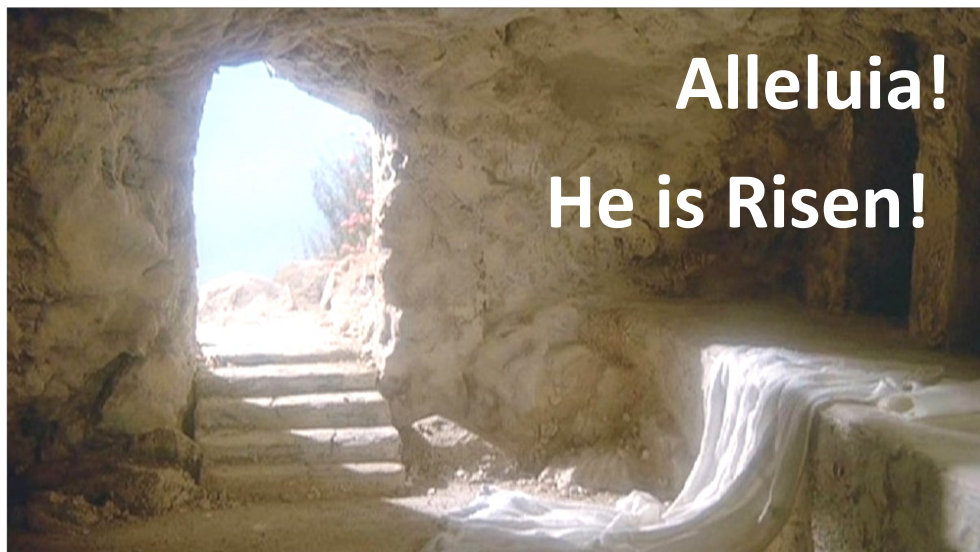




St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 8/9, 2023

Dear Good People,

Happy Easter to all of you. He is Risen, He is Risen indeed! We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song. Lent was forty days where we have prepared ourselves to celebrate worthily for fifty days during the Easter Season. We even have what is called the Octave of Easter where we extend if you will the great solemnity of Easter for eight days. Like I tell people if we are going to fast for Lent, we are to feast during the Easter Season. I certainly like feasting more than fasting! In moderation of course as in all things.

I just want to thank all of you for making our Triduum celebrations so special. So many people did so much to add to our worship. I do not want to single any group or people out for fear that I will forget them, but if you volunteered in any way to do anything these last weeks thank you and God Bless you! I will be off to visit my classmate in Oklahoma for a few days. I will be back on Friday night. Let us continue to hold one another in prayer during this Easter season.

A.M.D.G. ~ Fr. Ross Parker

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.

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Mass Schedule this week

Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	5:00pm St. Mary
Sunday	8:00am Holy Cross 10:00am St. Mary

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30pm, St. Mary or by appointment with Fr. Parker

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Please contact Fr. Parker

Marriage: Contact the office at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Priesthood/Religious: www.vocationsonline.org

Mass and Rosary

No daily Mass this week.



Wednesday, April 12

6:00pm Rosary, St. Mary

Saturday, April 15

4:00 - 4:30pm Reconciliation, St. Mary

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Bill Devereux

Sunday, April 16

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Mike Phelan

10:00am Mass, St. Mary People of the Parish

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

† Pastoral Assistance

Fr. Ross will be gone this week. In case of emergency please contact **Fr. Ken Halbur of St. Luke's Parish in Ankeny at 515-964-1278.**

50 Days of the Easter Season



The resurrection of Jesus is such overwhelmingly Good News that a single day is not enough to celebrate it! The Lord's resurrection is meant to be celebrated intensely for the whole week following Easter (known as the Octave), the whole liturgical Season of Easter (lasting until Pentecost, this year June 5), and every Sunday thereafter (each as a mini-Easter).

We have two reflections books to help you celebrate this Season; *The Little White Book* and *The Word Among Us* are available on the table at St. Mary and in the entryway at Holy Cross.

Diocesan family friendly resources and activities to truly celebrate the Easter season can be found at www.dmdiocese.org/Easter2023.

