



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 10, 2022

*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:

As we embark on the holiest week of the year, I leave you with some inspiring words from St. Andrew of Crete, out of the Liturgy of the Hours Office of Readings for Palm Sunday:

"So let us spread before his feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in his grace, or rather, clothed completely in him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of his victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.*"

For what it is worth, know of my prayer for you all this week. ~ Father Andrew

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

**Reconciliation:** St. Mary: Wednesdays 4:45-5:15pm or this week by appointment Tuesday - Friday.

**No Reconciliation on Saturday, April 16**

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for prep program

**Marriage:** Contact Fr. Andrew at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

## Holy Week



### Tuesday, April 12

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Nolan Clewell

### Wednesday, April 13

4:45 - 5:15pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Isaac Beying  
~ followed by Adoration

### Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 14 (no 8am Mass)

7:00pm St. Mary †Elaine Schrader

Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm in Social Hall

### Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 15

3:00pm Holy Cross Stations and Veneration  
of the Cross

7:00pm St. Mary Passion Service

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

### The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, April 16 (no 5pm Mass)

(Procession for Mass begins outside, weather permitting)

8:00pm St. Mary †Mark Schmidt

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 17

8:00am Holy Cross †Jeff Ruden

10:00am St. Mary People of the Parish

## Rejoice in the Hope Jesus Made Possible

Father,

*Palm Sunday is a reminder of the unexpected,  
yet fully anticipated, King of Kings.*

*Jesus did not look like the Messiah Your people hoped for.*

*The way He entered the Holy City of Jerusalem that day,  
riding a young donkey as a significant sign of peace  
and fulfillment of prophecy,  
did not align with their expectations of a military conqueror.  
Much of our daily lives don't align with our expectations.  
So much of our lives don't make sense.*

*This Palm Sunday, let us embrace  
the unexpected entrance of our Savior, Jesus. He is Peace.*

*Let us apply this incredible truth to our lives.*

*Peace mattered to Jesus. He came to bring us Peace.*

*He is peace.*

*Father, how quickly we forget the Peace we possess in Christ!*

*Remind us, minute by minute, as we navigate difficult days  
and trying times.*

*Father, we need Peace to live life to the full,  
as Jesus died for us to live.*

(excerpts from Meg Bucher, *Triumphant Prayers for Palm Sunday*)



## 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 or Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

**For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew  
at 515-367-2685 or [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).**

## 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.

## A Memorial Gift

We offer you the opportunity to remember a loved one by donating towards the flowers that will decorate St. Mary and Holy Cross Churches this Easter season. A memorial list will be printed in next weekend's bulletin. *Donation envelopes are included with your tithe envelopes and are also available on the table. Please return your donation by Monday, April 11.*



## Covid Updates

From Bishop Joensen: Masks are optional for the faithful and clergy during Mass and other indoor activities and are no longer required for the distribution of Holy Communion. Everyone is encouraged to discern the use of masks based on their own health and potential immunity to COVID-19.

**If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please receive from Fr. Andrew (he sanitizes after each).** Masks and hand sanitizer are available. *Diocesan updates:*  
<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

### Parish Council

Meeting: April 26, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting: April 19, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting, April 11, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Knights of Columbus

April meeting to be announced

## Coming Events

†**This Weekend:** Food Pantry Collection

†**Confirmation Community Service Day:** Saturday, April 23, 8:00am to Noon

†**Parish celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday:** April 24 beginning at 3:00pm, St. Mary and Social Hall

†**Blood Drive:** Thursday, May 26, 3:00-7:00pm, Social Hall

## Be a Disciple: Stay Awake to Pray!

On Holy Thursday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following our 7:00pm Mass until 10:00pm in the Social Hall. A sign up is available at both Churches or call the parish office.

## 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 support. Pray that the Holy Land, with all its history, becomes an example of reconciliation among people and religions.

## Easter Vigil Mass

This Mass begins at 8:00pm at St. Mary's and we gather outside, weather permitting. *No 5:00pm Mass this day.*

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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**Registration is open for 2022-23 school year.** We would like for the forms to be turned in by April 20. This should help us as we prepare for next year! The classes will stay the same as they were offered this year. Please be sure to register right away to get the class time you would like.

It has been such a beautiful year this year serving your children. It is a privilege for us and we look forward to doing it again next year! If you are interested in serving as a Catechist or an assistant in the classrooms, please mark it on your registration and we will be in contact with you in May!

**Vacation Bible School is also open for registration.** Space is limited, so be sure to register right away if you would like to participate. The dates are June 21-23rd. Please also consider volunteering to help in some fashion for VBS, all help is greatly appreciated.

April 10- 11:00am First Communion special session

April 13/15- regular sessions

April 20/22- final class of the year

April 24- 11:00am First Communion special session

## S.T.O.R.M. Report

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, [ncory@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:ncory@saintmaryhc.org), 515-313-3014

### EDGE

**Session: April 13, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall - final gathering**

### Purpose Confirmation Program

**Confirmation interviews** are underway. Please see the signups in your email to sign your child up for a time slot.

**Wednesday, April 20:** 6:00-8:00pm, Final Session for the year, Social Hall

**Saturday, April 23:** Community Service Day

### S.T.O.R. M. Youth Group

**Gathering: April 13, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area**

## Easter Reflection Resources

We have *The Little White Book* and *The Word Among Us* available for your use during the Easter Season. You'll find them in St. Mary's vestibule and in Holy Cross' entryway.

