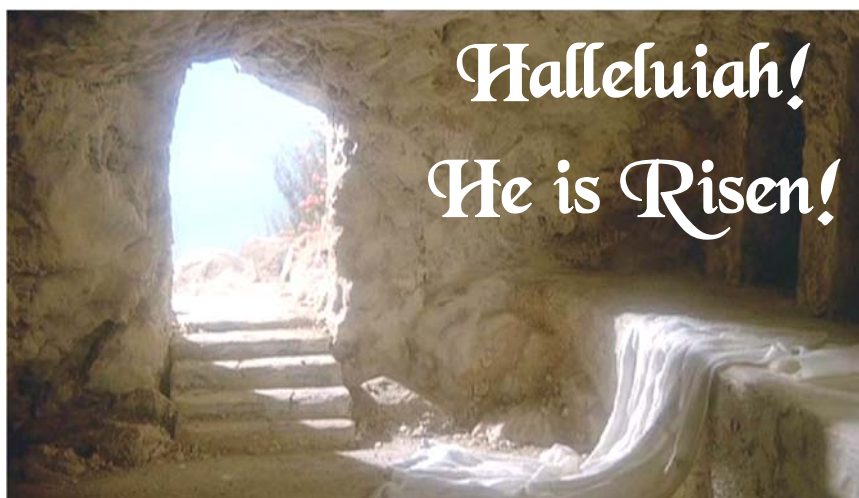




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 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 the Risen Christ,

Halleluiah, He is Risen!

After these six weeks of Lent that we participated in abstinence, or increased service to people of God, or increased giving and other ways of participating in the Lenten season, we have arrived at the most joyous event in our celebration of faith! We shared in the way He taught, being a servant to others, and recalled during Holy Week the suffering of Christ as He endured His painful, agonizing torture and crucifixion. And here we are, celebrating His glorious Resurrection from the dead. And the joyful good news as part of His Resurrection is that He promises the same for us if we but follow Him!!

This event is the central point in our faith. We should be shouting, "Halleluiah, He is Risen!" to all we meet! Notice the change in our liturgy from the solemn and somber use of prayers and music during Lent to the joyful way we now celebrate!

This is a special Easter for Gavin Cory and Jeremy Shuler as they celebrate their Full Communion with the Catholic Church. They received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Additionally, Jeremy's daughter Lilian was baptized at the same liturgy.

Congratulations and welcome to Gavin, Jeremy, and Lilian.

Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule	Tuesday	6:00pm	St. Mary
	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	9:00am	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, or by appointment

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 <http://www.vocationsonline.org>

Masses and Adoration

Tuesday, April 23

6:00pm St. Mary †Luther & Minerva Severtson
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 24

5:30pm Holy Cross †Betty Cook

Thursday, April 25

8:00am St. Mary †Mary Newell

Saturday, April 27

5:00pm St. Mary †LeRoy Peterson

Sunday, April 28

8:00am Holy Cross For the Parish
10:00am St. Mary †Ralph & Neva Cory

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

Cross Ministry

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

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 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

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. 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.

Easter Resources

We have *The Little White Books* and *The Word Among Us* available for your use during these 50 days of the Easter Season. You'll find them in the vestibule.

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. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

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 this blessing 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 join us for Mass and the blessing, or just to the blessing.

Saint Pio Relics

The relics of Saint Pio – also known as Padre Pio – will be available for viewing at St. Ambrose Cathedral Wednesday, May 8, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 5:00pm by Bishop Richard Pates. Please note: the relics will not be available for veneration after this Mass. For more information, contact Nancy, 515-288-7411 x 201, and leave your name, message and email address, for information to be forwarded to you.

Jesus Is The Only Reason For Every Season!

Parish Office: Closed Easter Monday & Friday, April 26.

