



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073

*"This is my Son,
my Chosen One;
listen to him!"*

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

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,

Thanks very much to Stacie Hergenreter for her service to the parish as religious education coordinator for pre-kindergarten through 6th grade over the last couple years. She will step down after First Eucharist on April 28 to pursue other endeavors. If you yourself are interested in taking on the position or know someone who might be a good fit, please let me know.

Congratulations to the Knights on a successful first fish fry of the season. They served about 550 people, which when compared to the largest metro area parish, is phenomenal. Remember that there are two more to go on March 22 and April 5. There are also meals after the stations on the other Fridays of Lent. These are good opportunities to come together as a community and because so many people attend who are not even parishioners, to provide a witness.

You probably noticed that the feast of St. Patrick is on Sunday this year. Also, a feast day of St. Joseph, this one ranked as a solemnity, which is the highest level, is on the following Tuesday. Regarding our Lenten observance on Sundays, there is no rule that requires us to maintain the penance that we have taken on for the season. However, some people may want to stay on track and not relax, which is okay too. If I understand correctly, the same goes for solemnities, but such days are cause for rejoicing in the Lord and in this particular case, St. Joseph and the example he offers us. So, I even encourage you to do so by foregoing your penance on that day. ~ Father 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
	10:00am	St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30p.m. St. Mary

Baptism: Contact the Parish Office about a preparation program

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date

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

Masses, Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 19

6:00pm St. Mary †*Lucille Schmidt*
~ followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 20

5:30pm Holy Cross †*Ralph & Neva Cory*

Thursday, March 21

8:00am St. Mary †*Rick McQuiston*

Friday, March 22 Stations of the Cross

6:00pm St. Mary

Saturday, March 23

5:00pm St. Mary †*Bill Ross*

Sunday, March 24

8:00am Holy Cross †*Albert Ackerman*
10:00am St. Mary *For the Parish*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesdays, 6:30pm, St. Mary (following 6:00pm Mass)
Thursday, March 21, 7:00pm, Holy Cross

RCIA Gatherings

Sundays following 10am Mass: March 17, 24 & 31 (Conf. Room)

Cross Ministry

Meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Ed Center

Finance Council

Meeting: Tuesday March 19, 7:00pm, Ed Center

Stewardship Committee

Meeting: Monday, April 8, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: Sunday, April 14, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 5
Mary Cory, Kelly Muth

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 and Holy Cross or on our website. We are glad you are here!

Lenten Resources

Please take advantage of the various reflection resources for your Lenten Journey that are available in the vestibule. They will help God's presence in you become more evident, more of a reality in your everyday life and, they may help God's light shine through you to others in need of love.

This Thursday!

We are getting together for conversation, playing games or working on crafts at 9:30am in the Social Hall!

and.....

Come experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:00pm at Holy Cross. Take this time to listen in the quiet to what the Lord has to speak to you.



Stations of the Cross and Fellowship

Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 6:00pm at St. Mary. Following Stations on March 29 and April 12 we will have a Lenten meal in the Social Hall.

Fish Fry Fridays

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a Fish Fry in the Social Hall from 5:00-7:00pm on March 22 & April 5. Menu is same as last year. Price is a free-will offering. Take-out containers are available, or bring your own if you'd like. If interested in helping out, please contact Jon Hand at 515-460-0050 or jon79hand@gmail.com.

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, 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.*

The best math equation: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Upcoming Events

†**Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross**, 6:00pm, St. Mary. Lenten meal on March 29 & April 12. Fish fries on March 22 & April 5

†**Jesus Christ Superstar Movie**: Palm Sunday, April 14, 2:00pm, Social Hall, with potluck snacks at 1:30pm

†**Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service**: Sunday, April 7 2:00pm, St. Mary

Music News



Music Coordinator: Celeste Muehlenthaler

515-577-9394 / celestemu@msn.com

Men rehearse next Sunday, March 24 after 10:00am Mass for Holy Thursday Mass.

As we notice more silence in our Mass during Lent....

We are silent at the words "Let us pray." These words begin the opening prayer and prayer after communion at Mass, as well as the prayers after the psalms at morning and evening prayer. At this invitation, we pray, and we pray hard, and we pray hard together, so that when the priest speaks, all of our prayers are drawn to those words like metal shavings to a magnet. One voice breaks the silence with words of prayer, and one mighty voice, spoken from all of our throats, seals that prayer: "Amen!"

