

**March
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St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish



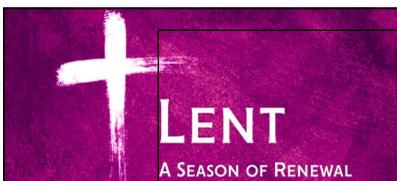
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Second Sunday of Lent </p> <p>8:00am Mass, Holy Cross -Coffee & donuts after Mass</p> <p>10:00am Mass, St. Mary -Coffee & donuts after Mass, Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:15-7:45pm Adult Faith Formation, Youth Room</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>6:30pm Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting, Social Hall</p> <p><i>~ St. Boniface, Waukee, 6:00pm Reconciliation Service</i></p>	<p>4 Religious Ed -</p> <p>- 9-11:00am, Session C, CGS Toddler-9th Grade - 4:30-6:00pm Session A Preschool-6th Grade - 6:15-7:30pm Session B Preschool-6th Grade</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>6:00-7:30pm EDGE Session, Social Hall</p> <p>7:30-9:00pm Youth Group, Youth Area</p> <p><i>~ St. Joseph, DSM, 6:15pm & Assumption, Granger & St. Theresa, DSM, 6:30pm Reconciliation Services</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p>	<p>6 <i>Abstain from meat</i> </p> <p>8:00am First Friday Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>Social Hall in use 8:30am-9:00pm</p> <p>6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary</p> <p>5:00-7:00pm Fish Fry, Social Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00am-3:00pm Social Hall in use</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation,  St. Mary</p> <p>5:00pm Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>Building Fund Collection</p> <p>Wine & cheese after Mass, Social Hall</p>
<p>8 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i></p> <p>Third Sunday of Lent </p> <p>Building Fund Collection</p> <p>8:00am Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>10:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>11:00am-12:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation session, Youth Rm</p> <p>Kris & Denis LeRoy prepare meal for Emergency Family Shelter</p> <p><i>~ St. John, Adel, 3:00pm Reconciliation Service</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:15-7:45pm Adult Faith Formation, Youth Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Religious Ed -</p> <p>- 9-11:00am, Session C, CGS Toddler-9th Grade - 4:30-6:00pm Session A Preschool-6th Grade - 6:15-7:30pm Session B Preschool-6th Grade</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>6:00-7:30pm EDGE Session, Social Hall</p> <p>7:30-9:00pm Youth Group, Youth Area</p> <p><i>~ Sacred Heart, WDM, 7:00pm Reconciliation Service</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p><i>~ OLIH, Ankeny, 6:30pm Reconciliation Service</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Abstain from meat</i> </p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>6:00pm Silhouette Stations of the Cross, St. Mary, followed by Lenten meal, Social Hall</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation,  St. Mary</p> <p>5:00pm Mass, St. Mary</p>
<p>15 Fourth Sunday of Lent </p> <p>8:00am Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>10:00am Mass, St. Mary</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:15-7:45pm Adult Faith Formation, Youth Room</p> <p>7:00pm, Knights of Columbus meeting, Social Hall</p> <p><i>Spring Break</i></p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Feast Day </p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p><i>Spring Break</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p><i>No Preschool 12th Grade Religious Ed Sessions</i></p> <p><i>~ St. Catherine of Sienna, DSM, 6:00pm Reconciliation Service</i></p> <p><i>Spring Break</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p><i>Spring Break</i></p>	<p>20 <i>Abstain from meat</i> </p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>Social Hall in use 8:30am-9:00pm</p> <p>6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary</p> <p>5:00-7:00pm Fish Fry, Social Hall</p> <p><i>Spring Break</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation,  St. Mary</p> <p>5:00pm Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>Collection for Maxwell Food Pantry</p>



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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<p>22 Fifth Sunday of Lent </p> <p>8:00am Mass, Holy Cross 10:00am Mass, St. Mary Collection for Maxwell Food Pantry 11:00am-Noon First Eucharist Special Session, Social Hall & Ed Center 11:00am-12:30pm 10th Grade Confirmation session, Youth Rm <i>~ St. Mary of Nazareth, DSM 2:00pm Reconciliation Service</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:15-7:45pm Adult Faith Formation, Youth Room</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary 6:30pm, Finance Council meeting, Social Hall</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Religious Ed - - 9-11:00am, Session C, CGS Toddler-9th Grade - 4:30-6:00pm Session A Preschool-6th Grade - 6:15-7:30pm Session B Preschool-6th Grade <i>6:00-7:00pm Reconciliation, St. Mary</i>  5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-7:30pm EDGE Session, Social Hall 7:30-9:00pm Youth Group, Youth Area</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary <i>6:00-7:00pm Reconciliation, St. Mary</i>  <i>~ SS John & Paul, Altoona, 7:00pm Reconciliation Service</i></p>	<p>27 Abstain from meat </p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary, followed by a Lenten meal, Social Hall <i>5:00pm Chrim Mass, St. Patrick's, Council Bluffs</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary</i>  5:00pm Mass, St. Mary</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday </p> <p>8:00am Mass, Holy Cross 10:00am Mass, St. Mary <i>~ St. Pius X, Urbandale, 4:00pm Reconciliation Service</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:15-7:45pm Adult Faith Formation, Youth Room</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p>	<p>April 1</p> <p>Religious Ed - - 9-11:00am, Session C, CGS Toddler-9th Grade - 4:30-6:00pm Session A Preschool-6th Grade - 6:15-7:30pm Session B Preschool-6th Grade 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-7:30pm EDGE Session, Social Hall 7:30-9:00pm Youth Group, Youth Area</p>	<p>April 2 </p> <p>Holy Thursday <i>No 8:00am Mass</i> 7:00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper, St. Mary  Adoration after Mass until 10:00pm, Social Hall</p>	<p>April 3 </p> <p>Good Friday Fast and abstain from meat <i>No 8:00am Mass</i> 3:00pm Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross, Holy Cross 7:00pm Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus, St. Mary <i>Holy Land Collection</i> <i>Office closed</i></p>	<p>April 4 </p> <p>Holy Saturday 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass, with OCIA celebration of First Eucharist and Confirmation, St. Mary  No Reconciliation today No 5:00pm Mass today</p>

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The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum — from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.