



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 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:

Beginning next weekend, you will notice that the crucifix and some images are covered. This follows a tradition and instruction from the *Missal* (that big book on the altar that aids in our celebration of Mass):

"In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the Church from this [5th] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

This practice is an indication that Holy Week draws near and is intended to heighten our awareness. Furthermore, it causes us to meditate more upon what lies beyond not just the coverings, but the veil between this existence and the one that awaits us. ~ Father Andrew

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Mass Schedule	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
		10:00am	St. Mary
	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 Lenten Offerings

Tuesday, March 29

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross †Will & Mikey Carpenter

Wednesday, March 30

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

5:30pm Mass, St. Mary †Isaac Beying
~ followed by Adoration

Thursday, March 31

8:00am Mass, St. Mary †Fran Cory

First Friday, April 1

9:00am Mass, St. Mary †Henry Volz

6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary

Saturday, April 2

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary †Dorothy Gannon

Sunday, April 3

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross For the Parish

10:00am Mass, St. Mary †Bernardine Gorman



TRIDUUM SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 14

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Mary
Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm in the Social Hall

Good Friday, April 15

3:00pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross
Holy Cross

7:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus
St. Mary

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16

8:00pm Mass, St. Mary (no 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses: 8:00am, Holy Cross
10:00am, St. Mary

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.

There's Still Time....

to form your personal faith this Lent by participating in the Stations of the Cross...Reconciliation...Eucharistic Adoration...weekday Mass...use of reflection resources. These will help God's presence in you become more of a reality in your everyday life and may help God's light shine through you to others in need.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

You are invited to assist us with our Palm Sunday Masses, Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday Masses. A sign up is in the vestibule at St. Mary and at Holy Cross or call the Parish Office to volunteer. Thank you for lending us your time and talents to enhance our Liturgies!

Living Lent †

The Diocese has created Lenten Resources for families of all sizes and ages. Resources are available for families with little ones up to the teenage years. Find these materials at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/religious-education/parent-tools/family-faith-resources/lent>.

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. For Diocesan updates: <https://www.dmdiocese.org/resources/worship/coronavirus>.

Lenten Prayer

God of love,

You love each of us

at every moment of our lives,

Give us confidence in that love,

and help us to love as you do.

As we listen to the needs around us

with our physical ears,

open the ears of our hearts

to receive and respond to those

who come to us in their time of need.

In your all-loving name, we pray. AMEN.

Parish Council

Meeting: April 19, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: April 12, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting, April 12, 6:00pm, Social Hall

Knights of Columbus

Mar. 27: 6:40pm Rosary, Church, 7:00pm Meeting, Hall

Coming Events

† **Choir practice:** Thursdays, March 31 & April 7, 6-7:30pm

† **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays during Lent, 6:00pm at St. Mary. Lenten meal: April 8. Fish fry: April 1

† **Next Weekend:** Buildings and Grounds Collection — Wine and Cheese after 5:00pm Mass — Coffee & Donuts after 8:00am Mass



Last Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus' last Fish Fry is Friday April 1, serving 5:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. Price is a free-will offering. Take-out available. Join us!

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Please join us to sing this Chaplet after the Stations of the Cross on **Friday, April 8**. This has become a parish Lenten tradition and is a meditative chant sung to pray the Rosary.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Jeff Ruden who passed away last Monday. He is now in eternal peace with our Lord and Savior. Please pray for his wife Teri (Phelan) and all their family that they 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.

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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First Communion families: We begin our special sessions Sunday, April 3 after 10:00am Mass. This is for at least one parent and child. Please come to the Social Hall and we will begin in opening prayer and divide into groups from there.

Registration for next fall will be coming out soon. Watch your emails for forms.

Vacation Bible School: Tuesday - Thursday, June 21-23, 5:00-7:30pm. Registration coming soon.

March 30/April 1 - regular sessions
April 3 - 11:00am First Communion special session
April 6/8 - regular sessions
April 10- 11:00am First Communion special session
April 13/15- regular sessions

S.T.O.R.M. Report

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EDGE

No Session: March 30

Session: April 6, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

Purpose Confirmation Program

Wednesday, March 30: Session, 6:00-8:00pm, Social Hall

Friday, April 15: 7:00pm, Reading of the Passion at Good Friday Service, St Mary. **Looking for volunteers.**

Saturday, April 9, 9:00-11:00am, Session for 10th graders and their sponsors only, AND Rite of Enrollment for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 10:30am (parents welcome for the Enrollment ceremony).

