



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

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,

A couple of years ago, Fr. Dan gave to parish staff members a book entitled "REBUILT: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter." Very pertinent for our parish today. The book was very eye opening and talked about being open minded and working as a team. Good ideas but it didn't go very far in our parish because we lacked a formal implementation plan.

One of our staff members talked about the various programs and committees working inside a silo. When you are inside a silo and look around, you see nothing but "your" silo. There is no concept of what others are doing outside of your silo. The idea is to knock down all silos so others around can see and hear what you are doing, how you are doing it, and maybe lend some assistance to your efforts. That way the whole community is able to be a part of the big plan and come on board with their own gifts and ideas.

To make this happen in a good way, we all need to share ideas and perceptions about what might work and how to go about making it work. We all need to communicate with each other and be open minded!

Right now, there are some committees and heads of committees attempting to lead our parish. That is a good thing. They (WE) need feedback and ideas; we need to share information with each other. We all should have the sense that we are members of ALL committees within our parish and have a vested interest in making our parish better. Speak up! Listen! Do something! Even if it's criticism, we need to know what is needed and what to do. Blessings, Deacon Terry

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Mass Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
	First Friday	8:00am	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 www.dmdiocese.org/vocations.cfm

Masses and Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 21

5:30pm Holy Cross †Bill & Betty Cook

Thursday, March 22

8:00am St. Mary †Family of Tom & Nina

Friday, March 23

6:00pm St. Mary **Silhouette Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, March 24

5:00pm St. Mary †Kenneth Long

Sunday, March 25

8:00am Holy Cross *For the Parish*
10:00am St. Mary †Leo & Emma Sickerson



TRIDUUM AND EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Mary
Adoration after Mass until 11:00pm in the Social Hall

Good Friday, March 30

3:00pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross,
Holy Cross
7:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus,
St. Mary

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31

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

Easter Sunday, April 1

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

ALTARation Workshop

Join us for this five-part workshop held Sundays after 10:00am Mass beginning today, March 18. This workshop is designed to stir thought, create conversation, dispel myths, and inspire you to a deep and lasting love for the Mass. Its goal is to pierce your heart with transformation.

Series continues on March 25, April 8, 15 & 29; each session lasting no longer than an hour. Light Snacks provided. RSVP to Nicole Cory, 515-313-3014 (calls & texts welcome), or at ncory@saintmaryhc.org. Join us even without an RSVP.

Lenten Reconciliation Service



You are encouraged to attend this service today, Sunday, 2:00pm at St. Mary. Let us seek the mercy of God as we open our hearts to the presence of Christ who gave his life so we could have peace.

Come experience the healing power of Christ!

Encounter Lent, Companions on the Journey

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Parish & Friends Bereavement Group

The "Mourning Coffee Club" continues to meet Mondays at 10:00am in St. Mary's Conference Room. We offer a supportive community where we not only share fellowship with others who are in this new stage of life, but also learn about the process of grieving and how to become more comfortable during this difficult period of readjustments.

Call or text your interest and questions to Paula Garoutte at 515-306-6633 or email paulasongbird@msn.com.



Opportunities to Share the Journey

Join in the second and final book study of *Enrique's Journey* (Sonia Nazario) **Monday, March 19**, 6:30pm in the Social Hall ... and ... welcome newcomers to our diocese by contributing financially **March 24 & 25** to a special Catholic Charities collection for those in need including refugees and Latino people.

