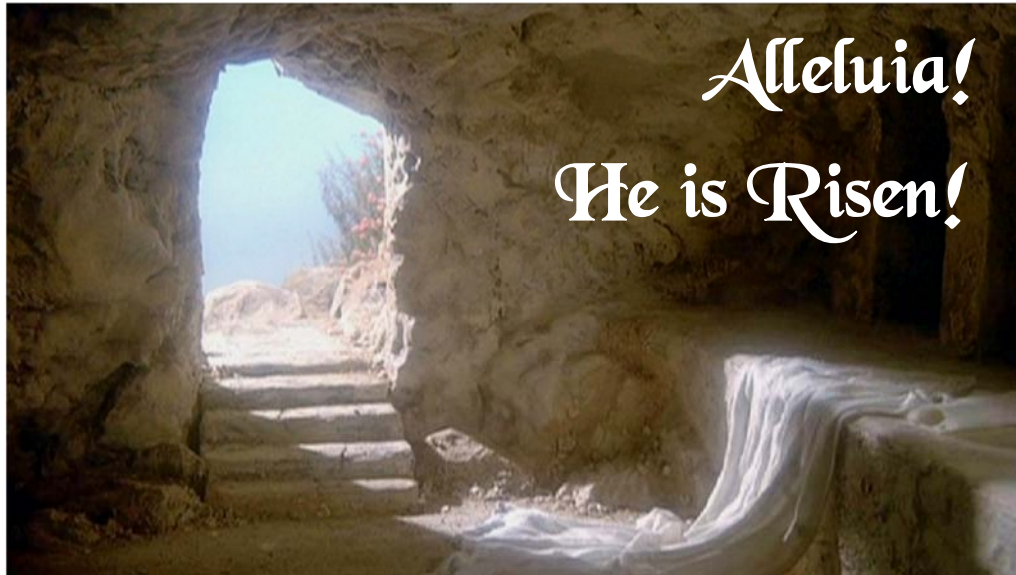




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

April 17, 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:

For you all I pray a most holy and glorious Easter. Included in this bulletin is an insert of one of the most famous sermons in Christian history that regards the holy day. It is admittedly longer than what I usually share, but I assure you that it is worth the read and taking to prayer. It originates from St. John Chrysostom, who lived in the fourth and fifth centuries. He was such a renowned preacher that he was given the name Chrysostom, which means "golden mouth." Enjoy.

- Father Andrew

### Parish Information

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|----------------------|--------------|---------|------------|
| <b>Mass Schedule</b> | Tuesday      | 5:30pm  | Holy Cross |
|                      | Wednesday    | 5:30pm  | St. Mary   |
|                      | Thursday     | 8:00am  | St. Mary   |
|                      | First Friday | 9:00am  | St. Mary   |
|                      | Saturday     | 5:00pm  | St. Mary   |
|                      | Sunday       | 8:00am  | Holy Cross |
|                      | 4th Sunday   | 12:00pm | St. Mary   |

**Reconciliation:** St. Mary: Wednesdays 4:45 - 5:15pm and Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30pm; or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Andrew

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

**Priesthood/Religious:** www.vocationsonline.org

## Mass and Adoration

### Tuesday, April 19

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Harry Richardson

### Wednesday, April 20

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Dorothy Gannon

~ followed by Adoration

### Thursday, April 21

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Clifford & Sarah Seuferer

### Saturday, April 23

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

5:00pm St. Mary †Irene Anderson

### Sunday, April 24

8:00am Holy Cross †Craig Hand

10:00am St. Mary †Myron White

### Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration, St. Mary

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, Confession

4:00pm Mass People of the Parish

followed by potluck and fellowship

## Easter Prayer

Dear God,

May we feel the warm embrace of your love on this sacred day.

May the glory of Jesus's resurrection remind us that with you, nothing is impossible or without hope.

On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings you give us.

May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of your love.

Lord, thank you for this Easter celebration of Jesus's victory over death. Alleluia!

Thank you, God, for the gift of your Son.

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 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).



## 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.

## 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

## 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, May 9, 6:00pm, Social Hall  
Knights of Columbus  
April meeting to be announced

## Coming Events

†**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

## Just Married!!

Congratulations to Emily Cory and Gene Jaeger who were united in Marriage on Saturday, April 2 at St. Mary. Our blessing and prayers for them that their lives always be filled with God's presence, and they grow stronger day by day in the bonds of love and fidelity.

## 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.lifefervebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifefervebloodcenter.org). Appointments are required. Our January drive filled all available time slots for appointments - let's do the same for this Drive!! There's no substitute for YOUR 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.



## Religious Education

### Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Tracy Miller, [tmiller@saintmaryhc.org](mailto:tmiller@saintmaryhc.org), 515-520-7981

**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 Tuesday - Thursday, June 21-23. Please also consider volunteering to help in some fashion for VBS, all help is greatly appreciated.