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

No Gathering: March 30

Gathering: April 6, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area

A Memorial Gift



We offer you the opportunity to remember a loved one by donating towards the flowers that will decorate St. Mary and Holy Cross Churches this Easter season. A memorial list will be printed in a future bulletin. *Donation envelopes are included with your tithe envelopes and are also available on the table at St. Mary and in the entryway at Holy Cross. Please return your donation by April 10. Thank you.*

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**Fear not" appears in the Bible 365 times
- once for each day of the year.**

Weekly Collection Financial Update

March 20	Budget Week 38	
	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$10,141	\$5,642
Year to Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund		
	Received	Budget
	\$227,246	\$214,396
		Last Year
		\$210,575
Food Pantry Collection: \$838.00		

2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Bishop Joensen has sent a letter and pledge card to each family of the parish asking to support the work of the Diocese. Please consider how you are able to help. Pledge cards can be mailed to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket. If donating by check, please make out to the Diocese of Des Moines. You can also donate at <https://www.dmdiocese.org/giving>; choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown.

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid Pledges	Amt. Due
\$54,744	\$23,760	\$22,035	\$1,725	\$32,709

Holy Thursday Adoration

We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm in the Social Hall following this Mass on April 14. A sign up to participate is in the vestibule at St. Mary and at Holy Cross.

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Rice Bowls

Driven By A Dream. Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Glorioso and husband Karekezi are doing all they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. Learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, they know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. *Rice Bowls available at St. Mary and Holy Cross.*

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This Diocesan collection supports agencies providing relief to suffering people as well pastoral outreach and advocacy to improve lives.

Collection envelopes are on the table in the vestibule/entryway. Please return them in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Parish Scholarship for High School Senior

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 parishioners and the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please go to this link or contact the office: https://docs.google.com/document/d/188f_sJJAQh9LGHJpwbxL1CVqsJSYcN5WiksB44iBubl/edit.

Additional Options for Tithing

Auto Debit: You designate a monthly dollar amount to be withdrawn from your account on the 15th or the 30th. For questions, contact Candy at bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org or find the form at church or on the home page of our website.

Online Giving: Available through Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa at <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. Choose *St. Mary-Holy Cross Elkhart* from the drop down to make your tithe donation. No fees! The Foundation sends gift receipts.

2021 End-of-Year Statements

To minimize costs (and thus maximize your contributions), we do not automatically mail statements out. Please email Candy at bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org or contact the parish office, 515-367-2685, with a request to email or mail your statement to you. Thank you.

Catholic Charities Breakfast with the Bishop

Join Bishop Joensen and Catholic Charities for this breakfast on Wednesday, April 27 from 9:00 to 10:00am. It includes a light breakfast and spotlights particular Catholic Charities programs. The program features Bishop Joensen, Catholic Charities executive director, Barbara Decker, and program managers from Catholic Charities. Attendees also receive a coffee mug with Bishop's crest! Join us at the Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. \$20 per guest - Seating is limited - No walk-ins. Register at <https://e.givesmart.com/events/pRb/>.



Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times.

Area Reconciliation Services

Sunday, March 27, 3:00pm, St. Mary of Nazareth, DM
Tuesday, March 29, 6:30pm, St. Joseph, Des Moines
Wednesday, March 30, 6:30pm, Assumption, Granger
Wednesday, March 30, 7:00pm, Sacred Heart, WDM
Thursday, March 31, 7:00pm, Ss. John and Paul, Altoona
Sunday, April 3, 1:00pm, St. John the Apostle, Norwalk

Exploring our Cannonball Moments

This year has been designated an Ignatian Year in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius Loyola, after a cannonball shattered his leg and ended the dreams and plans he had for his life. But Ignatius' Cannonball Moment was the beginning of the unfolding of a bigger dream God had for Ignatius, a dream about serving the needs of others, accompanied by Jesus, humble and poor.

In this day of prayer, our presenter, Fr. Dan Krettek, will invite us to reflect on the Cannonball Moments of our own lives, and how they have served to make us better servants of other people and God's dream for the world.

We hope you will join us! Saturday, April 2, 9:00am-1:00pm. Attend In-Person or Virtually. Learn more and register at <https://www.theemmaushouse.org/exploring-cannonball-moments>.

Catholic Youth Camp



Have a week of growing in faith and discipleship, having fun, playing games and making friends! Find out more or register at <https://stmcenter.com/>. *Added bonus:* Our parish pays \$100 of the camp fee for children of the parish attending CYC.

Winter Weather Cancellations

Whenever North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening school activities are cancelled due to weather, classes, meetings and activities at the Parish will be cancelled. In most instances, Masses - both daily and weekend - will not be cancelled, so please use your own judgment. If the need to cancel weekend activities arises, it will be on the three major TV networks.

Faith Sharing

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 27

*Theme: God wants us to come back.
Now is the time to reconcile.*

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 • They ate the produce of the land.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 • We are reconciled with God through Christ.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 • The son that was lost came back home.

Children: Who is the one person you most need to say, "I'm sorry" to in your family?

Youth: Is it difficult for you to say "I'm sorry" when you hurt another or get off track in your own life? Why or why not?

Adults: How have you or your family welcomed a family member who has been distant and/or absent from you?