



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

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:

"Thank you, Father! Nice service." I can't count how many times I was told that, or something similar, during the Easter Triduum. It's hard keeping a straight face when I hear that from folks, most of whom I don't know on a familiar basis. I find it humorous because I feel like I have to struggle hard just to be a Deacon, not even thinking of being a priest!

I wonder if it is from people who are not used to being in our parish churches, or if it's the vestments that throw them off. On Easter, I wore a dalmatic, a vestment approved for deacons at "special liturgies." Fr. Dan wears a chasuble. The two vestments look somewhat similar because of their ornateness. The chasuble is like a round poncho with an opening in the middle to slip over the priest's head with his arms protruding from under the edges of the "poncho." A deacon's dalmatic is like an "over-robe" that has huge sleeves and short sides and also slips over the head. Both are usually very ornate in a liturgical theme and color.

For the record, the liturgies during the Triduum were very nice indeed! Father thanked all who were directly involved in making it special, and I also thank you all very much. It is the involvement of our parishioners that make our parish so very great!

Remember, I be the deacon, Fr. Dan be the priest!

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 26

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Betty Cook*

Thursday, April 27

8:00am St. Mary †*Theresa Kaltenheuser*

Saturday, April 29

5:00pm St. Mary †*George Meusburger*

Sunday, April 30

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †*Virginia Conklin and Marie Steadman*

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesday, April 26, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturday, April 29, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, May 18, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

Pastoral Council
Meeting: To be announced

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Saturday, April 29, Fraternal Benefits Night, 6:00pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 6
Jenny Koudelka, Kate Rutledge, Karla Seeman

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!



Easter Flowers

Thank you to Jason and Kristen Jones
for their donation for flowers and to
Patrick Cory for his donation in memory of Marge Cory

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. Simply let God speak to you through the words, guiding you to reflection that sometimes seem to come from nowhere; but comes from God! Also available is *The Word Among Us* for this Season.

Rice Bowl

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

Bring It On!

What's on your mind? Bring it to "Let's Chat" Tuesday, April 25 for discussion. Jack McDermott will lead part of the gathering on the topic of Angels. This meeting is community building as well as faith formation. The topics open for discussion are endless. Have a question about anything Catholic, or anything liturgical, or just anything in particular? Opinions or questions about Holy Week this year? Bring it on; we may not be able to provide an answer on the spot, but Di and I, or anyone who volunteers, will research it and have an answer for the next time. That discussion might lead to who knows where! We will meet in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm. As has been the case for past meetings, there will be free popcorn for the first 300 through the door.

Friends Revival April 27!

Friends of St. Francis will gather in the Social Hall April 27 at 6:30pm to review activities over the past month including the *One Earth, One Chance* event which drew nearly 50 adults and children, the free distribution of more than 300 trees to parishioners, and our *A Long Walk to Water* reading group. We'll continue dialogue about next steps in addressing Pope Francis' letter *On Care for Our Common Home*. All are welcome. Snacks are expected!

Coming Events

- †**Weekend of April 22/23:** Bake Sale after all Masses, benefits our youth attending a retreat
- †**Tuesday, April 25:** "Let's Chat", 7:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Thursday, April 27:** Friends of St. Francis meeting, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- †**Work Days:** St. Mary: Saturday, April 29, Holy Cross: Saturday, May 20, 9:00am to Noon
- †**Saturday, April 29:** Knights of Columbus meal and benefits presentation, 6:00pm, Social Hall
- †**Weekend of April 29/30:** Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training after all Masses
- †**Sunday, April 30:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass
- †**Friday, May 5:** Senior Citizen Breakfast after 8am Mass
- †**Weekend of May 6/7:** Blessing of High School Seniors at all Masses — After 5:00pm Mass: Wine & cheese and Blessing of motorcycles and riders — After 10:00am Mass: Pancake Breakfast (Hall) and NCYC informational meeting (Youth Room)
- †**Blood Drive:** Thursday, June 1, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

Music News

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

Congratulations to our First Eucharist students and thank you to our musicians providing musical prayer for that Mass.

Thank You!!

A big shout out and thanks to our courageous and flexible choral readers from Good Friday. What a blessing it was to witness our young kids, teens and adults of SMHC come together and proclaim the Gospel. Andrew Ausman, Jennie and Josie Moore, Julia Fisher, Melanie Stoner, Vivian Kahler, Peter Relyea, Nicole Cory and Haleigh Penton we are grateful for your YES!

Parish

Our Work Day is Saturday, April 29 at St. Mary from 9:00am to Noon (work day at Holy Cross is May 20). If you can't come the entire time—come as long as you can! We appreciate your assistance in keeping our buildings and grounds looking good! Many hands make light work!

Commemorate Earth Day, *every day*, visit
www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home.

