



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Palm Sunday

April 9, 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,
Amen?..... Amen!

I was wrapping up my homily a couple weeks ago and felt particularly filled with the Holy Spirit. I spoke a questioning "Amen?" and got back a response of "Amen!" I thought, and probably a lot of other people thought, this is a Catholic Church, what's that about? I was pondering that exchange, and then realized that I needed to give my full attention to the most important part of the mass that was soon to come. Later, at a "Let's Chat" gathering, a lady commented about that Amen, said she thought it was pretty nice, to which a couple more folks agreed.

Personally, I think it's great when we can verbally respond to our feelings or to the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. So often we seem to be in la-la land as we go through the predictable routine of the mass and say the rote prayers without even thinking about the meaning of what we are saying. I have to admit, I am somewhat envious of the evangelicals and charismatics, as they participate in their services in a manner that shows that they are truly alive, the Holy Spirit is within them. This might make some people cringe, and for that I feel badly, but not badly enough to stop looking and sounding like I am alive. And thanks be to Jesus! No, I'm not quite up to dancing in the aisles and everyone shaking their tambourines.

Let's participate in the mass with a little joy and expression for the true meaning of why we are gathered! Amen?
Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Holy Week Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Holy Thursday	7:00pm	St. Mary
	Good Friday	3:00pm	Holy Cross
		7:00pm	St. Mary
	Saturday, Easter Vigil	8:00pm	St. Mary
	Easter Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
		10:00am	St. Mary

No Reconciliation on Saturday, April 15

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

Holy Week and Easter Sunday



Wednesday, April 12

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mikey Carpenter

Holy Thursday, April 13 (no 8:00am Mass)

7:00pm St. Mary †Ron Koepfel
Adoration after Mass until 11:00pm, in Social Hall

Good Friday, April 14

3:00pm Holy Cross Stations/Veneration of the Cross
7:00pm St. Mary Passion Service

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstaining from meat.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 15 (no 5:00pm Mass)

8:00pm St. Mary †Harry Richardson

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00am Holy Cross †Bill Davis
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

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

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturdays, April 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, 7:00pm, 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!



Movie Afternoon

Join us to watch *Jesus Christ Superstar* today (Sunday), 2:30pm in the Social Hall with potluck snacks at 2:00pm. This movie, in rock-opera format, recounts the last week of Jesus' life and is from Judas Iscariot's point of view.

A Memorial Gift



If you would like to donate towards our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please have your donation to the Parish Office by Monday. A memorial list will be printed in next weekend's bulletin. Donation envelopes are included with your tithe envelopes; additional flower envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you.

Be a Disciple: Have Your Feet Washed and Stay Awake to Pray to the Lord!

We invite you to have your feet washed during our Holy Thursday Mass. 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 or call the Parish Office to volunteer for either or both!

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday we take up a collection for the works of the Church in the Holy Land. Your donation helps those who care for these holy places and shrines which carry great significance for our faith. They are most grateful for your generous support. Pray that the Holy Land, with all its history, becomes an example of reconciliation among people and religions.

Rice Bowl

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

The Parish Office is closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Coming Events

- †**Sunday, April 9:** Adult Choir practice, 11:00am
— Men's Choir practice, 12:30pm, St. Mary — give away of tree seedlings after all Masses; tree planting demo at 11:30am, St. Mary — Movie: *Jesus Christ Superstar*, 2:30pm, Social Hall, potluck snacks, 2:00pm
- †**Children's Choir practice:** Wednesdays, April 12 & 19, 6:00-6:45pm, St. Mary
- †**Clothing Drive:** Now through April 20, St. Mary
- †**Work Days:** St. Mary: Saturday, April 29, Holy Cross: Saturday, May 20, 9:00am to Noon

Easter Vigil Mass



Next Saturday we will gather in the Social Hall at 8:00pm for the Lighting of the Easter Fire and then process into Church.

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.



Cemetery Avenue of Flags

The Holy Cross Cemetery Committee is starting a Memorial Drive through the cemetery by offering to purchase for you American flags that will have permanent ground mounts along the drive through the cemetery. Flags will be flown on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day. An identification tag will be affixed to each flag designating the "Honoree" and the "Donor". Flags may be purchased for whomever you wish, 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 three section 15 foot pole. Price is \$150 per flag, (no profit realized). Installation, identification tag and storage included in the flag price. Order forms are available in the vestibule and on the parish website, and must be returned by April 30 to have the flag installed by Memorial Day. Later purchases will have price determined by the size of the order and could be as much as \$200. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Schreurs, 515-577-8147.

Please keep these Second Graders in your prayers; they will be receiving their First Eucharist on April 23.