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Lenten Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to attend this Service on Sunday, April 7, 2:00pm at St. Mary. Additional priests will assist with individual confessions.

Come experience the healing power of Christ!

7th - 12th Grade Volunteers Needed!

Choral Reading of the Passion. There is no singing involved, it is read from a script. Practice schedule: Monday, April 15, 6:30pm, Wednesday, April 17, 7:30pm (after EDGE). The reading is on Good Friday, April 19 at the 7:00pm Service at St. Mary. Please contact Nicole Cory if interested, ncory@saintmaryhc.org/515-313-3014.

Movie Reviews

See www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm.

Religious Education PreK-6

Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader

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Lent Activities: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting 2 more Fish Frys (March 22 & April 5, 5:00-7:00pm). Each year RE families help support the them by providing desserts. We are planning on serving 500+ people each night. Your past generosity is much appreciated and a great deal of the funds raised at the fish fry go to activities for our youth. Please have desserts dropped off by 3:00pm.

In addition, RE students will lead Stations of the Cross on March 22 at 6:00pm.

Up Coming Dates:

March 20 - No Class

March 22 - RE Lead Stations, 6pm, St. Mary

March 27 - Class

First Eucharist Dates:

March 29 (4-8pm) & March 30 (8am-5pm) - Self Guided Learning Stations set up in the Ed Center. Families can come any time during this time frame that work for them.

***April 28 - First Eucharist Mass, 2:00pm, St. Mary

S.T.O.R.M. Report

Grades 7-12 Youth Coordinators

Melissa Kahler, *mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830*

Andrea Fisher, *afisher@saintmaryhc.org, 515-240-5059*

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Nicole Cory, *ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014*

ATTENTION EDGE & High School teens:

Silhouette Stations of the Cross "actors" needed! We need 4 to 10 teens who are willing to lead and participate in this moving presentation of the Station of the Cross. No need to be nervous or shy about the acting; we will have plenty of time to rehearse and you are behind the screen so shy people are welcome! We will meet 5 times to rehearse: Sunday, March 24, 4:00-6:00pm in the Youth Area; Sundays March 31 & April 7, 4:00-6:00pm in the Ed Center, and Wednesday, April 10, 6:00-9:00pm in the Church. Our final rehearsal is Friday, April 12 right after school and then we present the Silhouette Stations to the Parish at 6:00pm. Please text or call Melissa, 515-290-2830, or Andrea, 515-240-5059, soon to sign up to help with this powerful experience.

EDGE (7th/8th) Sessions: 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

March 20: No EDGE, Spring Break for many area schools

March 27: EDGE Session- *Lenten Prayer Stations*

C1 & C2 (9th & 10th Grades)

Sunday, March 24 - Confirmation Prep Session, **6-7:30pm**, Social Hall. 9th Grade: Lesson 10
10th Grade: Lesson 22

Saturday, April 6: Spring Community Service Day

Sunday, April 7: Confirmation students to attend Lenten Reconciliation Service, 2:00pm, St. Mary

Thank You!

In appreciation, I would like to say "thank you" for your thoughts, prayers and kindnesses you all have given to me through my surgery. I would love to send a special thanks to Kathy Gass, Andrea Fisher, and Tim & Lisa Kautza for all the wonderful meals during my healing process. God bless you all! ~ Jacki Ausman

CROSS MINISTRY TEAM

This team functions as the Pastoral Council for the parish. It consists of members from each ministry (e.g. RE, Stewardship, K of C, Liturgy, Finance Council, etc.), as well as others from the parish. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrew

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

Week ending March 10

Budget Week 37

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/ Youth/Guests	\$4,638.75	\$5,157

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Andrew, 515-367-2685, or Deacon Terry, 515-669-6158, for pastoral assistance or if a family member is in a care facility, home-bound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit.

Save The Dates!

