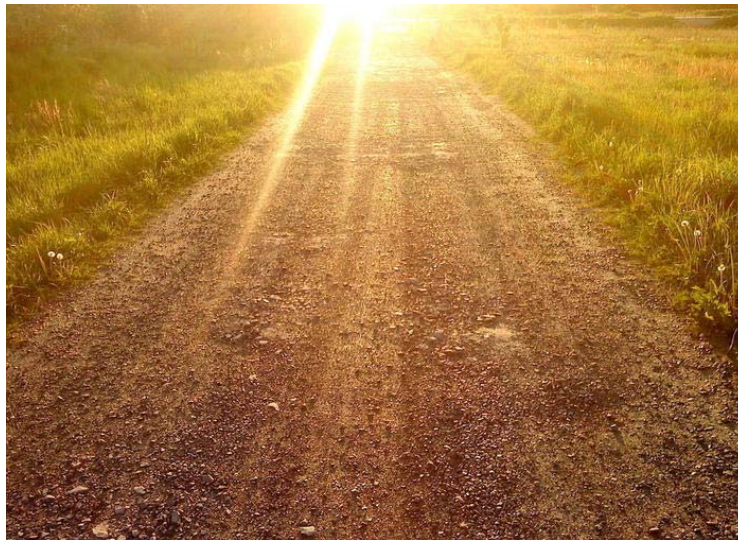




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 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:

We have received word about who your new pastor will be this coming July. Bishop Pates has appointed Father Andrew Windshciti as your new pastor. He is currently the associate pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines, which was also his home parish before he entered the seminary. Father Windshciti was ordained in 2015, and served as associate pastor at St. Anthony's Parish in Des Moines for one year before moving to St. Francis in 2016. He serves as chaplain to Iowa Catholic Radio, and celebrates Mass at the Mercy College of Health Sciences on a regular basis. I have spoken with him by phone a couple of times about his coming to Elkhart, and will have him here for a visit early in May (during the week, not on a weekend). He looks forward to serving the SMHC Community, and being further formed as a priest by you, the Parish. I would say Bishop Pates' assignment of him as a pastor after only three years ordained speaks well of the Bishops' high regard of and confidence in him. So, it looks like a classic case of *out with the old, and in with the new!*

Fr. Dan

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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 18 **Communion Service**
5:30pm Holy Cross

Thursday, April 19 **Communion Service**
8:00am St. Mary

Saturday, April 21
5:00pm St. Mary †Irene Anderson

Sunday, April 22
8:00am Holy Cross †Clifford & Wilma Priebe
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!

† Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 515-669-6158, for pastoral assistance. Fr. Dan is out and about this week, but will be accessible if needs arise.

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.


Altaration Workshop


Please join us for our remaining workshops after 10am Mass today, April 15 & 29 in the Social Hall. Even if you haven't made it to the others, each one picks up with a new topic!

Let's Chat!

Join us this Tuesday, 7:00pm in the Social Hall, to chat about ANYTHING you want to share and discuss. This is a great opportunity for community building within our parish. ALL are invited to join us. Hope to see you there! And yes, we will have popcorn!

This Thursday!

 Let's get together for conversation, playing games or working on crafts at 9:30am in the Social Hall!
and.....

Come experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Take this time to listen in the quiet to what the Lord has to speak to you. 

No Clothing Drive This Spring, But....

Our Youth attending the Steubenville Retreat this summer will be having a garage sale to help offset costs of the retreat. So keep them in mind as you do your spring cleaning. Collection of items begin in June.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who participated in the Pampered Chef fundraiser. We appreciate all of your support.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesday, April 25, 7:00pm, Conference Room

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm, **Holy Cross**

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, May 8, 6:00pm, Office Area

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

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2
Tara Huntruds, Melissa Robinson, Jessica Ward

Coming Events

- †**Sunday, April 8:** *Altaration* Workshop (part 3 of 5), 11am - Noon, Social Hall. Remaining dates April 15 & 29.
- †**Now thru April 22:** *A Solidarity Prayer Walk*, Social Hall
- †**Now thru April 23:** Collection of personal care items, cleaning items and diapers & wipes for refugee resettlement
- †**Tuesday, April 17:** Let's Chat. 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, April 19:** Crafts, Games & Social Time, 9:30am, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of April 21/22:** Food Pantry collection for Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny — *Share the Journey* presentation by Sol 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

Share the Journey

A Solidarity Prayer Walk: Take a peek today! Become more aware of the needs of refugees, migrants, and immigrants through this spiritual journey in our Social Hall. *One On The Journey – A Solidarity Prayer Walk* is a self-guided meditation amidst 14 color photographic images and written reflection. We are called by Christ to be in solidarity with poor and vulnerable people around the world and in our midst – our neighbors. This *Prayer Walk* is open from 8:00am to 8:00pm daily, now through April 22 except for the following dates and times: 11:00am to Noon on April 15 & 29 and 6:00-8:00pm on April 15. Check it out!

Visit with Sol Varisco April 21 & 22: Sit down with Sol Varisco, former Immigration Program Director of the Diocese of Des Moines and current Executive Director of Justice For Our Neighbors, for a brief conversation about issues facing immigrants, refugees, migrants and people on the move, after 5:00pm Mass Saturday, April 21 and after 10:00am Mass Sunday, April 22.



Senior Citizen's Breakfast

All Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to this breakfast on Friday, May 4. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 8:00am Mass. RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, May 1 if you are able to join us.