Graduating Seniors!

Our parish is pleased to announce a scholarship to be granted to a high school senior pursuing higher education! Money used to fund the scholarship was collected at the dessert table at each of the KOC fish fries and with parishioner donations. If interested in applying for this scholarship, please go to: https://docs.google.com/document/d/188f_s1JAQh9LGHJpwbxL1CVqsJSYcN5WlksB44iBubl/edit?usp=sharing or contact the parish office. The scholarship application is due by May 5, 2023.

If you are interested in donating money for future scholarship opportunities, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee.

An Opportunity To Meet Other Parishioners!



Hosting wine & cheese or coffee & donuts is a great way to meet and get to know other parishioners! If you have not hosted before, we can pair you up with someone who has. Hosting dates are available for the first weekend of May and June at St. Mary. Please contact the parish office with questions or if willing to help. Thank you for considering this request!

Easter Prayer

Good and gracious God, our most glorious Creator, as we greet the signs in nature around us: of Spring once again regaling us in bloom, in the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, we give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death. As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us, by imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us, As we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet. We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

Parish Council

Meeting: April 18, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Finance Council

Meeting: April 25, 6:30pm, Social Hall

Stewardship

Meeting: April 10, 6:00pm, Ed Center

Knights of Columbus

April 17, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 5 from Elkhart and Cambridge

The Office is closed Easter Monday.

Coming Events

- † **Weekend of April 15/16:** Collection for *The Blessing Box*, Elkhart Food Pantry
- † **Thursday, April 20:** Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9:00am, Social Hall

Food Pantry Collection



Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist *Impact Community Action Partnership* in Ankeny.

Prayer – Wireless access to God with no fees.

In Sympathy and Compassion

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Sabol who passed away Sunday afternoon and for Terry and their sons, that they know the compassionate presence of Christ in their time of loss.

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

Religious Education

Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators

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Happy Easter everyone. Our last class is this coming Wednesday and Friday. Many of our classes will be celebrating this Great Feast of Easter together and we ponder the darkness into Light.

Upcoming Sessions

April 12/14: Final Regular Sessions
April 16: First Communion Special Session 3, 11:00am

S.T.O.R.M. Report

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EDGE Dates (7th & 8th Graders)

Sessions: April 12, 6:00-7:30pm, Social Hall

S.T.O.R.M. Youth Group (9th - 12th Graders)

Gatherings: April 12 & 26, 7:30-9:00pm, Youth Area

Grades 9 & 10, Confirmation Coordinator

Parents, please check email regularly for important information.

Wednesday, April 19: 6-8pm last Confirmation Session, Hall
Friday, April 28: 6:00pm Liturgy Rehearsal Dinner
Saturday, April 29: 2:00pm Confirmation Liturgy

Additional Tithing Options

Auto Debit: Designate a monthly amount for withdrawal from your account on the 15th or 30th. If you have questions or would like to begin ACH, please contact Candy at bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org or find the form on the table at church or on the home page of our website.

Online Giving: This is available through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa with this secure link: <https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/>. On the drop down choose *St. Mary/Holy Cross Parish-Elkhart* to make your tithe donation. No fees!

Thank you for considering using one of these for your tithing.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA)

Each and every person's gift brings us closer to our assessment of \$55,196. If you have not made a gift, please join us in supporting the Diocese's programs and services. Simply fill out the contribution card from Bishop Joensen and place it in the offertory basket or drop it in the mail. *If paying by check, please make it out to Diocese of Des Moines.* Gifts can also be made at dmdiocese.org/giving and choose our parish from the "Designate" dropdown. Thank you for your generosity and your support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 2 Budget Week 40

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$5,914	\$5,944

Year-to-Date Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$209,028	\$237,765	\$236,252

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$29,505	\$29,035	\$470	\$26,860

Weekend Mass attendance April 1/2: 276

If you prefer to speak with one of our committee members instead of email, please contact the parish office for their phone number.

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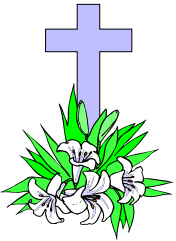
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