



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

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,

Probably the busiest week of the liturgical year, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Even though not much seems to happen Monday through Wednesday, it may be seen as a time to transition from Lent to Triduum then the Easter season. Lent ends with the beginning of Mass on Holy Thursday and Triduum, which ends with the evening prayer of the Church on Easter Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to engage as much as possible in the liturgies because they are truly the most important liturgies of the Church that help us focus on the salvation that Jesus Christ won for - and offers - us.

All of that pertains to the Church at large. On the local level, in our own parish, the festivities continue for the next two weekends with first Communion and Confirmation, respectively. Please pray for the children who will celebrate these sacraments, that they encounter our Lord and not only allow him to be with them but to do their part to maintain his presence now and for the rest of their lives.

~ Fr. Andrew

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Holy Week Schedule	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Holy Thursday	7:00pm	St. Mary
	Good Friday	3:00pm	Holy Cross
		7:00pm	St. Mary
	Saturday, Easter Vigil	8:30pm	St. Mary
	Easter Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

No Reconciliation on Saturday, April 20

By appointment with Fr. Andrew during the week

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

Holy Week



Tuesday, April 16

6:00pm St. Mary †*Albert & Helen Schmidt*
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 17

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Eunice Ives*

Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 18 (no 8am Mass)

7:00pm St. Mary †*Cecelia and Mike Morton*
Adoration after Mass until 11:00pm in Social Hall

Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 19

3:00pm Holy Cross Stations and Veneration
of the Cross

7:00pm St. Mary Passion Service

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstaining from meat.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, April 20 (no 5pm Mass)

Mass begins outside, weather permitting

8:30pm St. Mary †*Harry Richardson*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 21

8:00am Holy Cross †*Bill Davis*
10:00am St. Mary *For 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 and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

7th - 12th Grade Volunteers Needed!

Choral Reading of the Passion. No singing involved, just read from a script. Practices: Monday, April 15, 6:30pm, Wednesday, April 17, 7:30pm (after EDGE). The reading is Good Friday, April 19 at the 7:00pm Service at St. Mary. Please contact Nicole Cory if interested, 515-313-3014.



Jesus Christ Superstar Movie

Join us today, Sunday, 2:00pm in the Social Hall. Lyrics and scene interpretations to assist in understanding the movie connection to Scripture, are available on the table in the vestibule. Come early and share potluck snacks.

Easter Flowers



We offer you the opportunity to remember a loved one by donating towards the flowers that will decorate our Churches this Easter season. A memorial list will be printed in the next bulletin. Please return your donation by Monday, April 15.

Be a Disciple: Have Your Feet Washed and Stay Awake to Pray!

We invite you to have your feet washed during our Holy Thursday Mass. We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm in the Social Hall following this Mass. A sign up is available at both Churches or call the Parish Office to volunteer for either or both!

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday we take up a collection for the works of the Church in the Holy Land. Your donation helps those who care for these holy places and shrines which carry great significance for our faith. They are most grateful for your support. Pray that the Holy Land, with all its history, becomes an example of reconciliation among people and religions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)

RCIA Gathering

Sunday following 10am Mass: April 14, Conference Room

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, May 13, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Friends of St. Francis

Meeting: Monday, April 29, 6:30-8:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, April 28, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5

Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

The Parish Office is closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Upcoming Events

- ✚ **Jesus Christ Superstar Movie:** Sunday, April 14, 2:00pm, Social Hall; potluck snacks at 1:30pm
- ✚ **Decorate St. Mary:** Wednesday, April 17, 6:00pm; Good Friday after Service, and Holy Saturday, 8:00am
- ✚ **Senior Citizen Breakfast:** Friday, May 3, following 9:00am Mass, Social Hall
- ✚ **Senior Blessing of High School Seniors:** Weekend Masses on May 4 & 5
- ✚ **Blessing of Riders and Motorcycles:** Saturday, May 5 in the parking lot after 5:00pm Mass

Music News



Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
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Choir Rehearsals: April 14 after 10:00am Mass, final rehearsal for Easter Vigil Choir, meet in the choir loft.
Wednesday, April 17, 6:30pm, final rehearsal for Men's Choir for Holy Thursday, meet in the choir loft.

