



St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073



Palm Sunday
March 25, 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:

CECs are notorious, especially to Pastors and The Old Guard, and not just in the Catholic Church! Of course who Pastors are is clear. But CECs and The Old Guard? CECs are Christmas and Easter Christians, those who come to church pretty much only on those two days of the year. The Old Guard are those who come to church faithfully and regularly the year round, and join with their Pastors in rolling their eyes and "tsk tsk tsking" about the CECs. Some Pastors even go so far as to make reference to them in their preaching and announcements, sometimes humorously, sometimes snarkily. But here at St. Mary-Holy Cross we only go out of our way to extend to them all the welcome and hospitality we can, to make our Community one that our CECs will WANT to experience often, one that they can't wait to get back to! As the old saying goes, you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar. We also give thanks for whatever even-mustard-seed-size faith does move them to come round even just once or twice a year, and entrust them to God's further work of leading them to faith beyond just the minimum. Fr. Dan

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Holy Week Schedule	Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
	Holy Thursday	7:00pm	St. Mary
	Good Friday	3:00pm	Holy Cross
		7:00pm	St. Mary
	Saturday, Easter Vigil	8:00pm	St. Mary
	Easter Sunday	8:00am	Holy Cross
	10:00am	St. Mary	

No Reconciliation on Saturday, April 15

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

Holy Week and Easter



Wednesday, March 28

5:30pm Holy Cross †Mickey & Will Carpenter

Holy Thursday, March 29 (no 8:00am Mass)

7:00pm St. Mary †Ron Koeppel
Adoration after Mass until 11:00pm in Social Hall

Good Friday, March 30

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

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstaining from meat.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, March 31 (no 5:00pm Mass)

8:00pm St. Mary †Harry Richardson

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00am Holy Cross †Wendell & Ruth Carpenter
10:00am St. Mary For the Parish

Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study
Wednesday, March 28, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Meditative Prayer Time
Saturday, March 31, 8:00-9:00am, Office

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm, St. Mary

Pastoral Council
Next meeting to be announced.

Finance Council
Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 7:00pm, Conference Room

Stewardship Committee
Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 6:00pm, Office Area

Knights of Columbus
Meeting: Sunday, April 15, 7:00pm, Social Hall

Funeral Luncheon Call Leaders, Team 1
Jean Bruns, Kristi Edleman, Kim Remsburg

The Parish Office is closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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!

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 our remaining services this week to commemorate the Last Supper, the Passion, death and resurrection accomplished by Jesus on our behalf. These are sacred days which give purpose and meaning to all we do as Catholics.

Altaration Workshop

The first workshop was a wonderful success! Please join us in the Social Hall for the remaining workshops after 10:00am Mass at St. Mary today and on April 8, 15 and 29. Be inspired to a deeper love of the Mass!

Jesus Christ Superstar Movie

Join us this afternoon at 3:00pm (2:30pm potluck snacks) in the Social Hall. Copies of lyrics and interpretation of various scenes are in the vestibule to assist you in understanding the connection of the movie to Scripture.

Encounter Lent, Companions on the Journey



We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information

Thank you for participating in this year's Rice Bowl. You are invited to return your donation the next few weekends and are encouraged to count your donation and make a check out to the Parish with "Rice Bowl" on the memo line.

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

Coming Events

†**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 2 of 5), 11:00am to Noon, Social 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

A Memorial Gift

If you would like to donate towards our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please have your donation to the Parish Office by Monday. A memorial list will be included in next weekend's bulletin. Flower envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you.

Be a Disciple: Have Your Feet Washed and Stay Awake to Pray to the Lord!

We invite you to have your feet washed during our Holy Thursday Mass. We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm in the Social Hall following this Mass. A sign up is available at both Churches or call the Parish Office to volunteer for either or both!

Holy Land Collection

On Good Friday we take up a collection for the works of the Church in the Holy Land. Your donation helps those who care for these holy places and shrines which carry great significance for our faith. They are most grateful for your generous support. Pray that the Holy Land, with all its history, becomes an example of reconciliation among people and religions.

Easter Vigil Mass



Next Saturday we gather in the Social Hall at 8:00pm for the Lighting of the Easter Fire and then process into Church for the remainder of our celebration of Mass. Please join us.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Vernon Becker, father of Rita McClain, who passed away Monday, and for his family as they mourn his passing.

Pray for the repose of Elaine Crouse, mother of Lowell Crouse who passed away Tuesday and for her family that they find peace and strength at this most difficult time.

✠ *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,* ✠
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Religious Education

PreK-6, Stacie Hergenreter, Catechetical Leader
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Registration for next Fall begins March 28 as well as sign up for VBS. Forms will be sent home with students.

Parents please come join in a fun event this Wednesday while the kids are in class!!! We are having a sugar cookie making and decorating activity in the kitchen in the Social Hall. It's for parents of RE and EDGE students. This is to promote fellowship among the parents. Please RSVP to Tammi at tammimcclain71@gmail.com, so we know how much cookie dough to provide. All materials provided. Please bring a plate or container to take your cookies home in. Hope you can join us!

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

Remaining RE Classes: March 28, April 4, 11 & 18 (last class). The year is going quickly!

Key Dates for First Eucharist:

April 7 & 8 - Blessing at Masses

April 14 - 10am Rehearsal / April 15 - Mass at 2:00pm

Vacation Bible School - June 18 - 21.

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

Sunday, March 25 - Regular Session 6:00 - 7:00pm

Sunday, April 8 - Regular Session 6:00 - 7:00pm

Saturday, April 21 - Trip to the Grotto

Sunday, April 29 - Altaration Workshop after Mass, followed by a regular session, 11:00am to 1:30pm

Grades 7-12, Melissa Kahler, Youth Coordinator
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EDGE (7th & 8th): Gatherings March 28, April 4, 11 and our last session will be April 18.

S.T.O.R.M. (9th-12th): Gatherings March 28, April 4, 11 and our last session will be April 18.

The Little White Book...the Easter Season

These books are available in the vestibule to help you enjoy six minutes a day in quiet prayer during the 50 days of the Easter season. Read a short Scripture passage and simply let God speak to you through the words, guiding you to reflection that sometimes seem to come from nowhere; but comes from God.

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Weekly Collection Financial Update

March 18 Week 38

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$ 8,676	\$ 5,234

Year-to-Date

	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Guests	\$197,406	\$198,879	\$193,820

Food Pantry Collection: \$854

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 need! Thank you.

<u>Parish Goal</u>	<u>Pledge Total</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
\$ 53,806	\$ 10,855	\$ 9,305	\$ 44,501

Graduating Seniors!

Our parish has a scholarship to be granted to one of our high school seniors pursuing higher education! If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, contact Tammi McClain at tammimcclain71@gmail.com.

