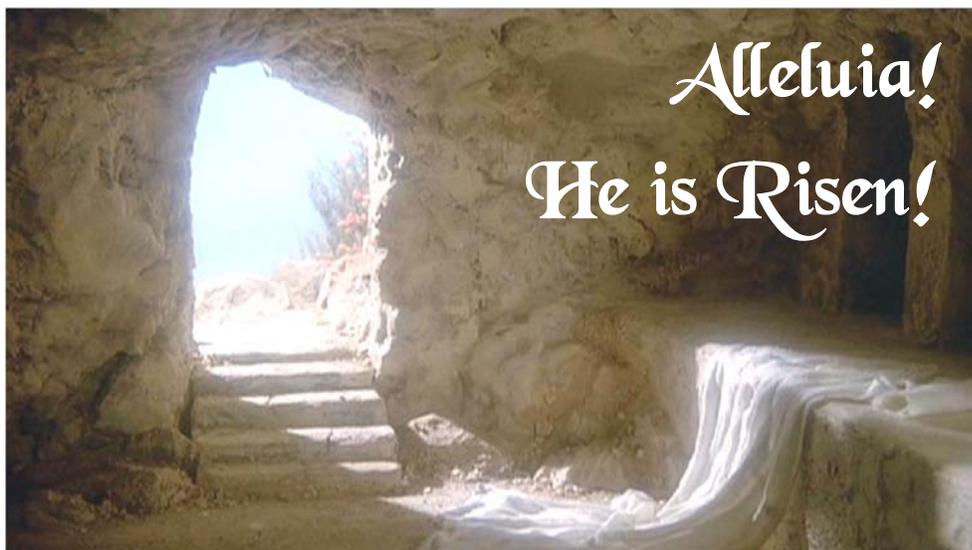




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 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 most important and holiest day of the year has arrived. It is to which every other day somehow points. Bishop Melito of Sardis summed it up well.

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: *Who will contend with me? Let him confront me.* I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ.

He is risen, alleluia. Happy Easter, everyone. ~ 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 6

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

6:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Mary Jones

~ followed by Adoration

Wednesday, April 7

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Evan Freeman

Thursday, April 8

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Elaine Barnwell

Saturday, April 10

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Joe Kresse

Sunday, April 11

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross †Lyle Carpenter

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Edward & Lorraine Polansky

An Easter Prayer

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross a victim,

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen,

Shed upon us heavenly grace

and gleams of glory from thy face;

that we, here on earth may fruitful be,

and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Welcome To Our New Members!



We welcome to our Parish family:

Cole and Mary Turnbull and daughter Charley, who live in Ankeny.

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!

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, April 11, 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.

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

Easter Reflection Resources



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

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

Spring Community Service Day

This Saturday, April 10 from 8:00am to Noon is our Confirmation students and Knights of Columbus' 3rd annual Service Community Day. If you or someone you know is looking for help with yard work or anything outside the house, we can help! We are not offering help inside of homes this year to limit contact with homeowners.

A form is available at both Churches and can be dropped in the box at either Church or emailed to Nicole Cory by Wednesday, April 7. You may also contact Nicole at ncory@saintmaryhc.org or 515-313-3014 if we can help you, or for more information.

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.

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

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Liturgy of Light will take place during our sessions this week. This beautiful celebration is open to all families. We will begin at 5:15 for our early Wednesday session and 6:45 for our late Wednesday session. If you know that you'll join us, it would be great if you could let us know so we have enough candles!

First Communion families: We continue our special sessions Sunday, April 11 at 1:00pm. This is for at least one parent and child.

April 6/7- Regular Sessions- Liturgy of Light,
parents welcome to attend.

April 11- First Communion special session #2, 1:00pm

April 13/14- Final Sessions

April 18- First Communion special session #3, 1:00pm

S.T.O.R.M. Report

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EDGE: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

April 7: Final EDGE session for 2020-2021

YOUTH GROUP: 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area

April 7: Gathering

8th-11th Grade Teens! The biannual National Catholic Youth Conference is this November in Indianapolis! NCYC has been the highlight of several of our High Schoolers faith development and we feel blessed that this conference will be held. With the uncertainties of Covid and several guidelines in place for large gatherings, the NCYC planning committee has decided to offer the pilgrimage at a limited attendance.

In order for our SMHC youth to attend we need to know ASAP if your child would be interested in going to or learning more about NCYC. We will have a parent meeting for NCYC April 11 after 10:00am Mass. This meeting will end by 11:15am at the latest. Youth participants are welcome to attend but do not need to be there. We will provide all the details we have at the meeting and will be asking for a monetary deposit. If the deposit will be too much of a financial burden with this short notice, please talk with us at the meeting. Please contact Melissa or Andrea for more information and details.

Purpose (Confirmation Program)

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

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

March 28 Budget Week 39

| Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund | Received | Budget |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| | \$1,811 | \$4,860 |

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

| Received | Budget | Last Year |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$216,162 | \$189,540 | \$227,726 |

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

| Parish Goal | Payments | Unpaid Pledges | Amt. Due |
|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| \$51,038 | \$25,407 | \$4,583 | \$25,631 |

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 or find the form in the vestibule or on our website's home page, <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/>. Thank you to those who currently use ACH for your tithing.



