



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 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,

Pro life, and therefore, anti-abortion, is a strong Catholic belief and teaching. This stance is not unique to Catholics but shared with other Christian faiths. I too talked pro life rhetoric, although probably not in a convincing or powerful way. That has changed recently.

I saw the movie "Unplanned" this week at a local AMC theater. As one might guess, it pertains to unplanned pregnancies and the so called "sanitary" abortion that sometimes comes of the unplanned pregnancy.

The gut-wrenching film Unplanned, gets to the heart of what the movie accomplishes so well. Its resounding success, despite its low budget and controversial subject matter, stems from its willingness to expose the unmistakable reality of what takes place in every abortion procedure.

The film depicts abortion unflinchingly — earning it an R rating — and predictably has been dismissed by mainstream sources as "propaganda" and "an unabashed hit-job." But unfortunately for critics, the character Abby Johnson is based on a real person of the same name, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who now directs a pro-life organization.

If you are not absolutely convinced about the Church's teaching on abortion, this movie will add clarity about the subject of reality. It is currently scheduled to be shown in the Des Moines area through Monday, April 8th. Please make every effort to see it, maybe even take a friend. I am generally not one to give endorsements, but I do fully endorse this movie.

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, Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, April 9

6:00pm St. Mary †Florence & Arthur Gustafson
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 10

5:30pm Holy Cross †Jim & Margaret Shaw

Thursday, April 11

8:00am St. Mary †Rick McQuiston

Friday, April 12

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

Palm Sunday

(Masses begin outside, weather permitting)

Saturday, April 13

5:00pm St. Mary †Irene Anderson

Sunday, April 14

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*
10:00am St. Mary †Merle & Jane Parent



Triduum Services

Holy Thursday, April 18

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

Good Friday, April 19

3:00pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross, Holy Cross
7:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus,
St. Mary

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 20

8:30pm Mass, St. Mary
(no 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 21

Masses: 8:00am, Holy Cross
10:00am, St. Mary

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome the following folks who have joined our Parish:

Chris and Irene Seuntjens, who live in Alleman

Dustin and Miranda Christensen, from Huxley

Trish Morris, who lives in Des Moines

New Birth by Water and the Holy Spirit

Celebrate with us in welcoming into our Faith these little ones who have been baptized:

Roslyn Rae

Daughter of Tyler and Katie Wells

Sadie Louise Pottebaum

Daughter of Austin and Kaitlyn Pottebaum

Millie Rae

Daughter of Brett and Lindsey Haefner



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!

Palm Sunday and Easter Vigil Processions

For Palm Sunday Masses we will gather outside for the blessing of palms and then process into Church. The Easter Vigil at St. Mary will also begin outside. In case of inclement weather, we will begin Masses at St. Mary in the Social Hall and Mass at Holy Cross in the Church.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)
RCIA Gatherings
Sundays following 10am Mass: April 7 & 14, Conf. Room
Cross Ministry
Meeting: Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Ed Center
Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 7:00pm, Ed Center
Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Monday, April 8, 6:00pm, Ed Center
Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, April 14, 6:30pm, Social Hall
Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5
Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

Upcoming Events

- †**Totally Catholic Jewelry Fundraiser by Youth:** Before and after this weekend's Masses at St. Mary
- †**Baby Bottle Campaign for InnerVisions:** Take a bottle this week; return it next weekend with donation inside
- †**Parish Lenten Reconciliation:** Sunday, April 7, 2pm, SM
- †**Friday, April 12: Silhouette Stations of the Cross,** 6:00pm, St. Mary, followed by Lenten meal
- †**Saturday, April 13:** Workday at St. Mary, 9:00am-Noon
- †**Weekend of April 13/14:** Food Pantry Collection
- †**Jesus Christ Superstar Movie:** Sunday, April 14, 2:00pm, Social Hall, with potluck snacks at 1:30pm

Music News

Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler
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Choir Rehearsals: April 7: after 10:00am Mass for any choir members that wish to practice. **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.

