



St. Mary's
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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July 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

15^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

En aquel tiempo, llamó Jesús a los Doce, los envió de dos en dos y les dio poder sobre los espíritus inmundos.

Expulsaban a los demonios, ungián con aceite a los enfermos y los curaban. - Mc 6, 7. 13

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

Welcome! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Closed

Jean -Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m..

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Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.

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Musings From The Pastor.

My name is Fr. Eliud Mwenda and I am a 43 year old Catholic priest in a small village of Mukothima which is near Meru in central Kenya. I want to tell you my story to remind you how God makes something good from something bad and to enlist your help to

continue His work amongst the desperately poor people he has assigned to me as their shepherd.

I grew up as the third child of a family of 4 boys and one girl on a small subsistence farm in rural Kenya. My father did carpentry work for extra income. Unfortunately, he developed throat cancer. Over the course of the three years he lived with that diagnosis, in order to pay for his treatments, his tools were sold, then the livestock and finally the property itself, leaving us penniless and homeless. I was 15 when he passed away. We knew true hunger and the shame that comes when no one has any resources to help feed or clothe you and pretends you don't exist any longer. Needless to say, there was no money to pay the fees needed to attend school.

Fortunately for me, the Catholic Church became a lifeline. At first, it very indirectly fed us when we learned to hang around after any church event and offer to take home any leftover food so that we had something to eat. And then the local priest paid the fees that allowed me to attend school through the eighth grade. I was a serious student and scored highly on the national exams required for entry into high school. The parish priest came through for me again when he got the Bishop to pay for my high school education. By then I was motivated to help other orphans in any way I could and so I became a priest myself being ordained in 2009.

The Bishop assigned me to Mukothima where Consolata missionaries were phasing out a mission church they had there. An experience I had in 2013 changed the direction of my life forever. During Mass a girl fainted because she had no food to eat for the previous three days. Her mother begged one dollar from me to buy her some simple food and the girl was revived in short order. Based on my own life, I know exactly what that family was going through, and so I started a simple feeding program where I hired a cook to make a boiled corn and beans dish common in Kenya to serve as lunch for any hungry child. Soon I had hundreds of children in line. Realizing that they were missing their classes in order to get a meal, I next hired some teachers. That grew into starting a formal school and mushroomed into taking in orphans so that they wouldn't have to live on the streets as I had.

One thing led to another ever increasing in scope. Now I am the pastor for 5000 people and growing. My parish stretches over an area forty by twenty miles. My own school has three hundred children learning from kindergarten through high school and there are nine other schools with an average of three hundred students each. One other priest is my assistant to care for nineteen churches. Four nuns run the girls secondary school and four more run a small hospital on the parish property.

It is my responsibility to care spiritually and physically

for these people. They barely get by since most have poor education, no special job training and the local unemployment rate is 90%. The people are not lazy; there are simply no jobs available. Most live on the equivalent of less than one dollar a day and eat what food they can grow. It is obvious that they have no money to donate to improve their lives. Luckily foreign donors have helped us put in a spring fed water system that takes drinking water to 10,000 people. They have helped drill a well that helps another three hundred families and allows their children to attend school rather than fetch contaminated water from a source up to seven miles away. They have helped us put up classrooms and latrines and dormitories. I farm 100 acres to grow enough food to feed my orphans and school staff. I also raise fish, goats, cattle, sheep and even have a chicken hatchery to try to give them the nutrition they need.

Our needs are many and we need kind people like yourselves to further God's work with these suffering people. The girl's dormitory currently is the old parish church stuffed with bunk beds three level high with barely enough room between them to move. A new dormitory would cost \$40-45,000. We need at least two more reservoir tanks to extend the benefits of clean drinking water, but they cost \$20,000 each. Another well to increase flow capacity would cost \$25,000. Ten of my parish churches are made of mud bricks. To enlarge the churches and make them more permanent would cost \$ 15-20,000 each.

And so I appeal to you to help your fellow man and to love your neighbor as yourself by giving us whatever money you can afford. I assure you that none of it is wasted. It all goes to make my people's lives better.

Please feel free to ask me any questions while I am around.

Fr. Eliud Mwenda

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal work in quiet, unheralded ways to sustain the Catholic Church in south-west Iowa. We empower others to encounter Christ; we help parish leaders to shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith, and help people in need as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

Parish ADA Goal	\$ 26,573.00
Amount Paid	\$ 15,510.00
Outstanding pledges (\$1,717.00)	
Balance	\$ 8,665.00

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO PRESENTS

Dr. Scott Hahn Coming to Omaha on July 24! The Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology and Spirit Catholic Radio present Dr. Scott Hahn—The Riches of Our Catholic Faith—on Saturday, July 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 11802 Pacific, Omaha. Be inspired and study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. Dr. Scott Hahn is a best-selling author, speaker, theologian, convert from Presbyterianism and professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Please join us on Saturday, July 24, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Hahn's talk. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com/Hahn to purchase your \$20 tickets.



**FAITH FORMATION
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

We are looking for help in the garden so that we may help supply the food pantry. This is a great service project for those needing service hours. Please contact Alan if you can help. Many hands make light work.

Please continue through the summer to enjoy the videos that are available at www.formed.org. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so for any updates or information that may be of interest to you.

Blessings to all! Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church Director of Religious Education; stmarysrodre@gmail.com

MARK AUGUST 15TH ON YOUR CALENDAR

We are in the planning process for a Parish wide picnic following 10:30 a.m. mass. Watch for details!!! Fun will be had by all!!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



If anyone would be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please talk to Tim Schmid. We have functions throughout the year to raise money for different organizations and seminarians.



The Governor again signed a Proclamation to read the entire Bible aloud in the 99 Counties by the Courthouses.