A Spirituality of Silence.... Silence is communal, drawing us together into the liturgy. Silence is dialogical, involving communication between God and his people. Silence is a response, something we do to answer God's call. Silence is for receptivity: we are called to be more open to God's speaking to us. Silence is in the Holy Spirit, whose voice is heard in silence. Silence is sacred, placing us in God's presence. Among the ways the congregation in the early centuries of the Church kept silent were after a call to prayer, a scripture reading, or a psalm during the Liturgy of the Hours. With its rhythm of prayers, readings, songs, and silence, the liturgy was a "school of prayer," teaching the faithful to hear God's speaking to them in words, song, and stillness.

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Help Decorate St. Mary!

If you are available any of the following times, please come and assist with decorating St. Mary for Holy Week! Wednesday, April 17, 6:00pm - Good Friday, April 19, after the 7:00pm Service - Holy Saturday, 8:00am. Thank you!!

Easter Vigil Mass



We will begin this Liturgy outside at 8:30pm, then enter the Church in a procession with lighted candles. If inclement weather we will gather in the Social Hall.

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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April 17 - Last Class

First Eucharist Dates:

April 27 - 10:00am Rehearsal for First Eucharist
 (rehearsal is mandatory), St. Mary

April 28 - First Eucharist Mass, 2:00pm, St. Mary

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

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EDGE (7th/8th) Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

April 17: Last EDGE, evaluations, party and blessing

C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

Sunday, April 14 - Session, 6:00 - 7:30pm,
 9th Grade: Lesson 11 10th Grade: Lesson 23

Sunday, April 28 - Last Confirmation Session, 11:00am -
 12:30pm, 9th Grade: Lesson 12 10th Grade: Lesson 24
Please have sponsors attend with 10th graders if able.

Saturday, May 4 - Confirmation Liturgy Rehearsal Dinner
 after 5:00pm Mass — for Sponsors, 10th graders & Small
 Group Leaders only.

Sunday, May 5: Confirmation Liturgy at St Mary, 2:00pm.
 A professional photographer will be present and forms will
 be available for parents to order pictures. Volunteers are
 still needed for this Liturgy: Ushers/Greeters, Singers, and
 Gift Bearers.

S.T.O.R.M. 7th-12th graders! *Who wants to hang out with
 friends and play video games, bowl and play laser tag all
 night?* If this sounds like fun then join us for a Lock-in at
 Perfect Games in Ames. **Details:** Parents will drop their
 teens off at Perfect Games at **11:50pm** on Friday, May 3 and
 everyone will need to be picked up Saturday, May 4 at
4:00am from Perfect Games. Hey Parents- I know it's a
 wacky time but try to arrange with a friend for drop off and
 pick up duties! There will be hours of UNLIMITED video
 games, laser tag and fun! Pizza and pop will be served as
 well. **Cost:** \$35 Bring a friend! Permission slips located in the
 vestibule at St Mary. You may place completed forms and
 checks (made payable to St Mary-Holy Cross - memo line
 LOCK-IN) in the bin labeled "7th-12th grade Perfect
 Games Lock-in". **Deadline** to register is Sunday, March
 28! **Adult chaperones will be needed in order to make
 this happen!** Let us know if you would like to help
 out! Questions call/text Melissa, 515-290-2830 or Andrea,
 515-240-5059.

Easter Resources

We have *The Little White Books* and *The Word Among Us*
 available for your use during the Easter Season. You'll find
 them in the vestibule.

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry,
 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.

CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

This team functions as the Pastoral Council for the parish. It consists
 of members from each ministry (e.g. RE, Stewardship, K of C, Liturgy,
 Finance Council, etc.), as well as others from the parish. For more
 information, please contact Fr. Andrew

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Week ending April 7

Budget Week 41

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$3,698	\$5,311

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$230,129	\$212,440	\$199,991

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Amt. Due
\$48,797	\$23,340	\$18,990	\$29,807

Thank you to those who have made a pledge. If you haven't
 please consider making a pledge; each family's assistance
 is needed to reach our assessment. Any amount will be
 gratefully received and truly appreciated. Simply fill out the
 pledge card you received from Bishop Pates and mail it or
 place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you!

Sharing God's Gifts Diocesan Campaign

Thank you for your continued support; we appreciate your
 timely payments for this Campaign.

