



# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



## Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

In a few of the Gospel readings that follow Easter Sunday, including this Sunday, there is an emphasis on Jesus revealing himself to his disciples. For some reason, those who were closest to him did not immediately recognize him after the Resurrection. In the Gospel for this Sunday, it is not until he breaks the bread that they recognize him. What is it about his resurrected body compared to what are their expectations that challenges them? We can ask a similar question about ourselves. Do we truly recognize our resurrected and glorified Lord in the Eucharist such that we agonize over not being able to receive him? Whether or not that is the case, I encourage everyone to continue praying, especially for the faith that we need to know him and to persevere through the current situation.

Thanks to Tom and Jacki Ausman, who have been tending well to the decorations. Even though the church is not as busy, the reality of the Easter season remains and it is right for us to act accordingly. The flowers especially make the place look and smell great!

Diocesan staff and clergy including the bishop meet via Zoom every Tuesday morning now. The social aspect of it is helpful as well as the discussion and trading of ideas.

If you did not receive the weekly e-mail, you can find an update from the finance council on the parish website.

~ Fr. Andrew

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## Mass Intentions offered by Fr. Andrew

Tuesday, April 28	†Will & Mikey Carpenter
Wednesday, April 29	†Ralph & Neva Cory
Thursday, April 30	†Michael Carpenter
First Friday, May 1	†Fr. Ed Pfeffer
Saturday, May 2	†Ron Hamm
Sunday, May 3	For the Parish

✠ For Pastoral assistance, please contact Fr. Andrew at 515-367-2685 or Fr.Andrew@saintmaryhc.org.

## We Are Here to Help!

If you are homebound, at high risk, caring for family, or know someone who is, and are in need of help with errands, picking up prescriptions or groceries, etc., please contact the parish office. 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 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 livestream Masses, updates and resources.

## 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!

## Easter Season Resources

We have *The Little White Book* and *The Word Among Us* available in the vestibule of St. Mary for your use this Easter Season which goes through Pentecost celebrated on May 31. If you'd like one mailed to you, please contact the office.

## 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 goes to our parish. The Foundation will send all gift acknowledgement letters.

How do children spell LOVE? T - I - M - E

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Sommar, father of Kathy Gass, who passed away April 14. May he be at peace with our Risen Lord and his family know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

✠ Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, ✠  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

## Jesus Prayer

How quickly life as we know it has changed. Many of us are still trying to wrap our minds and hearts around what is happening in our world as the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 continues to spread. We have to seriously weigh each decision to leave the house, taking precautions like never before. We miss our regular interactions with family, friends, parish, and co-workers. Anxiety can run high. A very simple and ancient prayer may be one way to help us become aware of the love and mercy of God that still surround us, and may help to calm our troubled hearts. This prayer is part of the spirituality of our brothers and sisters in the Orthodox churches, but comes from part of our common history, dating back to the fifth century. We simply breathe in as we say, "**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,**" and exhale as we say, "**Have mercy on me, a sinner.**" Repeating this slowly, while minding our breathing, can assist us in becoming aware of the presence of our loving friend, Jesus. Let's try it this week when we wake up, when we are anxious, and as we settle in for sleep at night. May God's peace be with us all.

For more information on the Jesus Prayer, go to <https://www.uscatholic.org/articles/201810/what-happens-when-you-put-jesus-name-repeat-31525>

## 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, please contact Barb, 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.*

## Thank You!

St. Mary-Holy Cross Parishioners,

Thank you so much for all of the cards I received on my Birthday. It was special to hear from so many. Blessings to all.  
~ Peg Moreland

## Change of Information?

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

## Pro Life Quote

"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because Jesus said, 'If you receive a little child, you receive me.' So every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus, the neglect of receiving Jesus."

~ Mother Teresa, White House Prayer Breakfast Feb. 1994

## Religious Education

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We'd like to offer this prayer for all of our families dealing with the disappointments of not receiving the long awaited sacraments of First Reconciliation and Communion:

Dearest Lord,

You know us and you know our longing.

Fill our hearts with your precious love as we continue to grow in love for you.

Guide our every action as we wait for the Sacrament of Penance.

Fill us with remorse for the times we have failed to show our love, so all the blocks between us may be removed fully.

Nourish us with your words while we wait for that heavenly sustenance.

Please fill our hearts with peace as we continue to wait in joyful anticipation for the day when we get to receive you;

Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Please bring an end to all that separates us from you. In your Heavenly Name, we pray.

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We will not gather virtually this Wednesday, April 29, but will resume this evening gathering on Wednesday, May 6. Please contact one of us if you are interested in participating. And remember, reach out to us if we can assist you in any way!

A interesting and sometimes entertaining podcast is Fr. Mike Schimitz Catholic Podcast and Magnificat is an app that offers prayers throughout the day, Mass, a Mediation of the Day and much more and it's FREE!

May God Bless always! ~ Andrea, Nicole and Melissa

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

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Third Sunday of Easter, April 26

*Theme: When we share meals, Christ sits among us.*

*Reading I:* Acts 2:14, 22-33 • My heart has been glad.

*Reading II:* 1 Peter 1:17-21 • It is through him that you are believers.

*Gospel:* Luke 24:13-35 • Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke?

*Question for Children:* What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

*Question for Youth:* The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

*Question for Adults:* Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

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## Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 19 Budget Week 41

Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	\$9,905	\$5,730

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

<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
\$251,195	\$240,660	\$246,677

## 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	\$24,800	\$19,090	<b>\$29,846</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.*