April 20/22- final class of the year

April 24- 11:00am First Communion special session

April 28 & 29 - optional First Communion retreat,  
9:00am to 3:00pm

April 30- First Communion Retreat, with  
First Reconciliation

May 1 - First Holy Communion Masses, Noon & 2:30pm

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

### Grades 7-12 Coordinators

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### EDGE

See information on back page.

### Purpose Confirmation Program

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

**Saturday, April 23, 8:00am-Noon, Community Service Day**  
See email to sign up. Rain date is Saturday April 30.

**Friday, May 20, 6:30pm, Confirmation Liturgy Rehearsal**  
Dinner for sponsors and teens.

**Saturday, May 21, Confirmation Liturgy.** Teens to be there by 12:50pm, Liturgy begins at 2:00pm.

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

No gathering April 20

**Gathering: April 27.** Join us for Mass/Adoration at 5:30-6:15pm. If your schedule doesn't allow for you to attend Mass/Adoration, please join us for a meal and gathering from 6:30-9:00pm in the Youth Area.

## 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.*

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**We don't need to think less of ourselves,  
we need to think of ourselves less.**

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 3

Budget Week 41

|                               | <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund | \$2,665         | \$5,642       |

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

| <u>Received</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Last Year</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| \$239,549       | \$231,322     | \$222,421        |

Food Pantry Collection: \$526

## 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.

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

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



## 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).



## Healing Service

All are invited to attend a healing service at St. Ambrose Cathedral this Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00pm. *"Come to me, all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

## EARTH DAY 2022

Theme: *Invest In Our Planet*



This is an annual event on April 22 to support environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by [EarthDay.org](http://EarthDay.org). Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, and our livelihoods. Everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

The Great Global Cleanup® is a worldwide campaign to remove billions of pieces of trash from neighborhoods, beaches, rivers, lakes, trails, and parks - reducing waste and plastic pollution, improving habitats, and preventing harm to wildlife and humans. There are registered clean ups scheduled in Iowa. Go to <https://www.earthday.org/campaign/cleanup/#map> to find out when and where.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

This Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program is for couples who want to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Find out how by attending one of these upcoming experiences April 23-24 in Epworth; Sept 9-11 in Dubuque; Nov 18-20 in Holstein. For more information or to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305.

## Additional Options for Tithing

**Auto Debit:** Please consider using this type of tithing. You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on the 15th or the 30th. 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 on the table at church or on the home page of our website.

**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 sends gift receipts.



Recycling one ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 1,000–2,000 gallons of gas.

## EDGE (Grades 7 & 8) Year Recap

Hello EDGE families! It was a true blessing to have your 7th and 8th graders attend middle school faith formation with us at SMHC. Coming off a year or two of covid and all the uncertainties and restrictions, we were unsure of how the year would turn out! We were most grateful to be able to gather once again and learn as a group. There were some illnesses and weather-related cancellations in early January, but for the most part we met when we were scheduled to meet. We had a very small group of 7th & 8th graders this year and often there were as many high school teen leaders as we had middle school students. Overall, we felt the year was rich in faith formation, fellowship, service, outreach, and of course a little bit of fun too.

Here is a brief recap of our EDGE year. In September, we enjoyed our first few sessions outside and worked in our small groups and learned about the importance of fellowship in our parish family. We hosted our Community Wide Trunk or Treat with an outstanding turnout (even if the weather didn't cooperate.) In October, we celebrated our Blessed Virgin, prayed the Rosary, and learned about sacramentals. In November, the EDGE teens helped with a session of service and helped work on a little deep cleaning and organizing projects around our parish. We completed our semester called, "Now and Forever." This is a Life Teen curriculum, covering questions about the Mass. We were grateful to enlist Father Andrew, our catechists, and a few special Parishioners to help share in their love and knowledge of the Mass. Our hope is that the sessions provided opportunities for our EDGE middle school youth to ask questions and understand the Mass a bit better. We pray it allowed for the youth to embrace the positive impact the Mass has on their lives and on the world. The sessions covered important elements that allowed the youth to see the roots of the Mass in Christ's Paschal Mystery, the importance of the Eucharist, the way the different parts of the Mass fit together, and how the Mass can positively affect and bear fruit in their daily lives.

Thank you for allowing us to help you in faith formation of your child. You have some amazing young people! We will see you at Mass, other parish gatherings, and we look forward to EDGE 2022-2023. Please get registered soon so we can begin to plan another fruitful year of formation for our middle school youth.

Blessings on your spring and summer!

*Andrea, Bridget, Melanie, Nicole, Melissa  
and an wonderful team of high schoolers!*

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

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

*Theme: We are a resurrection people!*

*Reading I:* Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • They were witnesses to all that Jesus said and did.

*Reading II:* Colossians 3:1-4 • Seek to be like Christ.

*Gospel:* John 20:1-9 • Jesus is raised from the dead.

*Children:* What is good and new in your life?

*Youth:* Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?

*Adults:* In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?