March 30-31 and April 6-7 for our **Totally Catholic Jewelry Fundraiser!** S.T.O.R.M. youth will be hosting this jewelry sale in the social hall following 5:00pm and 10:00am Mass. We will have beautiful and affordable Catholic sacramentals and jewelry that you can purchase and take home the day of the sale. Please plan to shop for your Confirmation, First Eucharist and Easter gifts AND remember money you spend will support the youth of our parish! Money raised from this event will go toward the cost for our teens to attend NCYC, Retreats and other youth events. We hope to see you at the sale!

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 23, 5:00pm, St. Mary

Announcer	John Zidon
Lector	Olivia Jones
Cup Bearers	Diane Cronk, Darren Manthei
Host Distributor	Drew Hanlon
Altar Servers	Tommy & Jack Selby, Olivia Naragon
Ushers	Doug, Patrick, Thomas Jones, Mark Birchmier

Sunday, March 24, 8:00am, Holy Cross

Announcer	Sheri Fogarty
Lector	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Laurie Phelan
Altar Server	Brock Phelan-Ruden
Ushers	Chris & Lynn Schreurs

Sunday, March 24, 10:00am, St. Mary

Announcer	Tracy Kangas
Lector	Garrett McClain
Cup Bearers	Tim Loraditch, Jacki Ausman
Host Distributor	Tom Ausman
Altar Servers	Caleb Coffelt, Felicity Loraditch Peyton Loraditch
Ushers	Tammi & Jackson McClain, Dave Pottebaum, Merle Olberding, Thom Hamm

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Money Counters

March 17: Lisa Kautza, Sue White

March 24: Sharon Morris, Lisa Kautza

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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.

Parish Directories Available!

If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo for our directory, your complimentary copy is on the table in the Social Hall or in the entryway at Holy Cross. They are labeled with family name and in alphabetical order. A limited number of extra directories are available for \$10.

The Third Option

It can be a challenge to keep a marriage strong when you're juggling a demanding job, kids' activities and more. You're not alone. Both couples that are hurting and couples that want to make a good thing better get together the first and third Monday each month at Mercy College in Des Moines for The Third Option. Each time they meet, they talk about a different skill that will help their marriages thrive. Questions? Contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmdioocese.org or call him at 515-237-5056.

See Diocesan events and job openings at www.dmdioocese.org and offerings sponsored by St. Joseph Ed Center at www.sjeciowa.org



Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod

Winter Weather Cancellations

When North Polk School is cancelled, dismissed early, or evening activities are cancelled due to weather, classes, meetings and activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - both daily & weekend - will not be cancelled, so please use your own judgment. If the need to cancel weekend activities arises, this information will be on TV Channel 8.

Steubenville 2019

Sign up now for this retreat held on July 26-28 in St. Paul, MN. See the flier on the bulletin board and registration material on the table. \$50 nonrefundable deposit required with registration. For questions please contact Andrea Fisher, afisher@saintmaryhc.org/515-240-5059.

Set Some Time Aside

How can we take the first steps toward setting time aside this Lenten season to hear what God's saying? How do we carve out time in a busy schedule to pray? Check out some of the offerings the Emmaus House Spirituality Center is offering. Options range from a guided retreat, an evening of reflection, Taize prayer, and morning prayer with the Examen. Go to TheEmmausHouse.org and find a way to connect with God this season of Lent.

On The Road Again

Father Ross Parker is going on the road April 6-8, this time heading to Conception Seminary in Missouri. Men ages 16 to 24 are invited to see what the real world of seminary is like. If you know someone who might be interested, contact Father Parker at rparker@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5050.

"Glorifying God by Your Lives"

All men are invited to this Conference Saturday, March 30 at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. This day of spiritual encouragement will feature National speaker and author, Deacon Harold Burke Severs, Deacon Randy Kiel, psychotherapist and counselor, and Deacon Tom Bradley, spiritual director and retired Army COL. Bishop Pates will join in the panel discussion "Being Called and Sent". Go to iowacatholicmensconference.com or iowacatholicradio.com for information and for tickets.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Second Sunday of Lent, March 17

Theme: Lent calls us to transform our lives.

Reading I: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 • God makes a covenant with Abram.

Reading II: Philippians 3:17-4:1 • Christ will transform us.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36 • As Jesus prayed, He was transformed.

Children: Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?

Youth: What do you most want God to help you with?

Adults: Sometimes we can see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.