Upcoming Events

- †**Sunday, April 28:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass
- †**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

Seeking Parish PreK-6 Catechetical Leader

This is a great way to be involved in our Parish and help grow the faith of our children! We are accepting applications for this position until May 1. If you are interested or know someone who would be, or would like more information, please contact Father Andrew, fr.andrew@saintmaryhc.org, or Stacie Hergenreter, shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org / 515-491-3876.

Thank You's!



— A BIG thank you to those who helped at our work day at St. Mary: Drew Hanlon, Karen & Ron Stafford, David Liske, Arlene Anderson, Jerry McClain and Father Andrew. You did a super job spiffing the place up!!

—Thank you to all who came and prayed the Silhouette Stations of the Cross with us on April 12. I want to take this opportunity to show appreciation for the amazing young people who made this prayer experience possible for our parish family and friends. THANK YOU to the silhouette "actors" Andrew Ausman, Megan Theulen, Maddie Miller, Daniel Schoening, Sophie Hoffmeier, Patrick Cory and Peyton Loraditch. Thank you to Gracie Fisher on the lights. Thank you to Amy Theulen and Nicole Cory for narrating. What a blessing it was to have Vivian Kahler and Ronni Loraditch share their beautiful gift of singing with us and a huge thank you to Amy Theulen for her beautiful accompaniment on her flute and Mary Ortmann on piano! We are so very blessed that they shared their musical gifts with us. To the adults that helped and supervised, we are so grateful for your continued support and for your "YES", Melanie Stoner, Bridget Smith and Joel and Aubrey Kahler, thank you!
~ Melissa Kahler and Andrea Fisher

—Rick and I would like to give a shout out to the Confirmation kids that came to our house on April 6 and helped clean up our yard! They did a wonderful job! Thank you so very much! ~ Rick and Kathy Daup

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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First Eucharist Information

Rehearsal: Saturday, April 27, 10:00am at St. Mary;
please arrive by 9:50am.

First Eucharist Mass: Sunday, April 28, 2:00pm;
please arrive by 1:45pm.

*Families will have assigned pews and names
will be on the pews.*

Dress Code: Girls: wear a white (any shade of white)
dress. If a dress is not preferred, a pant suit works as well.
Veils, gloves, ribbons or tiaras are optional. Dress shoes.

Boys: A suit or a sport coat if you have one, or want your
son to wear one. Boys should wear a shirt with a collar, tie is
optional. Dress pants, or nice Dockers are fine. No specific
color of pant, shirt or tie is required. Dress shoes.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*

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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, *ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014*

C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

Sunday, April 28 - Last Confirmation Session, 11:00am to
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, 2:00pm, St. Mary.
A professional photographer will be present and forms will
be available for parents to order pictures. Volunteers are
still needed for the Liturgy: Ushers/Greeters and Singers.

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.

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.*

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 14 Budget Week 41

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$3,528	\$5,311

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$233,657	\$217,751	\$205,860

Food Pantry Collection: \$533.00

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$48,797	\$25,990	\$20,740	\$28,057

Thank you to those who have made a pledge. If you haven't
please consider doing so, 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!

Steubenville 2019

Sign up for this retreat on July 26-28 in St. Paul, MN. See the
flier on the bulletin board. For questions please contact
Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org/515-240-5059*.

Liturgical Ministers For Next Weekend

Saturday, April 27, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Cory Schoening
Lector	Kathy Claussen
Cup Bearers	Lisa Jones, Kris Sexton
Host Distributor	Bill Sexton
Altar Servers	Jessica & Daniel Schoening, Justin Anderson
Ushers	Doug, Patrick & Thomas Jones, Tom Bowman

Sunday, April 28, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Lynn Schreurs
Lector	Stacey Rooney
Cup Bearer	Dawn Beukema
Altar Server	Jill Beukema
Ushers	Mike Phelan, Sandra Hunter

Sunday, April 28, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Tracy Kangas
Lector	Tim Loraditch
Cup Bearers	Carol Weber, Marion Panyan
Host Distributor	Matt Miller
Altar Servers	Veronica, Felicity & Peyton Loraditch
Ushers	Jacki & Tom Ausman, Thom Hamm, Merle Olberding, Dave Pottebaum

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Money Counters

April 23: Kathy Daup, Dawn Reynolds

April 28: Carol Weber, Sue White

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SAYWHAT? In one year in the U.S., the recycling of steel saves enough energy to heat and light 18,000,000 homes!

