle/UD3koED2AJwSiv2X6>

We are need of a few volunteers, please let us know if you are willing to help! Children age 12 and up are able to help!

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

Got Stuff? Need to Declutter?

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry needs your gently used items for a garage sale. We are raising funds to send 11 of our amazing youth to the National Catholic Youth Conference 2023 in November. Our sale is July 5 - July 9 in St Mary's Social Hall.

These are just some of the items we could use: clothing, toys, holiday, dishes, home decor, shoes, sports equipment, purses, luggage, backpacks, office supplies, tools, movies, books, and anything else. *Please understand we are not able to take the following items because we can't sell them: tv's, mattresses, car seats and tires.* Thank you. Tell your friends and family.

We are accepting donations 1/2 hour before and after weekend Masses June 11 through July 2. Other times through July 3 by appointment with Andrea, 515-240-5059.

Thank you so much for your support of our young people!

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass the weekend of June 17/18; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter.

Summer Wine & Cheese and Coffee & Donuts

We'd like to offer this the first weekend of every month but volunteers are needed to make happen! Please contact the office to help! July and all months beyond are open to host!

Bi-Weekly Summer Bulletins

If you wish something included in our upcoming bulletins, please email it to the parish office, bliske@saintmaryhc.org, by Wednesday June 21 for the June 25/July 2 bulletin and by July 5 for the July 9/16 bulletin. Thank you.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

	Received	Budget		
Tithes/Plate/	\$1,629	\$5,944	May 28	Week 48
Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$5,634	\$5,944	June 4	Week 49
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$252,247	\$291,262		\$284,968
Collections: Bldgs/Grounds: \$1084 / Cemetery: \$3876				
Weekend Mass Attendance: May 27/28: 191, June 3/4: 229				
2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal				
<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$55,196	\$44,625	\$42,595	\$2,030	\$12,601

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

Be sure to follow the routine maintenance schedule for your motor vehicle and keep tires at their recommended inflation. This will reduce undue vehicle wear, maintain top efficiency and increase mileage, helping to limit carbon emissions.

<https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home>

Support Our Seminarians

We pray for Deacon Jason Lee, who will be ordained a priest on Friday, June 25. Please keep him and all of our seminarians in your prayers. May Deacon Lee grow in holiness and virtue as he serves the people of God in the Diocese of Des Moines.

Liturgical Ministers June 17/18

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Bill Sexton
Host Distributor Tony Kuehn
Cup Bearers Bill & Kris Sexton
Altar Servers *Volunteers needed*
Ushers Drew Hanlon, Jim Hudson
Music Garrett McClain, Maggie Bruce

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema
Altar Servers Titus & Zeke Weber
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Di Schleisman
Host Distributor Tom Ausman
Cup Bearers Jacki Ausman, Di Schleisman
Altar Servers Jo & Marcus Larsen
Ushers Tom & Jacki Ausman
Music Jen Linderblood, Celeste Muehlenthaler

Liturgical Ministers June 24/25

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector John Roberts
Host Distributor Joe Rumbaugh
Cup Bearers Bob & Susan Selby
Altar Servers Jack & Tommy Selby
Ushers Doug Jones, Joe Rumbaugh
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Heidi Ackerman
Cup Bearer Laurie Phelan
Altar Servers Natalie & Nick Shedd
Usher Sandra Hunter
Music Garret McClain, Karon Lacey, Maggie Bruce

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Jill Swanson
Host Distributor Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers Jill Swanson, Greg Feldmann
Altar Servers Emma Swanson, Hailey Conover
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory
Music Garrett McClain, Karon Lacey, Maggie Bruce

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Money Counters

June 12: Brenda Nehring, Sharon Morris

June 18: Sue White, Dona Cowman

June 25: Trish Morris, Kathy Daup



Americans use 100 million steel cans and 200 million aluminum beverage cans every day.

May Blood Drive Results

33 people schedule; 30 registered to donate

24 donated; 28 units of blood collected!!!

Up to 84 lives saved or sustained!!!!

Our next blood drive is August 31.

Online Laudato Si' Conference

Registration is now live for "Laudato Si' and the U.S. Catholic Church." The biennial conference series is co-sponsored by Creighton University and Catholic Climate Covenant to equip and inspire Catholics to more deeply integrate Laudato Si' and its creation care teachings into the U.S. Church. It will be held virtually over a series of evenings starting on June 14 and concluding on July 27. Sign up at www.creighton.edu/catholicclimate.

Iowa March for Life

This takes place Saturday, June 24 beginning at 1:00pm. There will be a rally on the west steps of the Iowa Capitol followed by a walk to the Iowa Supreme Court building. This is an opportunity to proclaim the value of human life and advocate for the protection of life in the law.

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



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ, June 10/11

Theme: *The Eucharist is the center of our faith.*

Reading I: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a • One does not live by bread alone, but by the Word of God.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 • We are the Body of Christ when we participate in the Eucharist.

Gospel: John 6:51-58 • The Word of God made flesh, Jesus, declared he was the Bread of Life.

Question for Children: How does receiving Holy Communion change how you treat those around you?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that through the Eucharist we will remain in him and he in us. How does the Eucharist keep you in relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: Share how the Eucharist connects us as "one body" – how does it change the way we relate to each other?

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 17/18

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?