



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017

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*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.*

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Dear Friends in Christ:

This coming Friday Bishop Pates will celebrate the Chrism Mass at St. Ambrose. This mass is celebrated annually at the Cathedral, and focuses on two main themes: blessing the sacramental oils to be used throughout the Diocese for the next year, and priests of the Diocese renewing our commitment to ministry in the Diocese. The oils to be blessed are: Oil of the Sick, used in the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick; Sacred Chrism used in Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the dedication of a new church; and the Oil of Catechumens, used in the baptism of both infants and adults. Throughout the Bible the importance of oil in daily life is noted, in cooking, as fuel, and as a healing agent. In religious practice oil was also used to offer sacrifices, dedicate memorials to God, and consecrate both physical structures and people. The biblical symbolism of oil is rich, signifying sanctification, healing, strength, consecration and sacrifice. Against this background the early Church adopted oil for use in our sacramental rituals. Our parish oils are maintained in the small cabinets at the front of the churches, to the north of the altar at Holy Cross, and south of the altar at St. Marys. 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

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## Masses and Lenten Events

**Sunday, April 2: Reconciliation Service, 2pm, St. Mary**

**Wednesday, April 5**

5:30pm Holy Cross †*La Mont Schreurs*

**Thursday, April 6**

8:00am St. Mary †*Nick Flater*

**First Friday, April 7**

8:00am St. Mary †*Ken Cowman & Dorothy Smith*

6:00pm St. Mary Silhouette Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 8**

5:00pm St. Mary †*Jerry Hohn*

**Sunday, April 9**

8:00am Holy Cross **Palm Sunday**  
*For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †*Ron Hamm*

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.



## TRIDUUM AND EASTER SERVICES

**Holy Thursday, April 13**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Mary  
Adoration after Mass until 11:00pm in the Social Hall

**Good Friday, April 14**

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

7:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus,  
St. Mary

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15**

8:00pm Mass, St. Mary *(no 5:00pm Mass)*

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

Masses: 8:00am, Holy Cross

10:00am, St. Mary

## 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!



## Lenten Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to attend this service today, Sunday, 2:00pm at St. Mary. Let us seek the mercy of God as we open our hearts to the presence of Christ who gave his life so we could have peace.

## Are You Interested in Ministering to the Next Generation of St. Mary-Holy Cross Parishioners?

I am looking to form a Confirmation Core team. Confirmation is the very act of our youth confirming their faith in God, and doing so by their own free will! Preparing them for this sacrament is very important. How they are prepared will have a big impression on the future of their faith and involvement in ministry. I want to make some awesome changes to our program, and would like YOUR assistance, guidance, feedback and advice! Please join me for an informational meeting this Monday, April 3, 7:00pm in the Social Hall. ALL are welcome!!

~ Nicole Cory ([ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014)



## Silhouette Stations of the Cross

We, S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry, invite you to journey through the Stations of the Cross with us this Friday, 6:00pm at St. Mary. The teens have been preparing a unique and powerful prayer experience. We have presented these Stations for a number of years and every year we hear moving testimonies about them. We invite you to come, sit back, pray and reflect as the Stations come alive right before your eyes. *Following the Stations, please join us for a Lenten meal in the Social Hall.*

## Holy Week

The central days of our life as Catholic Christians are Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter. Why not make it a priority this year to attend all our services to commemorate the journey from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, to the Cross and to the Resurrection accomplished by Jesus on our behalf. These are sacred days which give purpose and meaning to all we do as Catholics.

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study  
Wednesdays, April 5, 12 & 26, 7:00pm, Conf. Rm

Meditative Prayer Time

Saturdays, April 8, 22 & 29, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, April 20, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Pastoral Council

Meeting: To be announced

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, April 9 with 1st Degree, 6:30pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 6

Jenny Koudelka, Kate Rutledge, Karla Seeman

## Coming Events

†**Sunday, April 2:** Reconciliation Service, 2:00pm, SM

†**Sundays, April 2 & 9:** Adult Choir practice, 11:00am  
— Men's Choir practice, 12:30pm, St. Mary