## Information for Our High School Seniors

**Senior Recognition in our May newsletter:** Information desired: Your name, Parent(s)/Guardian(s) names, High School, Post-Graduation plans, Favorite memory from St. Mary-Holy Cross or Favorite Bible verse. AND we'd LOVE to have a picture (close-up ones work best). Please email this information and picture to the office by **Friday, April 15.**

A **scholarship** will be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education! Money donated to fund this was donated by parishioners and the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship (**due April 17**), go to this link or contact the office: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/188f\\_sJJAqH9LGHJpwbxL1CVqsJSYcN5WlksB44iBubl/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/188f_sJJAqH9LGHJpwbxL1CVqsJSYcN5WlksB44iBubl/edit).

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**When you run alone, it's called a race;  
when you run with God, it's called Grace.**

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

	April 3	Budget Week 40	
		Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund		\$6,999	\$5,642
Year to Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund			
	Received	Budget	Last Year
	\$236,814	\$225,680	\$218,982
Buildings and Grounds Collection:	\$1437		

## 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese and return the pledge card sent by Bishop Joensen, by mail to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket at Mass. If donating by check, please make it out to the Diocese of Des Moines. You can also donate at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown.

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid Pledges	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$27,535	\$26,785	\$750	<b>\$27,959</b>

*Thank you to those who've already donated so generously!*

## 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, please contact Barb, [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto: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.*

## Community Service Day

On Saturday, April 23 the Confirmation students will team up with the Knights of Columbus for their 4th annual Spring Community Service Day. The rain makeup date is April 30. If you or someone you know are looking for some help with yard work or anything outside of the house, please fill out the form in the vestibule and drop it in the provided box. We will not be offering help inside of homes this year to limit contact with homeowners. You are also welcome to contact Nicole Cory at 515-313-3014 or Doug Jones at 515-238-4745.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

*April 24 at St. Mary's Church and Social Hall*

**3:00pm:** Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration & Confessions

**4:00pm:** Mass (Ad Orientum, with Latin elements)

**5:00pm:** Potluck Dinner and Fellowship

## Blood Drive

Sign-up to donate your valuable and much needed blood! Reserve your preferred time today in the vestibule of St. Mary or at [www.lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifeservebloodcenter.org). Appointments are required. We're on our way to set a new parish record for appointment sign-ups in a year's time. Our January drive filled all available time slots for appointments!! But more is needed for people needing surgeries, giving birth, and for anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatments, serious burns, etc. There's no substitute for YOUR REAL human blood.

It only takes about 30 – 45 minutes from check-in to check-out and you get to enjoy beverages and homemade treats at our canteen to say nothing about the conversation with our wonderful volunteers. We look forward to seeing you at our drive 3:00 – 7:00pm on Thursday, May 26 at St. Mary.

Can't donate, but want to help? We welcome homemade treats and wonderful volunteers to tend the canteen. Contact Lisa and Tim Kautza, [kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net); 515-964-7687.

## Preserving Our Parish History

Recently, Laurie Phelan approached the Parish Council about the history of Holy Cross Church. Larry Sauer met with Laurie to discuss what action we might take to preserve the history of our parish past, present and future. We currently have two history books, one from 1875 – 2000 for Holy Cross and one from 1885 – 1985 for St. Mary's. That is twenty-two years ago for Holy Cross and thirty-seven years ago for St. Mary's. Each year our elder parishioners, who have a wealth of information, are passing without having been asked to share what they know about our past. At the Pastoral Council meeting on March 8, 2022, it was decided that our parish should begin to document, in writing and visual imagery, the history of our parish past, present and future. With that in mind we are looking for three to five parishioners, young and old, who would like to join a work group to be involved in this most important endeavor.

If you are interested, please contact Larry Sauer at [sauerld@outlook.com](mailto:sauerld@outlook.com) / 515-710-2421 or Laurie at [laurie.c.phelan@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.c.phelan@gmail.com).



Plastic bags can take up to 1,000 years to decompose.

## Opportunities to Assist Your Parish

If you would like to host **Wine & Cheese or Donut Sunday**, please contact Barb at [bliske@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-367-2685. If we get enough volunteers we would be able to go back to offering this once a month for each Mass.

We are looking for additional **lectors, ushers, and Host distributors** for our Masses. For questions or if interested in serving, please contact Fr. Andrew at [Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org).

*Thank you for considering these requests.*

## Change of Information?

Moved? Had a baby? Dropped your landline? New email? Please email the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. *Thank you!*

## Looking for a Job in a Faith-filled Environment?

The Diocese of Des Moines is looking for teachers and a Finance Director. Learn more at [www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment](http://www.dmdiocese.org/about-us/employment).

## Catholic Charities Breakfast with the Bishop

Join Bishop Joensen and Catholic Charities on Wednesday, April 27, 9:00-10:00am for a light breakfast and spotlights on particular Catholic Charities programs featuring Bishop Joensen, Catholic Charities executive director, Barbara Decker, and program managers from Catholic Charities. Attendees also receive a coffee mug with Bishop's crest! Join us at the Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. \$20 per guest - Seating is limited - No walk-ins. Register at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/pRb/>.

## Christ Our Life Conference Speaker

September 24 & 25: *Patricia Sandoval*: Blatantly honest in sharing her heart-wrenching story of poor choices, abortions and the utter desperation when hitting her lowest point in life, Patricia Sandoval describes the profound love and hope she experienced through the kindness of a Christian stranger. Trusting in God's love and mercy, Patricia found the courage to transform her life. Now Patricia is a fierce pro-life advocate, proclaiming God's mercy and the immeasurable worth of every child conceived, as she testifies in her book, "Transfigured."

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

**Palm Sunday, April 10**

*Theme: Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.*

*Reading I:* Isaiah 50:4-7 • God helps us.

*Reading II:* Philippians 2:6-11 • God's name is holy.

*Gospel:* Luke 22:14-23:56 • Jesus shows us how to love.

*Children:* In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

*Youth:* How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

*Adults:* What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?