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

Jill Beukema	Emily Mueggenberg
Catherine Bruce	Leah Muth
Lauren Feldmann	Mya Pottebaum
Kaden Gilligan	Samuel Renoe
Ella Haselhoff	Peyton Shipley
Alexis Hergenreter	Jackson Waters
Frankie Huether	Joel Waters
Emmaleah Kahler	Kelsi Wilkinson
Luci Kucera	

Religious Education

PreK-6: Co-Catechetical Leaders

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 Sonya Staudt, sstaudt@saintmaryhc.org, 515-710-4583

VBS registration form was sent home last Wednesday. They are also available on the website. VBS is June 19 - 22; meal begins at 5:30pm and the fun learning begins each evening at 6:00pm!

This Wednesday, April 26th, is our last class of the year. It has been a wonderful year growing in our faith!

The sculptures that the RE classes completed with a bible verse and recyclables will be on display in the Social Hall after April 26. Please check them out!

Catechists (teachers) are volunteers who share their time and faith stories with our children. Each year new volunteers are needed as catechists/substitute catechists. If you would like to learn more, please contact one of us.

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, 515-313-3014 - texts welcome!

C1 & C2: Last session: Sunday, April 30, 5:30 - 7:30pm

C2 (10th Grade Only): Confirmation Rehearsal - Friday May 5, 6:00pm, Students and sponsors only. **Confirmation Liturgy** - Saturday, May 6, please arrive at St. Mary at 9:15am; Liturgy begins at 10:00am. **Professional photographer & picture forms** will be on hand. For \$20 you get a flash drive with a group picture and any pictures your family would like to take after the Liturgy.

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

EDGE Families! Thank you for an awesome 2016-2017 year! It has been a blessing and a gift to minister along with you and your families this past year! We look forward to welcoming the current 6th graders to our program next year and we would like to extend a warm welcome and open invitation to any current 8th grader to attend Life Nights and Lifeteen most Wednesdays evenings during the school year and 1-2 Wednesdays and some Sundays during the summer. Watch the bulletin for our upcoming *continued...*

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 16 Week 42

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$9,322	\$5,469	
<i>Year-to-Date</i>			
	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$216,709	\$229,708	\$232,058
Holy Land Collection:	\$440	Rice Bowl:	\$144.76

2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and return a pledge card in the collection basket at Mass or mail it to the Parish Office. Pledge cards are available in the pews. Everyone's participation is need! Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 56,442	\$ 36,021.64	\$ 28,316.67	\$ 28,125.33

activities, outings and events or contact Melissa at 515-290-2830 if you would like to be added to our text group for reminders for Life Teen.

Lifeteen/Life Nights:

May 3: Current 8 - 12th graders are invited and encouraged to attend our Summer Life Nights for Lifeteen - bring a friend! Come and have some fun as we plan our activities and summer gatherings!

Last Chance to Help Soles 4 Souls

Jared Laffey, our Dowling student is collecting gently used shoes of all types to help fight global poverty. Gently used shoes need to be dropped off in the box at St. Mary, by this Sunday, April 23. Thank you!



Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us today, Sunday, April 23 at Christ the King Parish for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2:00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm, and Mass with Bishop Pates at 3:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to take part in this powerful grace-filled worship!

Easter Vespers Prayer Service

Join us this evening, Sunday, April 23, at 6:30pm at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church for this service presided by Fr. Steven Orr, with Pastor Lisa Parker of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Ankeny as homilist. This service is part of the Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. All are invited!

Confirmation Program Needs

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

Volunteers Needed For Confirmation Liturgy: We are in need of 2-4 ushers for this Mass on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00am. Contact me to offer your assistance.

Our Core Team is coming together nicely; we are still looking for more volunteers!! Contact me if you would like to attend our next meeting to see what it's all about! Students in 11th & 12th grades who have been confirmed are also encouraged and welcome to join!!

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

Both of our Churches now have AED's which can save a life if used quickly. They are very simple to use, but if you have not been trained, it can be intimidating. We would like all of our ushers, and any other interested parishioners, to attend a short training session following all Masses next weekend, April 29/30. Spread the word and hope to see you there!

Iowa's Arbor Day is April 28.
Get 10 free trees at www.arborday.org



Cemetery Avenue of Flags

Join us in purchasing a flag for a Memorial Drive through the cemetery. An identification tag on each pole will designate the "Honoree" and the "Donor". Flags may be purchased for those living or deceased, whether buried at Holy Cross or not, or to honor veterans, loved ones or friends. The flag is nylon reinforced 5' x 8' on a 15 foot pole and costs \$150; installation with permanent ground mount, identification tag and storage included in this price. Order forms are in the vestibule and on the Parish website, and must be **returned by April 30** to have the flag installed by Memorial Day. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147.

Prayer Chain

If illness or a crisis strikes your family or friends, contact the Parish Office so members of our Parish may offer prayers for those in need. For requests or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact Barb at bliske@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685. *If the request is not for you, please ask their permission to be on our prayer chain.*

† Pastoral Assistance

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

Knights of Columbus

Are you a Catholic male over the age of 18 and wonder what the Knights of Columbus are about? Please join us for a meal and benefits presentation, Saturday, April 29, 6:00pm in the Social Hall (spouses and children welcome). RSVP to smhc.knights@gmail.com by April 26.

