



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

*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,

The second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday for good reason. According to the Gospel, Jesus appeared to the disciples and gave them authority to forgive and retain sins, thereby instituting the sacrament of Reconciliation. Of course, it is not the disciple and likewise not the priest himself who forgives sin, it is Jesus working through the minister who does so. Nonetheless, the point remains that God does not condemn us in this life and mercifully gives us the grace via this sacrament to be spiritually cleansed of our faults and to restore our relationship with Him.

Many thanks to Tom and Jacki Ausman who put a lot of time and effort into decorating the church for Lent and Easter. Thanks also go to others who worked behind the scenes to make the liturgies beautiful and solemn. I am glad that we could have people in the church this year!

I encourage you check out the Pietà statue in the northeast corner of the social hall. It was donated by someone who wishes to remain anonymous. The original was completed in 1499 by Michelangelo and resides in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. ~ Fr. Andrew

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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

**Reconciliation:** Tuesdays 5:15 - 5:45pm; Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm and after 9:00am First Friday Mass, in the **Cry Room**, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for a preparation program

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

## Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration

### Tuesday, April 13

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Bill & Mary Percy

~ followed by Adoration

### Wednesday, April 14

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Jim and Margaret Shaw

### Thursday, April 15

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Adam Baumberger

### Saturday, April 17

4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Irene Anderson

### Sunday, April 18

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Rita Smith & Mary Newell

## 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).

## Masks Required in Parish Buildings

Bishop Joensen has extended the mask requirement at all public Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other events in Church buildings through Divine Mercy Sunday (today), at which time it will again be reconsidered. This decision corresponds to the recommendations of public health experts within the local medical community.

For Diocesan updates, resources and livestream Masses, please go to <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

## SMHC Temporary Solution Regarding Masks

In consultation with the diocese, an additional Mass at Noon on Sundays is being offered for those individuals to whom an exemption applies (see the excerpt from the bishop below). This does NOT mean that the mask mandate is currently rescinded. It also does not mean that anyone with an exemption is necessarily barred from attending a different Mass time. It is certainly not an attempt to "exile" anyone. Rather, it is an attempt to facilitate respect for those who are anxious about others not wearing masks around them (and perhaps vice versa).

Excerpt from the bishop's statement:

*This diocesan requirement applies to all those over the age of five, who do not have a medical or psychological condition prohibiting mask use. A personal preference opposed to mask use, or the belief that masks are not effective, does not qualify as a condition exempting one from mask use. If parishioners are unsure whether an exemption applies to them, they should consult with their pastor who can assist in discernment.*

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." ~ St. Padre Pio

## A Prayer from St. Faustina

O Jesus,  
stretched out upon the cross,  
I implore You,  
give me the grace  
of following faithfully  
the most holy will of Your Father  
in all things,  
always and everywhere.

And when this will of God  
seems to me very harsh  
and difficult to fulfill,  
it is then I beg You, Jesus,  
may power and strength flow  
upon me from Your wounds,  
and may my lips keep repeating -  
Your will be done, O Lord (...)

O most compassionate Jesus,  
grant me the grace  
to forget myself  
that I may live totally for souls,  
helping You  
in the work of salvation,  
according to the most holy will  
of Your Father. (Diary, 1265)

Stewardship Committee  
Meeting: April 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall  
Knights of Columbus  
April 18: 6:40pm Rosary, Church  
7:00pm Meeting, Social Hall  
Finance Council  
Meeting: April 20, 6:30pm, Social Hall  
Parish Council  
Meeting: April 27, 6:30pm, Social Hall

## Music Notes

**Sue Schmidt, Coordinator**

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We are happy to announce that we will add all Mass parts, opening, communion and closing hymns vocally to the Masses at St. Mary's Church. The cantor and accompanist will continue to sing and play from the choir loft. The Responsorial Psalm will continue to be read by the lector.

Due to closer contact to the congregation at Holy Cross, additional music will be added at the accompanist's and cantor's discretion.

Going forward we will continue to monitor virus spikes in our area and Diocesan direction and make changes to the level of vocal music as needed. Wearing a mask, join us as we give praise in song during Mass. Blessings to you all in 2021!

## YOU Are Needed!

We are looking for additional people to lector at our Masses. Please contact Fr. Andrew if you are interested. Thank you for considering this request!

## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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It's been a great year. It was definitely not without its unique trials and challenges but we are thankful for your patience and understanding as we worked through everything. It's been a joy growing closer to Jesus this year with your children. They are all such lights and gifts to this world. Looking forward to next year already!

Registration information will be out midsummer so watch for that!

We look forward to celebrating First Reconciliation and First Communion with the children in the coming weeks.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or comments!

April 11- First Communion special session #2, 1:00pm  
April 13/14- Final Sessions  
April 18- First Communion special session #3, 1:00pm  
April 22 & 23- optional First Communion Retreat  
April 24- Required First Communion Retreat  
April 25- First Communion 2:00pm

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

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### Purpose (Confirmation Program)

Our last session for the year is this Wednesday, April 14 from 6:00-8:00pm at St. Mary. Please watch your email for important information in the coming weeks.

