



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 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:

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his I will not believe... Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side..." If you want what is surely an authentic experience of the Risen Christ, go to where the wounds are. That's the message I get from this Sunday's story about the appearance of the Risen Christ to his first disciples, and Thomas' insistence that only seeing and touching the wounds would assure him it was really Jesus. Not for some miraculous show of power or supernatural feat of strength, but to the signs of the all-too-human-woundedness Thomas had seen in his Lord and Master were where he knew to look. Throughout Jesus' life Thomas saw him always go to the wounded and broken; then at his death he saw him wounded and broken himself. So Thomas knew to look for the wounds to know it was really Jesus. So too for us. So often we rely on feelings of peace and well-being as signs of the presence of God. But this story of Jesus and Thomas, like so many throughout the gospels, points us elsewhere.

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 11

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Michael Carpenter*

Thursday, April 12

8:00am St. Mary †*Bobby Gower*

Saturday, April 14

5:00pm St. Mary †*Brad West*

Sunday, April 15

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*

10:00am St. Mary †*Bonnie Stoner*

Children's Liturgy of the Word during this Mass.

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 or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.


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

Be inspired to a deeper love of the Mass! Please join us for the remaining workshops after 10:00am Mass at St. Mary today, April 8, and on April 15 and 29, in the Social Hall.

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 now through April 22. *One On The Journey – A Solidarity Prayer Walk* is a self-guided meditation amidst 12 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* will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm daily, now through April 22 except for the following times and dates (11:00am to Noon on April 8, 15 and 29 and 6:00-8:00pm on April 15). Check it out!

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.*

Jesus Is The Only Reason For Every Season!

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesdays, April 11 & 25, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, April 14, 21 & 28, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm, St. Mary

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, April 10, 6:00pm, Office Area

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

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 2
Tara Huntuods, 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

Visit with Sol Varisco April 21 & 22



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

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.

Music News

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

We are looking for students and adults to provide musical accompaniment for our Masses at St. Mary. Would YOU be interested? There can be training and we can work into it slowly. Please contact me to find out more! Thank you for considering this request.

Thank You

I would like to thank our St. Mary's - Holy Cross family for all the thoughts and prayers over the past 15 months for my mom and a special thanks for the flower arrangement for her service. My mom loved flowers and she would have been extremely happy with all of the flowers she received, a truly amazing sight that really meant a lot to the family.

Sincerely, *Lowell Crouse Family*

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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Registration has started for next Fall, as well as signup for VBS. Forms were sent home, extra copies are in the vestibule and on our website. Please turn in with \$50 minimum payment, by the final class, April 18th. Thanks!!!

Service 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

Remaining RE Classes: April 11 & 18 (last class)

Key Dates for First Eucharist:

April 14 - Rehearsal 10:00am
April 15 - Mass 2:00pm

Vacation Bible School - June 18 - 21. Please let me know if anyone would like to help with VBS this summer. It is such a fun experience to be part of with the kids.

RE FEES: If you have not paid your fees in full, please do so in the next few weeks. Thank you.

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

C1 & C2: Sunday, April 8 - Regular Session 6:00 - 7:30pm
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
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

EDGE: Gatherings April 11 & 18 (last session)

S.T.O.R.M.: April 11 & 18 (last session)

Graduating Seniors!

Our parish has a scholarship to be granted to one of our high school seniors pursuing higher education! If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, contact Tammi McClain at tammimcclain71@gmail.com.

If you are interested in donating money for future scholarship opportunities, please contact Tammi as well.

Recycling Drop Off

Stuff Etc. on First Street in Ankeny (behind Wells Fargo) accepts the following items for recycling: small electronic items, cords, wires, straighteners, hair dryers, small radios, cell phones, Christmas lights, MP3 players, iPods and tablets and chargers, headphones, vacuums, tube TVs, computers and larger electronics. For more information call the store, 515- 964-4444.

A Child's Letter to God

Dear GOD,

I would like to live 900 years like the guy in the Bible.
Love. Chris

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 1 Week 40

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 4,780	\$ 5,234

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$209,090	\$209,346	\$204,057

Rice Bowl: \$23.33

Holy Land Collection: \$771.00

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are available 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	\$ 16,485	\$ 15,060	\$ 38,746

Auto Debit for Tithing

Use this convenient service to automatically withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing. Contact Peter Relyea in the office for more information.

Monthly Financial Update

	February, 2018			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Last Year	Actual	Budget	Last Year
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 22,874	\$ 26,329	\$ 20,047	\$ 214,375	\$ 217,892	\$ 219,251
Operating Expenses	\$ 27,222	\$ 28,440	\$ 26,291	\$ 241,166	\$ 243,636	\$ 223,806
Net operating income (expense)	\$ (4,348)	\$ (2,111)	\$ (6,244)	\$ (26,791)	\$ (25,744)	\$ (4,555)
Cash Balance of General Fund	\$ 95,600	N/A	\$ 111,763			

Liturgical Ministers For Next Weekend

Saturday, April 14, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	Cory Schoening
Lector	John Roberts
Cup Bearers	Jerry Barnwell, Susan Stillmunkes
Host Distributor	Tony Kuehn
Altar Servers	Isabella Kuehn, Jessica Schoening Daniel Schoening
Ushers	Mark Lengel, Tom Bowman, Mark Birchmier, Jim Hudson

Sunday, April 15, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Celia Shedd
Lector	Stacey Rooney
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Kelcie and Natalie Shedd
Ushers	Dave & Char McHone

Sunday, April 15, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Tracy Kangas
Cup Bearers	Garret McClain, Carol Weber
Host Distributor	Matt Miller
Altar Servers	Christianne Ledet
Ushers	Tammi & Jackson McClain, Merle Olberding, Dave Pottebaum, Gregg Richwine

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Money Counters

April 8: Dona Cowman, Dawn Reynolds
April 15: Carol Weber, Sue White

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Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, Sunday, April 8 at Christ the King Catholic Church; 2:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, and 3:30pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Pates. See more at divinemercydesmoines.com.

Catholic Youth Camp

This is a sleep away summer camp for students entering 3rd grade through 12th grade graduates. Every summer over 1,400 young people come to pray, learn about the Catholic faith, and have fun in the outdoors! Many "camp" activities have been updated along with a new high ropes course and crate stacker. CYC is located just outside Panora – about an hour from Elkhart. This is an awesome opportunity — register soon! Sponsorships available. To find out more and to register, visit www.stmcenter.com or call 515-309-1936.

Our Parish contributes \$100 towards the fee for each child of our Parish attending CYC. Please notify Barb in the office when you have registered your child.



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

"The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him."

- ¶2244 Catholic Catechism

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

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



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8

Theme: Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!

Reading I: Acts 4:32-35 • The community was of one heart.

Reading II: 1 John 5:1-6 • We are called to keep the commandments of God.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 • Peace be with you.

For Children: How can you believe in Jesus whom you have never seen?

For Youth: Jesus' words of greeting were "Peace be with you," followed by the invitation to forgive sins. How does forgiveness bring peace to you? How does it change the world?

For Adults: What strengthens your faith? Why do you believe in Jesus?