Pledged	Payments	Balance Due	SMHC Rec'd
\$443,909.35	\$424,199.35	\$19,710	\$206,099.68

Liturgical Ministers

We are in need of a few additional Ministers; please sign up today or call / email the Parish Office by Monday to volunteer.

Holy Thursday, April 18, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Needed: 1 Altar Server, 2 Ushers

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers	Drew Hanlon, JoAnn Meusburger
Host Distributor:	Deacon Terry
Host Distributor (Choir)	Tim Kautza
Altar Servers	Peyton Loraditch, Andrew Ausman
Ushers	Drew Hanlon, Mike Devereux

Good Friday, April 19, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Needed: 2 Ushers

Lector	Matt Miller
Passion Reading	Youth Group
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Ushers	Jacki Ausman, Mike Devereux

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 8:30pm, St. Mary

Needed: 1 Altar Server

Lector & 1st Reader	Lorrie Hanlon
2nd Reader	Tim Kautza
3rd Reader	Di Schleisman
4th Reader	Kris Sexton
Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusburger, Drew Hanlon
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Host Distributor (Choir)	Tim Kautza
Altar Server	Andrew Ausman, Caleb Coffelt
Ushers	Drew Hanlon, Jacki Ausman, Tom Ausman, Joe Rumbaugh, Gregg Richwine, Nick Coffelt

Easter Sunday, April 21, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Heidi Ackerman
Lector	Anne Davis
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Brock & Aiden Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Mike Veasman, Mike Phelan

Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:00am, St. Mary

Needed: 1 Cup Bearer, 4 Ushers

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Jackie Ausman, Tim Loraditch, Susan Stillmunkes
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Daniel & Jessica Schoening, Peyton Loraditch
Ushers	Bill Dunbar, Jacki Ausman

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Money Counters

April 14: Dona Cowman, Sharon Morris

April 23: Kathy Daup, Dawn Reynolds

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Graduating Seniors!!

Did you know that our Parish has a scholarship available for high school seniors planning on attending college next fall? This year the Stewardship Committee is teaming up with the Knights of Columbus to offer (2) \$200.00 scholarships to teens that have been directly involved in our parish. The application is available on the parish website.



At one time, aluminum was more valuable than gold!

Our Students Have Been Busy!

The 9th and 10th graders in Confirmation Prep this year have teamed up with the Knights of Columbus on several occasions. It began with the Fall Pasta Dinner Fundraiser, then our Fall Community Service Day, three Lenten Fish Fries and we finished with our Spring Community Service Day last Saturday the 6th. Between our Fall and Spring Community Service Days we have assisted over 10 of our Parish families with various yard and house work. We also stained the fence and cemetery sign at Holy Cross.

We certainly have not been short of volunteers. We have in over 300 hours of combined service from all of the Confirmation teens and adult leaders for these six events alone. I continue to receive praise and thanks from many of our parishioners for the dedicated and hard work this group has done. They showed up at each event and didn't stop until the work was finished. They have really shown what it means to be part of a parish family.

We ask that our parish continue to pray for them during their preparation for Confirmation. The 10th graders will be celebrating the Sacrament in just a few short weeks. I know that I am echoing their families, sponsors, the KofC and our small group leaders when I say that I am so proud of the year they've had! - Nicole Cory

- additional note: Pat Phelan thanks and gives high kudos to the students who did such a great job working over at Holy Cross!!

Volunteer to Clean Holy Cross



Only 1 to 1 1/2 hours required per week. Vacuum weekly and dusting every other week. Cleaning equipment and supplies are provided. Laurie Phelan and Chris Schreurs would be happy to provide more details if needed.



Senior Citizen's Breakfast

All Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to this breakfast on Friday, May 3. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 9:00am Mass. RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, April 30 if you are able to join us.



We will have a Blessing of bikes and riders Saturday, May 5, in the parking lot after 5:00pm Mass. We ask for God's blessing and protection for motorcycles and those who ride them. Feel free to invite anyone who rides to Mass and the blessing, or just to the blessing.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 14

Theme: Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7 • God helps us.

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11 • God's name is holy.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 • Jesus shows us how to love.

Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Youth: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Questions for Adults: What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?