Our lovely Easter flowers have been shared with us by

In Memory of

Sharon Adams

Gerald Adams Family,
Hans and Leota Hohn Family

Sarah Baumberger

Adam Baumberger, Marilyn Hart,
Charlie Foresman

Larry and Mary Bishop

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Mary Ann Cory

Ira Cory, Scott Mitchell

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Cronk Family, Roberts Family,
Peterson Family, Ruppert Family

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Marie Budden, Ron and Elaine Crouse

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Bill Davis

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Bill Devereux

Bill and Sharon Dunbar

Ralph and Neva Cory,
Bill and Wanda Dunbar and Sandy

Kelly Dunbar

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Drew and Lorrie Hanlon

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Mary Iliff

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Guyla Dunlay Scott Strong, Sam Applebaum
Bill Garoutte, Paul Lerner, Jane Huett

In Memory Of

David and Barb Liske

Our Family and Friends

Dave and Char McHone

McHone and Canney Families

JoAnn Meusburger

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Victims of abortion

Pat and Janet Phelan

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Martin and Mary Phelan,
Jerry Hilleman, Jerrica Ann Hilleman Ruden

Kay Ross

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Lisa Schmitz

Madella Noehl

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Nelland and Inez Sesker

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Leo and Emma and Mike Sickerson

Norm, Suzie, Kellie, Ben & Jon Wong

Michael Wong





One ton of recycled cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil and saves 9 cubic yards of landfill space.

Thank You

To all who sent condolences, memorial donations, and especially prayers after my husband Myron's death, thank you so much for the outpouring of love and support during this time. I am forever grateful. ~ Sue White

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 / 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.

What is a Prayer Shawl?

A prayer shawl is a soft warm reminder for people going through a rough time that you are not alone and that we are praying for you. If you know someone that could use the comfort of a prayer shawl or are interested in helping make them, please contact Dona Cowman at 515-383-4482 or racefans@iowatelecom.net.

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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

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. 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>; and from the "Designate" dropdown, choose our parish Thank you!

Had a baby? Moved? Dropped your landline?
Have you provided your cell phone number to us?

Please contact the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. Thank you!

Catholic Youth Camp Registration

Campers will see new cabins, a renovated Dingman Lodge and increased number of staff. We're planning for the most amazing summer ever! Camp is open to 3rd-12th graders. For more information/to register, please go to stmcenter.com.

Our Parish will contribute \$100 of the fee to CYC for each child of our Parish who attends. Please notify Barb in the office when you have registered your child.

James, Apostle and Martyr, died c. 62

This Saint James is called "the Less" or "the Younger" to distinguish him from the other apostle named James. He has also been called "James the Just" in recognition of the respect in which he was held by the Christians of his time.

A number of things can be inferred from the references to James in the gospels, together with tradition and what has been passed on in the writing of others. (Many Church historians believe that there was a third James who was prominent in the Church in first century Jerusalem and some of what follows might be attributed to this other James.) James was the son of Alphaeus. St. Paul tells us that Jesus made a special appearance to James prior to the Ascension. The other apostles were still suspicious of Paul when, three years after his conversion, he visited Jerusalem. But James, along with Peter, gave Paul a cordial welcome.

James was recognized by Peter as one whose pre-eminence was acknowledged by the Christians of Jerusalem. Indeed we know that James (or, perhaps, the third James) was the bishop of Jerusalem. At the Council of Jerusalem, the bishop appears to have taken a major role. It was at this first church council that the decision was made that Gentiles who accepted Christian teaching need not follow all of the Jewish laws. James suggested that they "should not trouble those Gentiles who are turning to God...." (Acts 15:19). After consulting with Peter, it was James who announced the conclusions to the assembly.

Early writers tell us that James was stoned to death by the scribes and Pharisees who were afraid that, because of his influence with the people, he would bring all of Jerusalem to Christ. As he was being stoned, James knelt down and prayed for his tormentors. One of the priests tried to stop the stoning, shouting to the others that James was praying on their behalf. But another priest then took a heavy stick and struck James on the head, killing him. The year of his death is commonly accepted to be 62 A.D.

St. James is the patron of druggists, hat makers, and fullers (people who make cloth "full" by pleating or gathering). He shares a Feast with another apostle, St. Philip, on May 3.

James' message today: Like many other martyrs and like Jesus, James prayed for his persecutors. It is not easy loving those with whom we are in strong disagreement, but that is what Jesus asks us to do.

*Have you forgiven your enemies
or is your animosity still allowing them to rule your life?
Ask Jesus to help you to learn to forgive
those who have hurt you.*

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Easter Sunday, April 4

Theme: Jesus has risen.

Reading I: Acts 10:34, 37-43 • After Jesus was raised from the dead, we ate and drank with Him.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4 • You have died!

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

For Children: What sacrifices do you make for those whom you love?

For Youth: Even the disciples had a hard time understanding Jesus' Resurrection – it is that surprising. What does Resurrection mean to you? What does Easter mean to you?

For Adults: In what ways has God called you to die in Christ? How is this expressed in your own life?