As we notice more silence in our Mass during Lent...The liturgy's silences both tax and nourish us. They tire us because they are active moments, concentrated periods deliberate, attentive, awe-filled stillness. But they nourish us as well. They are vitamins for a life made anemic with noise, tonic for the blathering (the world's and our own) that sometimes sickens us. The moments of communal silence in the liturgy plant seeds of peace in our souls, so that in the turmoil of every day life we can find a still center inside and hear the voice of God.
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In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Montag, father of Beth Wagoner, who passed away last Tuesday, and for his family as they mourn his passing.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.* ✠

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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April 10 - No class **April 17** - Last Class

First Eucharist Dates:

April 6/7 weekend - Blessing of students at Masses

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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Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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

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

April 10: No Session, Stations of the Cross rehearsal

April 17: Last EDGE, evaluations, party and blessing

C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

Sunday, April 7: Annual Confirmation Reconciliation
Service during 2:00pm Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service,
St. Mary.

Sunday, April 14 (corrected date) - 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.

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.

Cards for Home-Bound and in Care Facilities

If you know someone who might like to receive cards from parishioners, please ask them if we may put their address in the bulletin so cards can be sent.

*Elaine Barnwell: The Bridges, 3510 NW Abilene Rd,
Room 504, Ankeny, IA 50023*

Wanted: 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.

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this safe and convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Dave Orgeta, *dortega@saintmaryhc.org* or 515-367-2685.

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 March 31 Budget Week 40

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$6,081	\$5,311

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$223,343	\$204,613	\$199,572
(corrected figures)			

2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal

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

Thank you to those who have made a pledge to this Appeal. If you have not, please prayerfully consider making a pledge; each family's assistance is needed to reach our assessment. The amount of the gift is not as important as the act of giving, so 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 for your generosity and support of the ADA.

One cross and four nails; we are forgiven.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to attend our Service today, Sunday, April 7, 2:00pm at St. Mary. Additional priests will assist with individual confessions. 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. **Come experience the healing power of Christ!**



If you are unable to attend our Reconciliation Service, here are Services in the Des Moines area:

Christ the King, April 7, 6:00pm

Assumption (Granger), April 10, 6:30pm

St. Catherine of Siena, April 11, 6:00-8:00pm

St. Joseph, April 11, 6:30pm

St. Anthony, April 13, 9:00am

Old Palms

There is a container in the vestibule if you would like us to dispose of your blessed palms from last year.

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 18. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm in the Social Hall following this Mass. A sign up for both of these is in the vestibule at St. Mary and at Holy Cross.



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 next Friday, April 12, 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, prepared by our Confirmation Students.*

WORK DAY at St. Mary

Our workday at St. Mary is this Saturday, April 13, from 9:00am to Noon. Come rain or shine to help keep everything in working order and looking good! This is a great opportunity for kids to earn service hours. (Holy Cross workday is Saturday, May 18.) Come lend a hand!!

Food Pantry Collection Date Change

Our April Food Panty Collection will be a week early due to the regular weekend being Easter. Our collection will be next weekend, April 13/14. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny.

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 the Easter bulletin as a remembrance of your loved ones. Donation envelopes are included with your tithe envelopes; additional flower envelopes are available in the vestibule. *Please return your donation by next Sunday, April 14.*



This Weekend!

S.T.O.R.M.'s **Totally Catholic Jewelry Fundraiser** is being held in the Social Hall before and after 5:00pm and 10:00am Masses. We have beautiful and affordable Catholic jewelry for purchase. Shop for your Confirmation, First Eucharist and Easter gifts! The money you spend supports the youth of our parish to attend NCYC, retreats and other youth events. See you at the sale!

Helping the Flood Victims



If you have an interest in assisting families and parishes displaced by the flooding along the Missouri River, personally or as a parish group, please contact Deb Powers at Catholic Charities at powers@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Baby Bottle Campaign



Our Parish is organizing this Campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Their mission is to empower women with unplanned pregnancies in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. You'll find baby bottles in the vestibule; please take one, fill it with change, cash, or check and return it next weekend, April 13/14. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Gonzalez of InnerVisions at 812-686-6102. Go to www.ivhcar.org to learn more about their life-affirming work, or look them up on Facebook (@ivhcare) or Twitter (@ivhcare).

Jesus Christ Superstar



Join us for this movie next Sunday, April 14, 2:00pm (1:30pm potluck snacks) in the Social Hall. Jesus is portrayed as a very "human" person in this movie recounting the last week of His life and is from the surprising point of view Judas Iscariot. It is in a rock-opera format and dares to look at a classic religious story with a very different perspective.