Senior Citizen's Breakfast

All Senior Citizens of our Parish are invited to this breakfast on Friday, May 5. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and fellowship following 8:00am Mass. RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, May 2 if you are able to join us.

† Blessing of Motorcycles and Riders

Motorcyclists are invited to unite and meet for a Blessing of the Bikes on Saturday, May 6 after the 5:00pm Mass. Ride to Mass and partake in this blessing for this season of riding. Scooters welcome too! This year we will have decals to hand out to commemorate the blessing. Invitation open to Diocese of Des Moines. Spread the word to all your riding friends and invite them to join us!

Pancakes on a Mission

The Knight's of Columbus will be hosting a benefit to help sponsor a mission trip to Red Bird Mission Kentucky. Parishioner Andrew Cory is part of a group of 30 people traveling to Beverly, Kentucky this June to work for a week in the Appalachian mountains helping those in need. On our last mission trip we completely reconstructed a roof on an elderly couples home. Join us on May 7 after 10:00am Mass for pancakes, sausage, bacon and drinks to raise money to help this mission take place. Please come and support the good works of these people who will be traveling to help those in need.

Save the Date: NCYC Meeting!

Parents of Teens currently in grades 8-12th: On Sunday, May 7 following 10am Mass, we will have an informational meeting in the Youth Room about the upcoming National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). If you think this is something your child would like to attend, please plan to attend this meeting! All commitment letters and registration deposits are due to Melissa Kahler by May 15. If you have questions please contact her at 515-290-2830.

The Gift of Life!!

Our blood drive is Thursday, June 1 from 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Bring your friends!! Please make your vital donation of life saving blood! An appointment sign up sheet is in the vestibule or you may contact Tim and Lisa Kautza, 515-964-7687 or kautza@netins.net, to make an appointment. Please give your email address as well so a reminder can be sent to you. Please also let Tim and Lisa know if you are able to assist with set up, tear down and/or help during the drive.

Catholic Movie Reviews

For movie reviews see www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

Monthly Financial Update

	March, 2017			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 25,743	\$ 28,089	\$ 32,592	\$ 230,093	\$ 251,777	\$ 289,602
Operating Expenses	\$ 35,523	\$ 27,027	\$ 28,777	\$ 259,330	\$ 265,240	\$ 254,876
Net operating income (expense)	\$ (9,780)	\$ 1,062	\$ 3,815	\$ (29,237)	\$ (13,463)	\$ 34,726
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 96,253	N/A	\$ 114,240			

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, April 29, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary
 Announcer: Jerry Barnwell
 Lector: John Zidon
 Cup Bearers: Delila Roberts, Patty Devereux
 Host Distributor: Mike Devereux
 Altar Servers: Julia & Grace Fisher
 Daniel Schoening
 Ushers: Mark Lengel, Mark Birchmier, Bill Schmitt, Mike Devereux

Sunday, April 30, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross
 Announcer: Kathy Daup
 Lector: Karen Bellis
 Cup Bearer: Jon Hand
 Altar Server: Valeria Beukema
 Ushers: Sandra Hunter, Tracy Irwin

Sunday, April 30, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary
 Announcer & Lector: Tracy Kangas
 Cup Bearers: Jacki & Tom Ausman
 Host Distributor: Garrett McClain
 Altar Server: Christianne Ledet, Cael Tollefson
 Ushers: Andrew Cory, Merle Olberding, Brian, Will & Mya Pottebaum, Dennis Schmidt

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Money Counters

April 23: Kathy Daup, Sharon Morris
May 1: Brenda Nehring, Sue White

**What's
That
Funny
Look
On
Your
Faith?**



SAYWHAT? The CIA burns classified documents to heat their water.. Exhaust from the Agency's on-site incinerator generates steam to heat water at CIA Headquarters. In addition to saving fuel, that process reduces the amount of waste—which would otherwise be destined for landfills—by nearly 1,000 tons per year.

Update of Information

If you have had any changes to your family information (dropped your land line?) you are asked to contact the Parish Office so our records can be updated. Thank you.

Home Faith

This magazine helps families grow together in their faith! Pick up an issue in the vestibule! Visit www.sjeciowa and click on the *Home Faith* for a four question feedback survey.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Experience how to live your Marriage Sacrament as God intended. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Event. For information, dates and to register, go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305. Upcoming dates: October 27-29 in Cedar Falls and November 10-12 in Iowa City.

No More Fish, Come Eat Meat!

The Knights of St. Luke's in Ankeny invite you to a great meal of grilled Iowa pork chops or chicken this Friday, April 28 between 5:30 and 7:00pm in the gym. Adults are \$15 and children are \$5, age 3 and under eat free.

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 Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23

Theme: Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reading I: Acts 2:42-47 • They devoted themselves to a communal life.
 Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9 • There is cause for rejoicing here.
 Gospel: John 20:19-31 • Peace be with you, he said.

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?
Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?
Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?