Who? Montgomery County residents and friends
What? Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon
When? July 14th, from 8am to 8pm
We are inviting individuals, families, groups, and church's (we are hoping for at least 5 hours of reading from each congregation) to read a portion of the Scriptures.
Where? Montgomery County Courthouse lawn
Why? 2 Chronicles 7:14 "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
How? Bring your Bible during the hours listed above. Connie Sampers and Hugh Smith and others will greet you and you will be given about an hour portion of the Bible to read.(Extra bibles will be available) .

MINNA DIOCESE MISSION PRIEST IS COMING

On July 24/25 Fr. Kizito Okhuoya will be visiting our parish to speak about the Diocese of Minna, Nigeria. Minna Diocese is located in Niger State, North Central, Nigeria. Minna Diocese was canonically erected a Diocese in 1973. Today it has a catholic population of approximately 97,525. The First Mass was celebrated in 1911 by a missionary priest, Rev. Fr. Leon Bourg, SMA. Minna Diocese ministers to mostly poor rural population who must survive with an average daily wage of less than \$1.25. Therefore, Minna Diocese depends on your donation to run primary health care clinics, civic education and social justice programs, build schools in poorer communities, provide drinkable water and worship place. Fr. Kizito will speak about this vital missionary work of the Church.

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13 ; St. Benedict
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1; Sts. John Jones and John Wall
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24; St. Henry
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27; St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30; St. Bonaventure
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8; Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21; St. Francis Solano
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LIFE LINE SCREENING IS AT ST. MARY'S AUGUST 18th

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Red Oak on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979. See the pink fliers on the table at the back of the church. And share with your friends.

RACIAL JUSTICE

As part of the Diocese of Des Moines' engagement on issues related to racial justice a webpage has been created with multiple resources that can be used by families or on one's own to develop knowledge, aid in conversion of heart, and inspire action to address systemic and interpersonal racisms. Go to our website at dmdioocese.org/racism to learn more.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-July 17

Lector: Pete Crawford
Altar Servers: Steve Gray
Min. of Communion: John Willms
Greeter/Usher: Joe & Nancy Nealon / Matt Ross / Kevin Naser
Musician/Singers: Cindee Hays / Jim Kearney
Sacristan: Nancy Nealon

Sunday-July 18

Lector: Kevin Britten
Altar Servers: Rylan Grebin / Cate Horn
Min. of Communion: Connie Sampers
Homebound: Mark Johnson
Greeter/Usher: Mike Portz / Bill Drey / Kerry & Elaine Carlson
Musician/Singers: Cindee Hays / Kerry & Elaine Carlson
Sacristan: Richard Sampers
Money Counters: Kim Robinson / Connie Sampers

**We are now streaming Mass from St. Mary's on Facebook.
You do NOT need to have an account to watch.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning	Josh Watson
Homebound Parishioners	Patricia Menendez
Len & Fran Ross	Teresa Navarro Bueno
Arlene Lao	Teresa Williams
Ken Steffen	Maggie Abbuhl
Easton Koelker	Hugh Rossell
Carlos Palafox Hernandez	Lorenzo Hernandez Garcia



If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit www.211iowa.org

IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through [iowa PBS](http://iowa.pbs.org). Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday-July 10

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

Sunday-July 11

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Sally Steffen+

Monday, July 12-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Grounds-Church Hall

Tuesday, July 13

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene

Wednesday, July 14

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak

Thursday-July 15

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

Friday-July 16

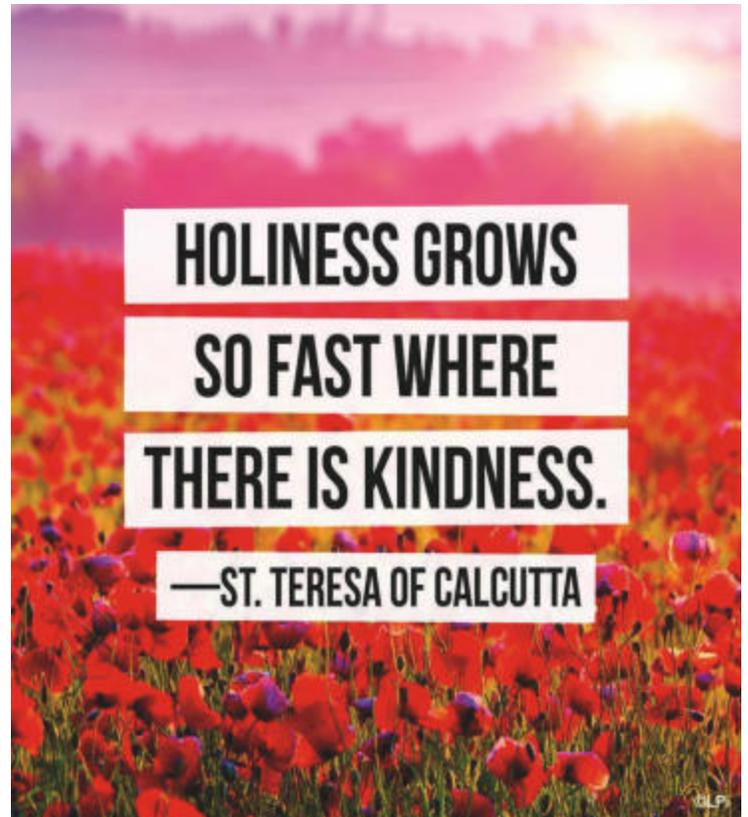
- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak

Saturday-July 17

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish

Sunday-July 18

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Paul Lydon+
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass-Carlos Palafox Hernandez+



BULLETIN DUE DATES

Anything for the July 18 and 25th bulletins are due in the office by July 13th. Thank you.

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