Congratulations to these students who will be receiving Holy Eucharist for the first time Sunday afternoon.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Caleb Coffelt	Sydney Veasman
Tenley Fried	Brooklyn Volz
Tanner Heaps	Weston Walmsley
Jaslyn Rasmussen	Tyler Weber
Augustine Schaffer	Macey Welch
Austin Shugar	

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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Please remember to register your children now for classes next Fall. Forms were sent home with students and are in the vestibule and on our website. **Please turn in form and \$50 minimum payment, by our final class, next Wednesday, April 18.**

Also, for those wanting to attend VBS June 18-21, please turn in form and payment by next Wednesday as well so appropriate planning can be done to ensure we have a fantastic VBS experience for the children. *Please let me know if you would like to help with VBS. It is such a fun experience to be part of with the kids.* **Thank you so much!**

Congratulations to our final STAR Students for the year!

Tanner Heaps	Isabella Kuehn	Jude Linderblood
Natalie Reha	Catie Bruce	Emily Mueggenberg
Griffin Muth	Peyton Shipley	Emmaleah Kahler
Beau Warg	Hailey Conover	Molly Princehouse
Gus Schaffer	Jessica Schoening	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Joel Waters		

Last RE Class: April 18. If you have not paid your fees in full, please do so by next Wednesday. Thank you.

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

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

C1 & C2:

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
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EDGE: Gathering April 18 (last session)

S.T.O.R.M.: April 18 (last session)

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 8 Week 41

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 2,934	\$ 5,234

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$212,024	\$214,580	\$207,387

Rice Bowl: \$61.55 to date

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are 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.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 53,806	\$ 24,975	\$ 21,500	\$ 32,306

Food Pantry Collection

Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation assists *Impact Community Action Partnership* in Ankeny.

Liturgical Ministers For Next Weekend

Saturday, April 21, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer John Zidon
 Lector Kris Sexton
 Cup Bearers Bill Sexton, Kris Sexton
 Host Distributor Deacon Terry
 Altar Servers Mason Reynolds, Olivia Naragon,
 Bennett Bruns
 Ushers Dawn Reynolds, Drew Hanlon,
 Bill Schmitt, Mike Devereux

Sunday, April 22, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer Heidi Ackerman
 Lector Jeff Ruden
 Cup Bearer Deacon Terry
 Altar Server Brock and Aiden Phelan-Ruden
 Ushers Mike Phelan, Mike Veasman

Sunday, April 22, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer Joe Dunham
 Lector Lori Dunham
 Cup Bearers Mike Nehring, Marion Panyan
 Host Distributor Deacon Terry
 Altar Servers Sawyer Smeltzer, Griffen Muth
 Ushers Tom, Jacki & Andrew Ausman,
 Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum,

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Money Counters

April 15: Carol Weber, Sue White
 April 22: Sharon Morris, Carol Weber

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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

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, kind words and cards with the loss of my father. At such a difficult time those acts of kindness are certainly appreciated. The plant from the parish was also a very nice gesture. May God bless you for all of the kindness you have shown.
Rita McClain and family

Parish

Our 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 everything looking good!

Riders and Passengers, Forward!

There will be a Blessing of the Bikes on May 5 after 5:00pm Mass. Put on your tire chains, your snowmobile suits, a stocking cap under your helmet, super thick mittens and show up for this "spring" ritual! We will ask for God's Blessing and protection for motorcycles and those who ride them. Weather permitting, ride your bikes to the Church parking lot for the blessing immediately following Mass. Feel free to invite anyone who rides to both Mass and the blessing, or to just the blessing. Commemorative stickers provided.



Share the Journey
 #sharejourney

"Access to employment and to professions must be hope to all without unjust discrimination; men and women, healthy and disabled, natives and immigrants. For its part society should, according to circumstances, help citizens find work and employment."

- ¶12433 Catholic Catechism

Holy Cross Cemetery Avenue of Flags



It is just six weeks until Memorial Day Weekend! We will be flying the flags again soon and would like to extend an invitation to the parish to install new flags to add to the 128 already being flown for the four holidays (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day). We will prepare the holes and bases, purchase and prepare the flags and install a memorial label on the flag pole, install them for each holiday, and store them in our newly purchased trailer for the same \$150 price as last year. **If you wish to purchase a new flag please find an order form in the vestibule and turn it in by May 6 to Barb in the office, in the collection basket, or mail to Lynn Schreurs.** If you have questions call Lynn at 515-577-8147.

... "Mourning Coffee" Is Here For You ...

Grief is unique ... but ... growing through your grief can be eased when it is shared as we learn how to heal. "Mourning Coffee" will resume weekly gatherings in June for our church family as well as anyone who may like to join in the process of learning skills to cope with a heart that can feel broken days or even years from the loss of a loved one in the journey called bereavement. Questions? Call/text Paula Garoutte, 515-306-6633 or email paulasongbird@msn.com.

The Blessing Box Food Pantry Needs

Currently the Pantry is in great need of peanut butter, jelly and also canned meat. Donations can be dropped off in the box outside the Ed Center or taken directly to the Pantry at the Elkhart Christian Church on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30-10:30am or from 6:00-7:00pm on the second and fourth Thursdays. Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to *The Blessing Box*, c/o Elkhart Christian Church, P.O. Box 97, Elkhart, IA 50073. Thank You!

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

Third Sunday of Easter, April 15

Theme: Being able to see the Risen Christ.

Reading I: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 • God raised Christ from the dead.

Reading II: 1 John 2:1-5 • Whoever keeps God's word has love made perfect.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 • He stood in their midst.

For Children: Name some times when you know Jesus is with you.

For Youth: What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the place, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?

For Adults: When have you had an "Aha" moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?