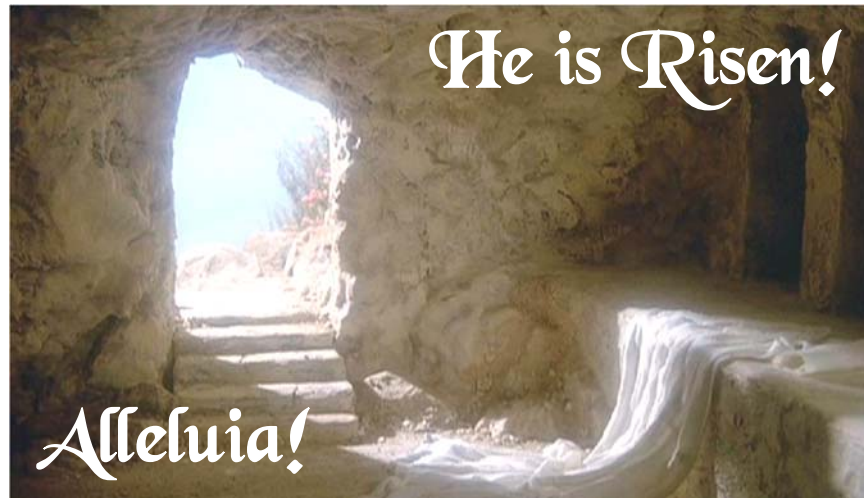




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

He is Risen! Happy Easter to everyone, and just a brief reminder of the "reason for the Season." This is the event in salvation history that should be of utmost importance to each of us. We have all heard that "Jesus died for our sins" and that if we "follow" him, we also will be raised from the dead. But think about that for a minute, what He endured for our salvation - He was scourged and crucified!

His words "follow me" are a pretty tall command and can lead to great suffering! Maybe you, or someone you know, are suffering from cancer, dementia, heart problems, or some other debilitating physical or emotional ailment. There are many being persecuted for their belief in God and their service to Him. Hard to believe, but true! We are called to stay in the struggle, to persevere just as Jesus did when he asked to have the cup pass Him by. By our perseverance in this life, we will experience our own being raised from the dead of earthly life! What we, each of us, are going through now, will be nothing compared to what we will experience when we enter His glory! **Thank you Jesus!**

Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	8:00am	St. Mary
	Saturday	5:00pm	St. Mary
	Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m. St. Mary

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office about a preparation program

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date

Priesthood and Religious Life: See Diocesan website at www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm

Masses

Wednesday, April 4

5:30pm Holy Cross †Ray and Muriel Schreurs

Thursday, April 5

8:00am St. Mary †Theresa Kaltenheuser

First Friday, April 6

8:00am St. Mary †Butch Moody

Saturday, April 7

5:00pm St. Mary †Virgil Klaas

Sunday, April 8

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am St. Mary †Ralph and Neva Cory

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome to our Parish family:

Matt and Leah Kovacevich and their children Ellie and Will who live in Cambridge

Timothy and Genevieve Loraditch and their children Veronica, Peyton, Felicity, Justice, Mercedes and Titus who live in Elkhart

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 and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Pastoral Assistance †

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 515-669-6158, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

The Little White Book....the Easter Season

These books are available in the vestibule to help you enjoy six minutes a day in quiet prayer during the 50 days of the Easter season. Read a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to you through the words, guiding you to reflection that sometimes seem to come from nowhere; but comes from God.

Encounter the Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! We encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

Thank you for participating in this year's Rice Bowl. You are invited to return your donation the next few weekends and are encouraged to count your donation and make a check out to the Parish with "Rice Bowl" on the memo line.

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

Thank you to all the musicians leading our musical prayer during Palm Sunday and Holy Week. You were inspirational and we are so thankful to you for sharing your gifts with us!

Jesus Is The Only Reason For Every Season!

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, April, 4, 11 & 25, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Cross Ministry Meeting
Sunday, May 6, 11:00am-12:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, April 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1
Jean Bruns and Kristi Edleman

The Parish Office is closed Easter Monday.