Coming Events

- ✠ **Sunday, March 18:** Men's Choir practice, 11am, St. Mary — **Lenten Reconciliation Service, 2:00pm, St. Mary**
- ✠ **Monday, March 19:** *Mourning Coffee Club*, 10:00am, Conference Room — Final book study for *Enrique's Journey*, 6:30pm, Social Hall
- ✠ **Tuesday, March 20:** *Let's Chat*, Ed Center
- ✠ **Friday, March 23:** Silhouette Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm, St. Mary, followed by Lenten meal in Social Hall prepared by Confirmation students.
- ✠ **Weekend of March 24/25:** Special Diocesan collection for those in need including refugees and Latino people
- ✠ **Sunday, March 25:** Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass — ALTARation Workshop (part 1 of 5), 11am-Noon, Hall — Easter Vigil Choir practice, 11:00am, St. Mary — *Jesus Christ Superstar* movie, 3:00pm, with potluck snacks at 2:30pm, Social Hall
- ✠ **Monday, March 26:** *Mourning Coffee Club*, 10:00am, Conference Room — Friends of St. Francis gathering, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Pampered Chef S.T.O.R.M. Fundraiser

Our catalog sales ends TODAY (Sunday)! Catalogs with ordering details are available in the vestibule. Funds raised will help pay for youth to go to a Steubenville Retreat in July. This is a Eucharistic centered retreat for high schoolers and is held at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, MN.

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
shergenreter@saintmaryhc.org, 515-491-3876

Registration for next Fall will begin March 28. A form will be sent home with each student as well as being available in the vestibule. We want to have registration complete by the last class on April 18 so planning can be completed over the summer months (correct number of catechists, materials, etc.).

Service Project for March: We are collecting children's books (new or used) to be distributed to children's hospitals.

Remaining RE Classes: No class March 21. Class on March 28, April 4, 11 & 18 (last class).

Key Dates for First Eucharist:

Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24 - Self guided Stations available in the Ed Center; workbooks are also due then.
 April 7 & 8 - Blessing at Masses
 April 14 - 10am Rehearsal
 April 15 - Mass at 2:00pm

(Vacation Bible School - June 18 - 21. Signup forms will be sent home with students March 28 and will also be available in the vestibule. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS let me know via email/phone listed above.

RE FEES: If you have not paid your fees in full, please do so in the next few weeks. Thank you.

Grades 9 & 10, Nicole Cory, Confirmation Coordinator
ncory@saintmaryhc.org, 515-313-3014- texts welcome!

C1 & C2 Upcoming Events

Please see sign ups sent via email to volunteer.

Sunday, March 18 - Penance Service, 2:00pm
 Thursday/Friday, March 22/23 - Serve/prepare Lenten Meal
 Sunday, March 25 - Regular Session 6:00 - 7:30pm
 Friday, March 30 - Choral Reading of the Passion at Good Friday Service, 7:00pm

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
mkahler@saintmaryhc.org, 515-290-2830

EDGE (7th & 8th): No gatherings March 21. We meet next on March 28.

S.T.O.R.M. (9th-12th): No gatherings March 21. We meet next on March 28.

Let's Chat!

Join us this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. We can chat about how your Lenten journey is going or about ANYTHING else you want to share and discuss. This is a great opportunity for community building within our parish. ALL are invited to join us. Hope to see you there!



Silhouette Stations of the Cross

We, S.T.O.R.M. Youth Ministry, invite you to journey through the Stations of the Cross with us this Friday, 6:00pm at St. Mary. The teens have been preparing a unique and powerful prayer experience. We have presented these Stations for a number of years and every year we hear moving testimonies about them. We invite you to come, sit back, pray and reflect as the Stations come alive right before your eyes. *Following the Stations, please join us for a Lenten meal in the Social Hall.*

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

March 5 Week 37

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 2,408	\$5,234

Year-to-Date

	Received	Budget	Last Year
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$188,731	\$193,645	\$191,493

2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to this Appeal. Pledge cards are available in the pews and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass or to the parish office, or you may donate on the Diocesan website: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/ada-online-giving-instructions.cfm>. Everyone's participation is needed! Thank you.

Parish Goal	Pledge Total	Payments	Balance Due
\$ 53,806	\$ 5,490	\$ 3,940	\$ 49,866

Holy Thursday: Washing of Feet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We invite individuals to have their feet washed during our Holy Thursday Mass on March 29. We will have Adoration until 11:00pm in the Social Hall following this Mass. A sign up for both are in the vestibule at St. Mary and at Holy Cross.