†**Monday, April 3:** Confirmation Team meeting, 7pm Hall

†**Children's Choir practice:** Wednesdays, April 5, 12, &  
19, 6:00-6:45pm, St. Mary

†**Friday, April 7:** Silhouette Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm,  
followed by Lenten meal

†**Sunday, April 9:** Jesus Christ Superstar movie, 2:30pm  
Social Hall, potluck snacks at 2:00pm

†**Clothing Drive:** April 8 - 20, St. Mary

†**Work Days:** St. Mary: Saturday, April 29, Holy Cross:  
Saturday, May 20, 9:00am to Noon



## Palm Sunday Procession

Next weekend our Masses at St. Mary will begin with everyone gathering in the Social Hall for the blessing of palms and then we will process into Church.

## Plant a Tree...Change the World!!

After all Masses next weekend, we will be distributing free tree seedlings to be planted in your yard. There are 8 different varieties and are 12-24 inches tall. Please bring a bucket or plastic bag with water for each tree you would like to plant. Also, call *Iowa One Call* prior to planting. A demonstration of how to plant a tree will take place on Sunday the 9th at 11:30am in the front yard of the rectory.

## Religious Education

### PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

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**Thank you to all the RE families who shared their baking talents to provide desserts for the KOC Fish Fry! Your generosity is appreciated!**

**2nd graders and Parents:** — First Eucharist Learning Centers are available in the Ed Center Friday, April 8 (8am-8pm) and Saturday, April 9 (8am-5pm). They take about 45 minutes to complete — Fr. Dan will bless students during Masses next weekend — Please turn in your child's First Eucharist Workbook by April 19. Thank you!

**Each RE class is participating in a contest** to create a recycled sculpture that is relevant to a Bible Verse. If you have "unique" recyclables, please send them with your child.

**Have you thanked your child's catechist lately?** Saying *thank you*, for the time and energy they volunteer each week, is a nice way to show how much you appreciate them.

**VBS is going to be EPIC!!!** At *Maker Fun Factory* kids will experience incredible Bible learning experiences where they will get to see, hear, touch, and even taste! Let faith flow into real life! VBS is June 19 - 22; meals begins at 5:30pm and the factory doors open each night at 6:00pm! More information including registration will be coming soon!

**RE Fees:** Reminder letters were sent to those who opted to make payments; please submit your payment as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have made their payment.

**Catholic Youth Camp registration is open.** Visit <https://stmcenter.com/catholic-youth-camp>. Our Parish contributes \$100 of the fee for each child of our Parish who attends. Please notify Barb in the office when your child is registered.

**Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator**  
[ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014 - texts welcome!

**C1 & C 2 Sessions:** Sunday, April 2, 5:30-7:30pm.

**Final Sessions:** Sunday, April 30, 5:30 - 7:30pm

**Volunteers are needed** to help with the Lenten meal after the Silhouette Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 7.

**An email was sent** with a survey regarding our session times and frequency. THANK YOU to everyone who has filled it out already. If you haven't, please take a minute to fill it out. Your opinion is important and appreciated!

### C2 (10th Grade Only)

If your child has not turned in their Saint Report and/or Confirmandi Information Form, please turn in asap.

**Important Dates:** *Friday, May 5*-Liturgy Rehearsal Dinner, 6:00pm, St. Mary — *Saturday, May 6* - Confirmation Liturgy, 10:00am, please be at St. Mary by 9:15am.

**Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator**  
[mkahler@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:mkahler@saintmaryhc.org), 515-290-2830

Parents & 8th - 11th graders are invited to an informational meeting next Sunday, April 9 after 10:00am Mass, to learn more about NCYC. Please call or text Andrea Fisher, 515-240-5059, with any questions or concerns.

### Silhouette Stations practices

Sunday, April 2, after 10:00am Mass

Wednesday, April 5, 6:00-9:00pm

Friday, April 7, after school; then Stations at 6:00pm

### EDGE:

April 5, NO SESSION due to rehearsal for Silhouette cont...

