

# March 2020



# St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00pm St. Mary  
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<b>1 First Sunday of Lent</b> After 10am Mass: Choir practice Coffee & donuts, Social Hall Silhouette Stations practice til 1:00pm, Youth Area	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:30 - 6:30pm RE Preschool - 6th Grade, Ed Center 6:00pm Mass followed by Adoration, St. Mary <i>St. Francis of Assisi, WDM, Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Staff meeting, office closed 10:00 - 11:00am</i> 5:15pm & 6:30pm, RE Preschool - 6th Grade sessions, Ed Center, with Stations of the Cross in Church during 6:30pm session 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th Grade session, Social Hall	<b>5</b> 8:00am Mass, St. Mary	<b>6 World Day of Prayer</b> 9:00am First Friday Mass, St. Mary, followed by donuts and conversation, Hall 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary, followed by Lenten meal, Social Hall <b>Abstain from meat</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation Capital Improvements Collection Wine & cheese after Mass, Social Hall
<b>8 Second Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Daylight Savings time begins</i> Capital Improvements Collection After 10am Mass: Choir practice, - Silhouette Stations practice til 1:00pm, Youth Area RE Students prepare/serve meal for Emergency Family Shelter <i>All Saints, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 2:00pm</i>	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Stewardship Committee meeting, Social Hall <i>Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny, Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm</i>	<b>10</b> 4:30 - 6:30pm RE Preschool - 6th Grade, Ed Center 6:00pm Mass followed by Adoration, St. Mary <i>Holy Trinity, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm</i>	<b>11</b> 5:15pm & 6:30pm, RE Preschool - 6th Grade sessions, Ed Center, with Stations of the Cross in Church during 6:30pm session 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th Grade session, Social Hall	<b>12</b> 8:00am Mass, St. Mary	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary 5:00-7:00pm fish fry, Social Hall <b>Abstain from meat</b>	<b>14</b> <i>9:00am-3:00pm Hall in use</i> 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation After Mass: 9th Grade Confirmation Family potluck dinner, Social Hall

## Fasting and Abstaining

- † Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
- † Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juice are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.



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<b>15 Third Sunday of Lent</b>  After 10am Mass: Choir practice 7:00pm, Knights of Columbus meeting, Social Hall	<b>16</b> Spring Break	<b>17 St. Patrick Feast Day</b>  6:00pm Mass followed by Adoration, St. Mary 7:00pm, Finance Council meeting, Ed Center No Religious Ed Classes Spring Break	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross No Religious Ed Classes for Grades Preschool through 12 Spring Break	<b>19</b> 8:00am Mass, St. Mary 9:30am Crafts, Games & Social Time, Social Hall 6:00-8:30pm Training for CGS Level 1, Ed Center/Hall Spring Break	<b>20</b>  6:00pm Stations of the Cross, lead by RE students, St. Mary, followed by meal, Social Hall 6:00-8:30pm Training for CGS Level 1, Ed Center Abstain from meat Spring Break	<b>21</b> 9:00am-8:30pm CGS Level 1 Training, Ed Center & Social Hall 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation Collection for Maxwell Food Pantry
<b>22 Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>  Collection for Maxwell Food Pantry After 10am Mass: Choir practice - Silhouette Stations practice til 1:00pm, Youth Area 1:00-5:00pm CGS Training, Ed Center & Social Hall St. Boniface, Waukee, Reconciliation Service, 1:00pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4:30 - 6:30pm RE Preschool - 6th Grade, Ed Center 6:00pm Mass followed by Adoration, St. Mary  6:30-8:00pm Parish Council meeting, Ed Center St. Joseph, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 6:30pm	<b>25</b> 5:15pm & 6:30pm, RE Preschool - 6th Grade sessions, Ed Center 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-8:00pm Confirmation 1 & 2 session, Social Hall Assumption, Granger, Reconciliation Service, 6:30pm St. Theresa, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm	<b>26</b> 8:00am Mass, St. Mary Ss John & Paul, Altoona, Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm St. Pius, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm	<b>27</b>  6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary 5:00-7:00pm fish fry, Social Hall Abstain from meat	<b>28</b> 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation Basilica of St. John, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 10:00am
<b>29 Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>  Coffee & donuts after 8am Mass After 10am Mass, Choir practice - Silhouette Stations practice til 1:00pm, Youth Area 11:00am-12:30pm First Communion special session Ed Center & Social Hall (1 of 3) <b>1:00pm Lenten Reconciliation Service, St. Mary</b> St. Mary of Nazareth, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 3:00pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 4:30 - 6:30pm RE Preschool - 6th Grade, Ed Center 6:00pm Mass followed by Adoration, St. Mary  St. Luke, Ankeny, Reconciliation Service, 6:30pm Sacred Heart, WDM, Reconciliation Service, 7:00pm	<b>April 1</b> Staff meeting, office closed 10:00 - 11:00am 5:15pm & 6:30pm, RE Preschool - 6th Grade sessions, Ed Center 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th Grade session, Social Hall St. Augustine, DSM, Reconciliation Service, 6:00pm	<b>April 2</b> 8:00am Mass, St. Mary	<b>April 3</b> 9:00am First Friday Mass, St. Mary, followed by donuts and conversation, Hall After school Silhouette Stations practice and meal, Youth Area, Kitchen 6:00pm Silhouette Stations of the Cross, Social Hall,  followed by meal provided by Confirmation Students 7:00pm Chrism Mass, St. Ambrose Cathedral	<b>April 4</b> 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation Collection for Capital Improvements Wine & cheese after Mass, Social Hall



The 40 days of Lent is based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan. Each year the Church observes Lent where we, like Israel and our Lord, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. Our goal is to leave the Lenten Season a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we began.

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