Liturgical Ministers Needed

You are invited to assist with our Masses next Sunday, for Holy Week Services and Easter Sunday Masses. Sign up at St. Mary or call the Parish Office to volunteer. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday, March 24, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary
Needed: 3 Altar Servers, 3 ushers

Lector	Lorrie Hanlon
Passion Reader	Kris Sexton
Cup Bearers	JoAnn Meusburger, Di Schleisman
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Usher	Drew Hanlon

Sunday, March 25, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector	Sheri Fogarty
Passion Reader	Anne Davis
Cup Bearer	Deacon Terry
Altar Server	Kelcie Shedd
Ushers	Lynn & Chris Schreurs

Sunday, March 25, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Needed: 2 Cup Bearers, 3 Altar Servers, 4 ushers

Lector	Matt Miller
Passion Reader	Joe Dunham
Host Distributor	Deacon Terry
Ushers	Bill & Kelly Dunbar

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Money Counters

March 18: Kathy Daup, Dawn Reynolds
March 25: Lisa Kautza, Sue White

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Jesus Christ Superstar

Join us for this movie next Sunday at 3:00pm (2:30pm potluck snacks) in the Social Hall. This movie recounts the last week of Jesus' life, and is from Judas Iscariot's point of view. It's in rock-opera format and portrays a very different perspective.

Copies of lyrics and interpretation of various scenes will be in the vestibule in advance of the movie to assist you in understanding the connection of the movie to Scripture.

Pastoral Assistance

Please contact Fr. Dan Krettek, 515-423-2888, or Deacon Terry Schleisman, 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.

Palm Sunday Procession

Next weekend our Masses at St. Mary begin with everyone gathering in the Social Hall for the blessing of palms and then we will process into Church.

Holy Week

The central days of our life as Catholic Christians are Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil/Easter. Why not make it a priority this year to attend all our services to commemorate the journey from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, to the Cross and to the Resurrection accomplished by Jesus on our behalf. These are sacred days which give purpose and meaning to all we do as Catholics



Share the Journey
#sharejourney

A primary factor propelling the migration of youth from their countries of origin is violence (sexual assault by gang members and domestic and interfamilial violence) coupled with lack of state protection.

A Memorial Gift



We offer you the opportunity to remember a loved one by donating toward the flowers that will decorate our Churches this Easter season. A memorial list will be printed in a future bulletin as a remembrance of your loved ones. Donation envelopes are included with your tithe envelopes; additional flower envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please return your donation by next Sunday, March 25.



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.*

Winter Weather Cancellations



Whenever North Polk School is closed or evening school activities cancelled due to weather; activities here at the Parish will be cancelled as well. In most instances, Masses - daily and weekend - will not be cancelled. If there is a need to cancel weekend activities it will be on the three major TV networks; WHO radio and KWKY Catholic Radio.

Beginning Experience Open House

What if the worst thing happens and you are widowed, separated or divorced? How do you cope if your life changes in a blink of an eye? How do you deal with the grief, loss and pain? Beginning Experience can help; you don't have to suffer alone. We have walked through similar feelings which you are facing. We are willing to walk with you in this journey to discover a new hope and meaningful life. We meet three Friday nights: March 16, 23 and April 6 from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Augustin Church Hall (42nd & Grand Ave.). The open house gives beginning steps of healing and is also an invitation to attend our weekend of April 20 - 22. If you wish to know more about the healing process, contact Dana Reed, 515-975-3745, Mike Losee, 515-360-8268 or Father Bob Schoemann, 515-418-1938.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18

Theme: Death and New Life

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34 • I will make a new covenant with Israel.

Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9 • Jesus learned to obey God.

Gospel: John 22:20-33 • If it dies, it produces much grain.

For Children: Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

For Youth: Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

For Adults: Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.