On Wednesday, April 4, the office opens at 10:00am due to a staff meeting

Coming Events

†**Saturday, April 7:** Wine and cheese after 5:00pm Mass

†**Sunday, April 8:** *Altaration* Workshop (part 3 of 5), 11:00am to Noon, Social Hall. Remaining workshops on April 15 & 29

†**Thursday, April 19:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am., Social Hall

†**Weekend of April 21/22:** *Share the Journey* presentation by Vol Varisco after Masses at St. Mary, Social Hall

†**Parish Workday:** Saturday, May 5 at St. Mary and Saturday May 19 at Holy Cross, 9:00am to Noon

More Opportunities to Share the Journey

You are invited to grow more deeply aware of the needs of refugees, migrants, and immigrants by accompanying them on a reflective, spiritual journey in our Social Hall April 7 – 22. *One on the Journey – A Solidarity Prayer Walk* is a self-guided meditation amidst 12 color photographic images and written reflection of who you are and who you are called to be in solidarity with all people, especially poor and vulnerable people around the world and in our midst.

This prayer walk will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm daily, April 7– 22 **except** for the following times and dates (11:00a.m. to Noon on April 8, 15 & 29 and 6:00-8:00pm on April 15). Additional resources will be available focusing on Catholic teaching regarding those who are separated from family and home. This is an awe-filled experience for individuals and families. Spend as much time as you'd like.

You are also invited to question Sol Varisco, former immigration program director of the Diocese of Des Moines and current executive director of Justice For Our Neighbors, about issues facing immigrants, refugees, migrants and people on the , after 5:00pm Mass, Saturday, April 21 and after 10:00am Mass, Sunday, April 22 in the Social Hall. This is an opportunity for myths to be dispelled and for peace to grow.



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

Help us collect personal care & cleaning items and diapers & wipes for refugee resettlement in the diocese, in collection boxes at both Churches from April 4-23.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of Norma Michaelson, aunt of Chris Schreurs who passed away March 22nd. May her family find peace and strength at this most difficult time.

Please pray for the repose of Bill Ross who passed away March 24th and for Kay and their family as they mourn his passing.

Services are here at St. Mary. Visitation: Sunday, April 1, 3:00-5:00pm with Vigil Service at 5:00pm and Mass of Christian burial 10:00am on Monday, April 2.

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

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

Registration has started for next Fall, as well as sign up for VBS. Forms were sent home with students and extra copies are available in the vestibule. Please have these turned in by the final class, which is April 18th. Thanks!!!

Meal for Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter: Students will be preparing this meal in the church kitchen on April 8 after 10:00am Mass. Please come and join us in assisting people with a very basic need in life by preparing them a meal that will be delivered for dinner later that afternoon. All supplies will be in the kitchen and kids will be able to assist in making the meal.

Service Project for April: Share the Journey-Love Your Neighbor Collection for Refugees.

Items needed:

shampoo/rinse, toothpaste /toothbrushes, deodorant,
Lotion, soap, shaving cream/razors,
any cleaning supply, laundry soap, dish soap,
diapers and wipes

Collection boxes will be in the Social Hall & Ed Center
Questions: contact Robin at rolberding58@gmail.com

Remaining RE Classes: April 4, 11 & 18 (last class)

Key Dates for First Eucharist:

April 7 & 8 - Blessing at Masses
April 14 - Rehearsal 10:00am
April 15 - Mass 2:00pm

Vacation Bible School - June 18 - 21

RE FEES: If you have not paid your fees in full, please do so in the next few weeks. Thank you.

Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator
ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014- texts welcome!

C1 & C2: Sunday, April 8 - Regular Session 6:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday, April 21 - Trip to the Grotto
Sunday, April 29 - Altaration Workshop after Mass,
followed by a regular session, 11:00am to 1:30pm

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

EDGE (7th & 8th): Gatherings April 4, 11 & 18 (last session)

S.T.O.R.M. (9th - 12th): Gatherings April 4, 11 & 18 (last session)

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

March 25 Week 39

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 6,904	\$ 5,234

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$204,310	\$204,113	\$199,991

Catholic Charities Collection: \$535

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are available in the pews and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or to the parish office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>. Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 53,806	\$ 16,485	\$ 15,060	\$ 38,746

Debit for Tithing

Use this convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. You designate a dollar amount to be withdrawn on a monthly basis on a pre-determined date. Contact Peter Relyea for more information.