*May Jesus touch the ears
of these children to hear His word
and their mouths to proclaim His faith.
May they come with joy to His supper
to the praise and glory of God.*

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

Tammi McClain, tmcclain@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-3904
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Pass on the Good News! What good news? The Good News of our Catholic Faith! This fall, over 110 children, preschool through grade 6, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and our Catholic Faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist! The experience is very rewarding! If interested, or to find out more information, please contact one of us.

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.

2nd graders and Parents: Please turn in your child's First Eucharist workbook by April 19. Thank you!

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.

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!

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!

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

C2 (10th Grade Only): If you haven't turned in your Saint Report and/or Confirmandi info form, please do so 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.

Continue with Grades 7-12.....

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 2 Week 40

	Received	Budget	
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$4,067	\$5,469	
	<i>Year-to-Date</i>		
	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$204,057	\$218,769	\$220,992

Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$155

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	\$ 30,126.64	\$ 24,671.67	\$ 31,770.33

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator

mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

EDGE: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Sessions: April 12 & 19 (last session)

Life Night/Life Teen: 7:45-9:30pm, Youth Area

Sessions: April 12 & 19 (last session)

Ministers for Triduum & Easter Masses

We are in need of a few additional Ministers for these Masses
— please sign up today or call / email the Parish Office
by Tuesday to volunteer. Thank you.

Holy Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Needed: 1 Altar Server, 1 Usher

Announcer	Susan Genalo
Lector	Jack McDermott
Cup Bearers	Drew Hanlon, Jerry Barnwell
Host Distributor:	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Julia Fisher, Andrew Ausman
Ushers	Jackson & Tammi McClain, Drew Hanlon

Good Friday, April 14, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Needed: 2 Ushers

Lector	Tim Kautza
Passion Reading	Youth Group
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Usher	Bill & Kelly Dunbar

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15, 8:00pm, St. Mary

Needed: Reader, 1 Altar Server, 3 Ushers

Lector & 1st Reader	Lorrie Hanlon
2nd Reader	Di Schleisman
Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusburger, Delila Roberts
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Altar Servers	Grace & Julia Fisher, Andrew Ausman
Usher	Drew Hanlon, Gregg Richwine

Easter Sunday, April 16, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Needed: 2 Ushers

Announcer	Kathy Daup
Lector	Karen Bellis
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:00am, St. Mary

Needed: 1 Cup Bearer, 2 Altar Server, 3 Ushers

Announcer	Lori Dunham
Lector	Joe Dunham
Cup Bearers	Matt Miller, Susan Stillmunkes,
Cup Bearer, Hall	Jackie Ausman
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Host Distributors, Hall	Dan & Lisa Gonnerman
Altar Server	Andrew Ausman
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar, Gregg Richwine

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Money Counters

April 9: Sue White, Dawn Reynolds

April 18: Lisa Kautza, Dona Cowman, Carol Weber

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Volunteers Needed For Confirmation Liturgy

Confirmation of our 10th graders is Saturday, May 6 at 10:00am. We are in need of the following ministers for this Mass: Lector, 1 Eucharistic Minister, 1 Altar Server, 2 Gift Bearers and 2 - 4 Ushers. If you are able to help out, please contact Nicole Cory (ncory@saintmaryhc.org/515-313-3014) as soon as possible. Thank you.

The best math equation: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

✝ 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.

Parish Time and Talent Survey!!

If you haven't already, take a few minutes to fill one out at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMHC-TimeandTalent>. Your gifts and volunteer time truly make a difference in our parish! Please respond by April 14. Paper copies are in the vestibule; please return to the Office. Thanks for filling it out!

Clothing Drive

Now through April 20. Please donate your good used clothing, packed in boxes with lids or plastic bags, and put in the trailer in the parking lot at St. Mary. Hope Ministries appreciates your donations to those in need!

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

Please mark your calendar for this important training following all Masses on April 29/30. Both of our Churches now have AED's which in the event of a heart attack, could help save a life, if quick action is taken. These devices are very simple to use and come with instructions, but if you have never been trained, they can be intimidating. We would like all our ushers, and any other interested parishioners, to attend this short training session. Please help spread the word; we hope to see you for the training!

Soles 4 Souls



Jared Laffey, one of our Dowling students is involved in a service project to collect gently used shoes of any kind, to help non-profit *Sole 4 Soles*, fight global poverty. Now through April 23 you are invited to drop off any gently used shoes in the box at St. Mary. Jared says, "The simple truth is that almost everyone with a closet has shoes they don't wear, or an old pair that will just end up in the landfill. Give those to me, and know that you are taking a step to making the world a better place for all of us."



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, 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.*

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Palm Sunday, April 9

Theme: Holy Week — the mystery of our faith.

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7 • The Lord God is my help.

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11 • Your attitude must be Christ's.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 • The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Question for Children: Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

Question for Youth: Take time to really reflect on Jesus life, death and resurrection. How will you be open to how you might be changed?

Question for Adults: Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.