Diocesan Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us Sunday, April 28 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at 2:00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 3:00pm and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard Pates, begins at 3:30pm. Refreshments following in their Parish Hall.

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

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 21

Theme: We are a resurrection people!

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • They were witnesses to all that Jesus said and did.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4 • Seek to be like Christ.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 • Jesus is raised from the dead.

Question for Children: What is good and new in your life?

Question for Youth: Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

Questions for Adults: In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

Thoughts From Me and My House

We are at the end of my relationship series. We have talked about your relationship with God, yourself, that special someone, and your children. I am not an expert on the prescribed order of relationships or what they should consist of. I can only tell you what has helped and what has been a complete train wreck in my own life. While I am talking about friendships last, that doesn't mean that they should be put on the back burner. Having real friends is so important. Let's talk about it!

Relationships Part 6: Friendships

Aristotle had the best descriptions of friendships, in my opinion. He talked about there being 3 types of friendships in our lives: having friends of pleasure, utility and goodwill. When we are young, we tend to lead our lives by our emotions so it's no surprise that we look for friends who give us pleasure of some sort. We tend to look for things that matter to us "in the moment" and don't really have good sight of the bigger picture. Remember your best friends from middle school or high school? The ones you thought would last forever. I had a friend when I was young, and we were inseparable for at least 4 years. But even though we continued to live in the same town and go to the same school our friendship fizzled out. We grew older, our interests and the things that pleased us changed. It can hurt at the time, but I can look back now and be thankful for that relationship while it lasted.

The next kind of friendship is one of utility or one that is useful. Think about high school and the extracurricular activities. Maybe during the fall, you had one group of friends and then it changed as the year went on because of whatever sport or activity you were involved in next. Or maybe friends that you make in college because you're both in the same class and can study together. A roommate because you both need each other to be able to live comfortably. This kind of friendship often comes from necessity and sometimes, they aren't even pleasurable relationships. In fact, many times they are forced friendships that end up draining you in the end. This is not to say that you are intentionally trying to use someone, or that these friendships cannot turn into a greater one-but generally they don't last. Think about your friendships with the people you work with. I worked in the same office for 10 years. After a major life event I left that office and that field completely. Since we have social media, we can stay in touch, but these are people I saw more than my family each week for 10 years. We knew each other very well. We shared life celebrations and pains, but now 5 years later-we are nothing more than acquaintances. Aristotle described this as friendships for the old. A friendship that we gain some sort of profit from.

While friendships of pleasure and utility are not wrong, they can be shallow and fleeting. They have their time and place in our lives but are not built on something that lasts. The other type that he wrote about, a friendship of good and virtue can stand the test of time. He explains that "To be friends, therefore, men must feel goodwill for each other, that is, wish each other's good, and be aware of each other's goodwill, and the cause of their goodwill must be one of the lovable qualities mentioned above." Basically, this is the best kind of friendship to have. It's not just about what interests you have at the time, where you work, or having kids in the same school. A true and lasting friendship is built on loving each other for the other persons sake, not your own.

How many friendships of goodwill do you have? You may feel like you have a lot of friends, you are not lonely or are lacking "having a life". Like I said before, every type of friendship can be good even if they are for pleasure or utility. But having a good friendship that will last for a lifetime is important to your health and well-being. If you find yourself in a place where you do feel lonely or lacking, begin to seek others with the same moral standards as yourself. That is where you will find the truest and most lasting friendship there is to have.