Liturgical Ministers For Next Weekend

Saturday, April 7, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Sonya Staudt
Lector	John Zidon
Cup Bearers	Di Schleisman, Lisa Jones
Host Distributor	Drew Hanon
Altar Servers	Mary Staudt, Bennett Bruns, Olivia Naragon
Usher	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Mike Devereux

Sunday, April 8, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Dawn Beukema
Lector	Lowell Crouse
Cup Bearer	Tom Morris
Altar Server	Brett Beukema
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, April 8, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Garrett McClain
Lector	Matt Miller
Cup Bearers	Marion Panyan, Jackie Ausman
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Altar Servers	Andrew Ausman, Sawyer Smeltzer
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Andrew Cory, Thom Hamm, Jerry McClain

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Money Counters

April 1: Sharon Morris, Dona Cowman, Kathy Daup

April 8: Carol Weber, Dawn Reynolds

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Altaration Workshop

Be inspired to a deeper love of the Mass! Please join us for the remaining workshops after 10:00am Mass at St. Mary on April 8, 15 and 29, in the 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. For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, contact Barb at bliske@saintmaryhc.org / 515-367-2685. *If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for, to be on our prayer chain.*

Thank You!

Thank you to all who came and prayed the Silhouette Stations of the Cross with us last Friday evening. I want to take this opportunity to show appreciation for the amazing young people who made this prayer experience possible for our Parish and friends. THANK YOU to the silhouette "actors" Andrew Ausman, Megan Theulen, Maddie Miller, Karley Bartleson, Julia Fisher, and Ella, Emma and Weston Kahler. Thank you to Vivian Kahler and Gracie Fisher on the lights. Thank you Haleigh Penton once again for doing the narrating. What a blessing it was to have Jennie Moore share her beautiful gift of singing with us again this year! To the adults that helped and supervised, I am so grateful for your continued support and for your "YES", Andrea Fisher, Nicole Cory and Joel Kahler, thank you! Special word of gratitude to Father Krettek for providing a hand with helping to tweak and perfect our shadow curtain for the presentation.



"The political community has a duty to honor the family, to assist it, and to ensure especially... the right to private property, to free enterprise, to obtain work and housing, and the right to emigrate."

- ¶1211 Catholic Catechism

Mark Your Calendar!



Our Parish workdays are Saturday, May 5 at St. Mary and Saturday, May 19 at Holy Cross, from 9:00am to Noon. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our buildings and grounds looking good!

Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us next Sunday, April 8 at Christ the King Catholic Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2:00pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm and Mass celebrated by Bishop Pates at 3:30pm. Refreshments following in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by Divine Mercy Des Moines Committee. See more at divinemercydesmoines.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

This is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day and to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend one of the upcoming Weekends: April 20-22 in Dubuque, September 7-9 in Cedar Falls, October 19-21 in Marathon, WI or November 2-4 in Coralville. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit iowa-wwme.org, call 563-608-3305, or email JLJwwme08@gmail.com.

Caregivers Workshop

Are you are responsible for the care of another person? If so, you are invited to our workshop *Keeping Your Own Cup Full: Self-care for Caregivers* on Saturday, April 14 from 8:00am to Noon at St. Boniface Church in Waukee. We will focus on the importance of self-care and how it helps you provide better care for others. It's FREE and includes two keynote speakers, choice of one breakout session, light refreshments and a comedian. To register and for more information, visit sjeciowa.org and click on EVENTS.

See Diocesan events at www.dmdiocese.org and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Easter Sunday, April 1

Theme: Jesus has risen.

Reading I: Acts 10:34, 37-43 • After Jesus was raised from the dead, we ate and drank with Him.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4 • You have died!

Gospel: John 20:1-9 • Mary Magdalene came to the tomb.

For Children: What sacrifices do you make for those whom you love?

For Youth: Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus' Resurrection – it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

For Adults: In what ways has God called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?