**April 21 & 28th:** All 8th-12th graders are welcome to join us at 5:30pm for Mass at Holy Cross. If you are unable to make it to Mass, please plan to join us in the youth area for a meal and youth gathering at 6:15pm until 8:30pm. We hope to see you. Feel free to bring a friend! Contact Melissa or Andrea with questions.

## Upcoming Parish Council Opening

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parish Council was established just over a year and a half ago in an attempt to help Father Andrew guide and make decisions for our Parish family. This Council was established with six parishioners with representatives from both St. Mary's and Holy Cross. Our aim is to have each new member serve a three year term with two members rotating off each year. Now that the Council is established, we are looking for up to two new members to join. This June the Parish will hold a vote (if necessary) for new members who are interested. If you are interested, or anyone you know who might be, please feel free to reach out to any of the current Parish Council members for more information.

## Online Giving

This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation will send gift receipts. Thank you for considering using this for your tithing and thank you to those who are currently using it!

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 4 Budget Week 40

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$3,895	\$4,860

*Year to Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund*

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$222,421	\$194,400	\$232,535

## 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Unpaid Pledges</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$51,038	\$25,707	\$4,283	<b>\$25,331</b>

Thank you to those who have been so generous to this year's Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, please consider how you are able to help support the work of the Diocese and return your pledge card from Bishop Joensen to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Church. If donating by check, please make it out to the Diocese of Des Moines. You can also donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/>; then choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you.



Nearly half of the food in the U.S. goes to waste—approximately 3,000 pounds per second.

## Holy Hour

We need to have faith in the time of crisis; this is a sign of what a Eucharist-centered Church can offer the world. Bishop Joensen encourages us to renew our focus on the Eucharist as he hosts a Holy Hour at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Mondays 5:00 to 6:00pm, which you can watch at [Facebook.com/dmdiocese](https://www.facebook.com/dmdiocese).

## 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.*

## Graduating Seniors!

Our parish is pleased to announce a scholarship to be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education! Money used to fund the scholarship was donated by a generous anonymous parishioner. If you are interested in applying, please go to <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/2021%20St.%20Mary-Holy%20Cross%20Scholarship%20Application.docx.pdf> or contact the parish office. The scholarship application is due by May 1, 2021.

If you are interested in donating money for future scholarship opportunities, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee.

## Blood Drive

Our blood drive is Thursday, May 27, 3:00 to 7:00pm in the Social Hall. What safer and easier way to serve others than to donate your life-supporting blood that will help save or sustain the life of three others. LifeServe Blood Center provides a disinfected and sanitized environment. Blood is always in short supply and especially now. The whole process (registration, confidential health history interview, donation, and post-donation rest in our canteen) will take less than an hour with the actual donation taking only about 10 minutes. LifeServe personnel and donors are required to wear a mask. Appointments are required for added safety. To schedule your appointment sign up in the vestibule of St. Mary or use this link <https://donor.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/169798> to choose your donation time and then log in or create an account. If you have difficulties or questions, please call LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 and mention you would like to sign up for the Elkhart Community Blood Drive on May 27.

Contact Lisa or Tim Kautza ([kautza@netins.net](mailto:kautza@netins.net) or 515-964-7687) if you would like to volunteer to help in the canteen or can provide cookies, bars or other snacks.

## Auto Debit for Tithing

Please consider using this type of tithing if you currently do not. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on a pre-determined date. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Sarah at [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org) or find the form in the vestibule or on the home page of our website, <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/>. Thank you to those who currently use ACH for your tithing.

## Cards for Home-Bound and in Care Facilities

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

## Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr, 1803-1841

Peter was the fifth child of Francis and Mary Ann Chanel, peasants living in Cluet, France. Mary Ann recognized that her son could perform great service to God and she dedicated him to Mary. His education was turned over to the priest in their parish who saw him through his elementary schooling. Peter then chose to enter the seminary where he was esteemed by both students and faculty.

After ordination in 1827, Peter was assigned to a rundown and lax country parish which, by simply caring for the sick, he completely revitalized in three years. His ambition had always been to be a missionary. When the Society of Mary (Marist) order was founded, he joined in 1831.

Peter's first duties with the Marists were not exactly what he had envisioned; he was to teach at the Marist seminary, which he did for five years. In 1836, the Marists were given the New Hebrides islands in the Pacific as area for their evangelical work. Father Chanel was assigned as the superior of seven Marists sent as missionaries. Upon their arrival in Oceania the band split up and Peter Chanel and a lay brother went to the island of Futuna.

The two missionaries were well received by the pagan islanders there, and the king, who had recently abolished cannibalism, was among their welcomers. They had some initial success in their conversion efforts, but real progress came only after they learned the islanders' language.

As the number of conversions began to grow, the king realized that the adoption of Christianity by his people posed a threat to some of his prerogatives. When his own son expressed a desire to be baptized, the king sent his warriors to club Father Chanel to death. Thus, on April 28, 1841, Father Peter Chanel became the first Marist to be martyred and the first martyr in Oceania.

A measure of the success of Peter Chanel's mission work is in the fact that within months of his death, the whole island of Futuna was converted to Christianity. He was canonized in 1954 and is the patron of Oceania. His memorial is April 28.

*Peter probably did not expect to suffer martyrdom. That is true of most people today. And yet martyrdom still occurs in our times, even in some so-called civilized countries.*

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Second Sunday of Easter, April 11

*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?