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

March 26 Week 39

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$6,171	\$5,469

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$199,991	\$213,300	\$216,411

## 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 56,442	\$ 26,851.64	\$ 20,901.67	\$ 35,540.33

Stations of the Cross. Please plan to bring your family and attend this moving Lenten prayer experience on Friday, April 7, 6:00pm at St Mary

April 12, Session, 6:00-7:30pm

April 19, LAST EDGE SESSION, 6:00-7:30pm

### Life Night/Life Teen:

April 5, NO SESSION due to rehearsal for Silhouette Stations of the Cross. Please plan to bring your family and attend this moving Lenten prayer experience on Friday, April 7, 6:00pm at St Mary

April 12, Session, 7:45-9:30pm

April 19, LAST , 7:45-9:30pm

## Ministers for Next Weekend are by sign up.

*Numerous ministers are needed—please sign up today or call / email the Parish Office by Tuesday to volunteer. Ministers are also need for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Thank you.*

### Saturday, April 8, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

**Needed: 2 Altar Servers, 4 ushers**

Lector	Jack McDermott
Passion Reader	Lorrie Hanlon
Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusburger, Jerry Barnwell
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Julia Fisher

### Sunday, April 9, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

**Needed: Lector, Altar Server**

Passion Reader	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Ushers	Dave & Char McHone

### Sunday, April 9, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

**Needed: Lector, 2 Cup Bearers, 1 Altar Servers, 6 Ushers**

Lector	Matt Miller
Passion Reader	Melanie Stoner
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Julia Fisher, Griffen Muth

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## Money Counters

**April 2:** Sharon Morris, Brenda Nehring

**April 9:** Sue White, Dawn Reynolds

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## Movie Afternoon

Join us to watch *Jesus Christ Superstar* next Sunday, April 9 at 2:30pm in the Social Hall, with potluck snacks at 2:00pm — **note the time change!** This movie recounts the last week of Jesus' life, and is from the surprising point of view Judas Iscariot. It's in rock-opera format and dares to portray a very different perspective.

## Holy Thursday: Washing of Feet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We invite individuals to have their feet washed during our Holy Thursday Mass on April 13. 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.

## Parish Time and Talent Survey!!

Find this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMHC-TimeandTalent>. It takes about 5 to 10 minutes to complete and selections you make are not a commitment; but are an indication of interest or for more information. Please respond by April 14. Paper copies are also available and may be returned to the Office. Thanks for filling one out!

## Pastoral Assistance

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

## Spring Cleaning?

Please gather your good used clothing for our clothing drive April 8 - 20 and pack them in boxes with lids or plastic bags. Those in need appreciate your donations!

**SAYWHAT?** We recycle only 5% of all plastic produced in this country.

Recycling a pound of steel saves enough energy to light a 60-watt light bulb for 26 hours.

## Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported the fish fries this year by helping, eating, or both. Thank you also for sharing with so many people from the community that don't attend Mass here.

## A Memorial Gift

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 a future bulletin. Donation envelopes are included with your tithe envelopes; additional flower envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please return your donation by Monday, April 10.



## Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office, 515-367-2685 or [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org), so members of our Parish may offer prayers for your needs. *If the request is for someone else, please ask their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

## Kudos To These Students!

This year as part of PreK-6th RE we are recognizing students who show good character and live and demonstrate behavior the way Jesus encourages us to. Each month we will be recognizing students from each class. February & March Kids of Character were:

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Maggie Thomas   | Jocelyn Waters    |
| Tyler Weber     | Kallen Westphal   |
| Peyton Shipley  | Macy Welch        |
| Rylie Campbell  | Emily Mueggenberg |
| Bennett Bruns   | Ava Koudelka      |
| Sammy Irwin     | Martin Schmeiser  |
| Cameron Barnett | Joey Hoffmeier    |
| Blake Huntrods  | Brock Lewis       |

Check out Diocesan events by visiting [www.dmdiocese.org](http://www.dmdiocese.org). Visit [www.sjeciowa.org](http://www.sjeciowa.org) for opportunities sponsored by St. Joseph Educational Center

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2

*Theme: New life in Christ Jesus*

*Reading I:* Ezekiel 37:12-14 • I will put my spirit in you.

*Reading II:* Romans 8:8-11 • You are in the Spirit.

*Gospel:* John 11:1-45 • I am the resurrection and the life.

*Question for Children:* How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

*Question for Adults:* The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?