The music is fantastically engaging. Copies of lyrics and an interpretation of various scenes to assist in understanding the connection of the movie to Scripture, are available on the table in the vestibule to take home and review in advance of the showing.

7th - 12th Grade Volunteers Needed!

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

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.

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.*

Liturgical Ministers

You are invited to assist us with our Palm Sunday Masses, Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday Masses. A sign up is in the vestibule at St. Mary and at Holy Cross or call the Parish Office to volunteer. Thank you!

Ministers for Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 13, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Needed: Lector, Passion Reader, 1 Altar Server, 3 Ushers

Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusburger, Drew Hanlon
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Daniel & Jessica Schoening
Ushers	Drew Hanlon

Sunday, April 14, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Needed: Lector, 2 Ushers

Passion Reader	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Kelsie & Natalie Shedd

Sunday, April 14, 10:00am, St. Mary

Needed: Passion Reader, 2 Altar Server, 5 Ushers

Lector	Matt Miller
Cup Bearers	Jacki & Tom Ausman
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Andrew Ausman
Usher	Jacki Ausman

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Money Counters

April 7: Sue White, Lisa Kautza

April 14: Dona Cowman, Sharon Morris

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SAVWHAT? Aluminum can be recycled from cans, bicycles, computers, cookware, wires, cars, planes and other sources.

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.

Sponsored by Divine Mercy Des Moines Committee,
www.divinemercydesmoines.com.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7

Theme: *Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.*

Reading I: Isaiah 43:16-21 • God makes a new way for us.

Reading II: Philippians 3:8-14 • Freedom is knowing Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 8:1-11 • Who is without sin and can throw the first stone.

Children: How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

Youth: Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

Adults: Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

From Me and My House

First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes...

Relationships Part 5: Children

I have often said that raising children is the single most wonderful and terrifying thing I'll ever do in my entire life. Since there is no manual that comes with the tiny humans, what I offer are my thoughts based on the experiences I've had. Sometimes it's easy, other times I feel like a complete failure. My children are all so different from each other with varying strengths and abilities. But even with their contrasting personalities, there is still one way that I can parent them all equally. The best advice I could ever give is that children deserve the same respect that adults. An environment of respect fosters love and mutual understanding. And in my opinion love, respect and understanding are the best qualities of any relationship.

Say it with me: children are people too. They are going to act inappropriately often, because they just don't have the experience adults have yet. They don't really like to be told what to do, so sometimes they are going to protest. They are going to get upset, act out, and make mistakes. But they should be treated like any person, with respect.

At our house we focus on communication and collaborative problem solving. The fact is that if they are having a hard time doing something they may behave in an unsavory way. But there is likely a problem that's causing their difficulties. And problems can be solved. Solve the problem and you stop the unsavory behavior from happening at all. We do this by sitting down and talking about the struggles. Then we help each other come up with a solution that meets everyone's concerns, the parents and the children. This works the same with all ages. If a 3-year-old is throwing a tantrum, there is likely a reason why. Find the reason, eliminate the tantrum. Are they hungry or tired? Do they have a hard time going into a store because they become over stimulated? Do they find it difficult to transition from one thing to another? We have that issue at our house, so I give a 5-minute warning and set a timer that goes off when it's time to move on to the next task. I find that when they are younger it's also easier to do thumbs up or thumbs down to yes or no questions rather than trying to have sit down conversations.

If one of my older children are failing a class, we figure out why by asking as many questions as necessary to get to the bottom of what's causing the problem. Maybe he doesn't like to write and there is a lot of writing to do for this class. So, how do we solve that problem? Not with 2 weeks of being grounded. That is not likely to change the fact that he doesn't like to write. Together, we can come up with a plan to solve the problem and make the class easier for him.

There are exceptions of course, we have our non-negotiables and we still have to handle each of our children a little differently. But since we began using this method not only have our relationships grown stronger and deeper, we are all happy more often than not. And of all the things I want for my children, their happiness is at the top of the list. It may not be the best way to parent, but it's certainly not the worst. I cannot take credit for it either. I can only attest to the fact that it works really well. If you would like to learn more about this method, pick up a copy of *The Explosive Child* by Dr. Ross Greene (even if you don't have an explosive child). Or check out livesinthebalance.org. It has done wonders for the parent-child relationships in our house. No matter what don't forget that it's the hardest job on the planet and there is no instruction manual. You will have bad days so cut yourself some slack, and don't forget to celebrate the good days!

