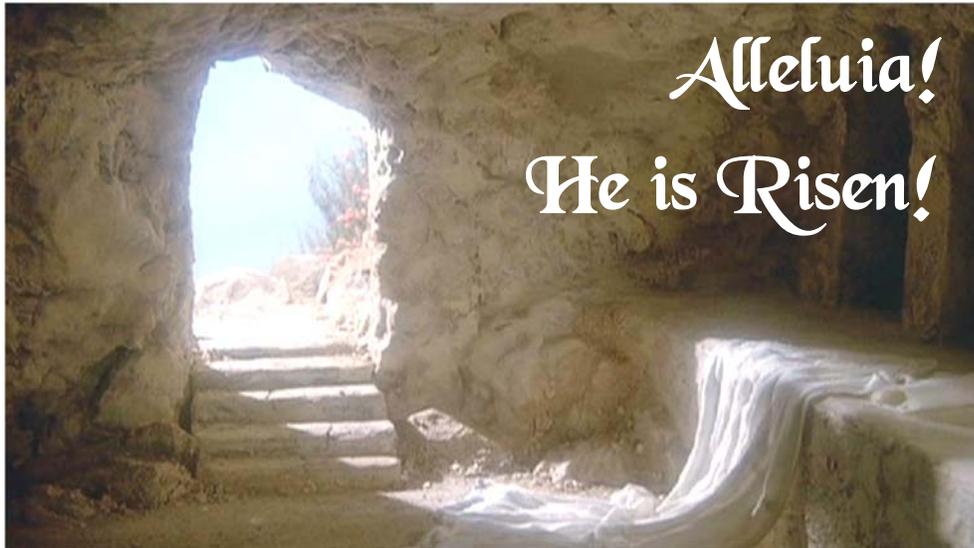




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Despite what currently seems like overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the power of the Resurrection always has been, is, and always will be greater than that of death. Having faith in God, especially Jesus Christ, who established this reality for us, we have a reasonable hope that this trial too will pass and with His grace we will move on to better things. Know of my love and prayer for all of you always and especially as we enter Easter.

If the technology cooperates and there is no user error, I intend to publish to the website a brief recording of some kind on Saturday night after celebrating the vigil. I have hesitated to do so throughout this ordeal for several reasons, including the adage about having a face for radio. Now it seems prudent to do something special for the most important day of the year.

Thanks very much to those who have dropped off tithing envelopes and who have been creative in contributing to the parish. We are doing what we can here to minimize costs, but the fact is that they still exist. It is understood that not everyone can give as much as they have in the past. I prefer that you have food on your table and a roof over your head. For those who are so inclined, we have set up a way to contribute online. Details can be found later in this bulletin. ~ Fr. Andrew

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**Reconciliation:** By appointment only with Fr. Andrew.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew for preparations.

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

**Priesthood and Religious Life:** See Diocesan website at <http://www.vocationsonline.org>.

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## Mass Intentions offered by Fr. Andrew

Tuesday, April 14	†Lyle Carpenter
Wednesday, April 15	†Irene Anderson
Thursday, April 16	†Harry Richardson
Saturday, April 18	†Adam Baumberger
Sunday, April 19	For the Parish

## We Are Here to Help!

If you are, or someone you know, is in need of assistance due to restrictions from the coronavirus pandemic, please contact the parish office. We will do our best to match your needs to our resources. Also, if you are willing to help in some way, please email Barb.

## Changes in Parish Practice

Although we are not able to gather as a parish community, we will communicate through email, our website and our facebook page. If you have not already, please provide your email to Barb (bliske@saintmaryhc.org) to receive updates from us as well as from Bishop Joensen.

If it is necessary for you to come to the parish office, please contact Fr. Andrew or staff ahead of time to be sure someone is here, or make an appointment. Phone messages and email will be checked frequently, even when staff is not in the office, and your messages will be returned.

See the diocesan website at

<https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>  
for updates and numerous resources.

**MASS:** The list of parishes that are streaming Masses online is growing! Check out our list.

Mass is carried at 8:00am on Sundays in the Des Moines area on KCWI, Channel 23.

**FAMILY RESOURCES:** We have podcasts, articles, and prayer resources to foster our faith during this time.

**PRAYER RESOURCES:** Use this time to grow closer to the Lord. There are many resources to feed our spirituality. Take a look at the prayers and multitude of websites that offer prayer, tips and guidance.

## † Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, for pastoral assistance. Care facilities and hospitals have restricted pastoral visits at this time.

## Easter Resources



We have *The Little White Book* and *The Word Among Us* available in the vestibule of St. Mary for your use during the Easter Season.



## 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 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.*

**A world of love makes a world of difference.**

## Prayer to the Holy Family

- Jesus, look graciously upon our family here before you. Once more we consecrate ourselves before you — our trials and joys — that our home may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love and faith. Protect and bless all of us, both absent and present, and be merciful to those departed.
- Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.
- Joseph, holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayer in all the necessities of life. Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity.

Amen.

## 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 form found in the vestibule of St. Mary and on our website. We are glad you are here!

## A New Way to Tithe!

Our parish has been looking into offering online giving and we are currently able to offer this opportunity through the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa. They have provided all parishes with a secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. Using the drop down menu, you can choose our parish (St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish - Elkhart) and make your donation. Contributions made through this platform will be treated as tithes to our parish. There are no fees associated with this, so ALL of your donation will go to our parish. The Foundation will send all gift acknowledgement letters.

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

*Theme: Jesus' resurrection -  
the heart of our faith, life, and journey.*

*Reading I:* Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • God raised him up on the third day.

*Reading II:* Colossians 3:1-4 • Your attitude must be Christ's.

*Gospel:* John 20:1-9 • Mary Magdalene came to the tomb.

*Question for Children:* When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrecting is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

*Question for Adults:* Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ?

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As the quarantine continues, we hope that you and your family are doing well adjusting to this strange new normal. As the Governor has recommended the closure of schools through April 30th, it is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge that this definitely delays our plans for First Communion. We will be contacting families with an updated Sacramental Prep program as more and more information comes to light and we are able to move forward with new plans. In the meantime, be assured of our prayers for you and your children as you deal with this difficult situation. It is our hope and prayer that the desire to receive Jesus in the Sacrament will grow and grow and this longing will bring you and your family even closer to Christ during this time.

We would like to encourage all families to pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be each day as a way to be united to each other and our parish family during this time. We pray these prayers before dinner each night for the sick and suffering as well as the next person who will die from our parish. This is one of the things we first loved about St. Mary Holy Cross when we came to this parish a few years ago and it has been a beautiful addition to our family dinners as we remain connected to the Body of Christ through prayer.

May the Peace of Christ remain with you!

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This past Wednesday evening some of our S.T.O.R.M. people took part in a new adventure and we got together at our first virtual gathering. After we worked and laughed through some glitches it sure was fun catching up and "hanging out." It was such a blessing to have some fun by interacting and praying with some of our SMHC family! We plan to "meet" next Wednesday, April 15 again at 7:30pm. Please reach out to Andrea, Nicole or Melissa to receive the link for our virtual youth group. Happy Easter!

### A Prayer to share:

#### Litany to Our Blessed Mother

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us. Amen.

We also want to share with you some prayer opportunities for you and your family during this time of social distancing.

1. **Laudate** is a free app that helps you enhance your Catholic faith and our favorite feature of this app is the interactive Rosary. 2. The two podcasts we enjoy are "**Do Something Beautiful with Leah Darrow** and **Sunday, Sunday, Sunday with Mark Hart**. 3. A great opportunity for prayer is to join **Steve Angrisano** on Facebook praying together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy everyday at 2:00pm.

We will continue to keep you in our prayers. Please feel free to reach out to us if you need our support for anything! Stay healthy and safe! God Bless, *Andrea, Nicole and Melissa*

**Confirmation:** Watch for updates through email.

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

March 29 Budget Week 39

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$2,350	\$5,730

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$234,810	\$229,200	\$233,346

## 2020 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Information and a pledge card have been mailed to each household. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give and mail your pledge to the parish or donate online at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving/annual-diocesan-appeal-giving>, being sure to designate our parish for proper credit. Each gift is vital to reaching our assessment. Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Amt. Due</u>
\$49,556	\$16,840	\$11,745	<b>\$37,811</b>

*Considering switching over to automatic withdrawal from your bank account for your tithing? Please contact Sarah Baumberger, [sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:sbaumberger@saintmaryhc.org), for additional information or find the form on the home page of our website in the lower right hand corner.*