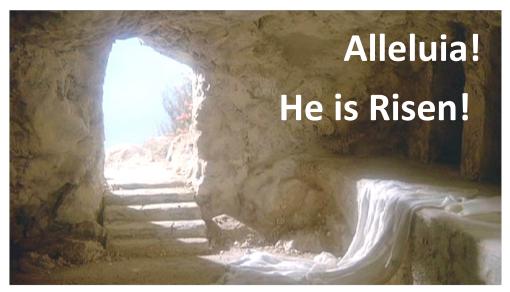


# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

460 NW Washington Avenue Elkhart Iowa 50073

Holy Cross: 12704 NE 98th Street Maxwell Iowa 50161



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.

#### Parish Information

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Parish General Email

Fr. Ross Parker, Pastor

Deacon Terry Schleisman

Nicole Cory - Confirmation

Andrea Fisher - 7th-12th Ministry

Melissa Kahler - 7th-12th Ministry

Barb Liske - Secretary

Geneveve Loraditch - PreK-6 RE

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Candy Zidon - Bookkeeper

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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? Welcome



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!

# T 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 slJAQh9LGHJpwbxL1CVqsJSYcN5WlksB44iBubl/ 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**

- Elkhart Food Pantry
- † Thursday, April 20: Crafts, Games & Conversation, 9:00am, Social Hall

# Food Pantry Collection

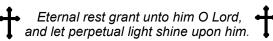


Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend; we will also take up a monetary collection. Thank you for your continued generosity in sharing with those in need. Your donation this month will assist Impact Community Action Partnership in Ankeny.

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.



### **Religious Education**

#### **Preschool - 6th Grade Coordinators**

Geneveve Loraditch, *gloraditch@saintmaryhc.org*, 515-556-4150 Tracy Miller, *tmiller@saintmaryhc.org*, 515-520-7981

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

#### **Grades 7-12 Coordinators**

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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 <a href="mailto:bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org">bookkeeper@saintmaryhc.org</a> 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 lowa with this secure link: <a href="https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/">https://catholicfoundationiowa.org/make-a-donation/parishes-and-schools-relief/</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:dmdiocese.org/giving">dmdiocese.org/giving</a> 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

<u>Received</u> <u>Budget</u> \$5,944

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

<u>Received</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Last Year</u> \$209,028 \$237,765 \$236,252

#### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

<u>Assessed</u> <u>Pledged</u> <u>Paid</u> <u>Unpaid</u> <u>**Amt. Due**</u> \$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.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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## Our lovely Easter flowers have been shared with us by

### In Memory of

Sharon Adams Adams and Hohn Families

Sarah Baumberger Adam Baumberger

Larry and Mary Bishop Duane and Martha Untiedt

Ed and Kathy Claussen Anna and Herman Claussen,

Marie and Clemens Manning

Margaret Cleverley and Randy Holdren

Diane Cronk and Delila Roberts Peterson Family

Mike and Patty Devereux Bill Devereux, Harry and Mary Fisher

Kenny and Carol Dunbar Sharon Dunbar, Ralph and Neva Cory

Drew and Lorrie Hanlon Harold and Edith Lacy

Matt and Beth Hart Scott Strong

Mark and Sheryl Hurley Eveland and Hurley Families

Doug and Lisa Jones & Family Bill Devereux

Shirley Jorgensen Bill Jorgensen, Jorgensen and Cain Family

Karon Lacey Thompson and Lacey Families

David and Barb Liske Jack Sabol, Family and Friends

JoAnn Meusburger Irene Anderson, Harry Richardson

Sharon Morris Sr., Bill and Eunice Morris,

Tom Bellis

### In Memory Of

Don Morton Cecelia and Mike Morton

Janet Phelan Patrick Phelan, Mike Phelan, Jeff Ruden,

Aiden Phelan Ruden, Bud Wilson

Sue Schmidt Mark Schmidt

Gary and Judy Sesker Albert and Margaret Rasmussen,

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Ron and Karen Stafford Jack Sabol

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Thank You!



### Laudato Si

Keep a set of reusable dining utensils in your briefcase, purse, car or some other handy spot so that they are available whenever you buy take-out food. That way you won't have to take plastic utensils (even the compostable kind) from the restaurant. See more at:

https://www.saintmaryhc.org/on-care-for-our-common-home

### Thank You

all who came Thank you to and praved Silhouette Stations of the Cross with us last Friday evening.

I want to take this opportunity to show appreciation for the amazing young people who made this prayer experience possible for our parish family and friends. THANK YOU to the silhouette "actors" Patrick Cory, Maleaha Doyle, Rose Cory, Leah Kahler, Jessica Schoening, and Daniel Schoening.

Thank you to Joel Kahler on the lights and other handyman stuff. Thank you to Emma Kahler and Nicole Cory for narrating. What a blessing it was to have Vivian Kahler and Emma Kahler share their amazing gift of singing and a huge thank you to Maggie Bruce for her beautiful accompaniment on piano! We are so very blessed that they shared their musical gifts with us.

To the adults that helped and supervised, we are so grateful for your continued support and for your "YES", Melanie Stoner, thank you kindly for your awesome input and for helping in managing behind the scenes!

Thank you to the confirmation teens and families who donated and served the meatless meal following Stations. It was delicious!

It had been four years since S.T.O.R.M. led the Stations of the Cross and it was wonderful to be able to once again pray and present the Stations in this special way!

Thank you for your continued support of our young people.

Melissa Kahler and Andrea Fisher Co-Youth Ministers Grades 7th -12th

### **Liturgical Ministers April 15/16**

Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary Lector Kris Sexton Host Bill Sexton

Lisa Schoening, Kris Sexton Cup Bearers Drew Gilligan, Callahan Coffelt Altar Servers

Ushers **Brodie Gilligan Family** 

Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer Music

Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Jackie Crouse Lector Cup Bearer Dawn Beukema Altar Servers Natalie & Nick Shedd Todd & Jill Beukema Usher

Jen Linderblood, Stacey Rooney Music

Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Kris LeRoy Lector Tim Loraditch Host Distributor

Cup Bearers Tracy Miller, Mike Nehring Altar Servers Peyton & Justice Loraditch Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory Music Sue Schmitt, Celeste Muehlenthaler

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### Money Counters

April 9: Trish Morris, Kathy Daup April 16: Sue White, Sharon Morris



Recycling one glass bottle or jar saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt

bulb for four hours.

### 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. If the request is not for you, please ask permission of the one it is for, to be on our prayer chain.

To request prayers or to participate in our prayer chain, please contact the parish office at bliske@saintmaryhc.org or 515-367-2685.

### Change of Information?

Had a baby? Moved? Dropped your landline? Have you provided your email and cell phone number to us?

Please contact the parish office with any changes so our records can be as accurate as possible. Thank you!

### NE 126th Avenue Exit 96 Bridge Replacement

This project over Interstate 35 (exit 96) west of Elkhart is expected to go through November 2023, weather permitting. Visit 511ia.org for detour routes or call 511; stay connected with 511 on Facebook or Twitter (links at https:// iowadot.gov/511/511-social-media-site); or download the free app. Subscribe to Your 511 and receive email/text alerts. Visit https://new.511ia.org/#login.

### EARTH DAY 2022 Invest In Our Planet



This is an annual event on April 22 to support environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EarthDay.org. Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to preserve and protect our health, our families, and our livelihoods. Everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable. A partnership for the planet.

The Great Global Cleanup® is a worldwide campaign to remove billions of pieces of trash from neighborhoods, beaches, rivers, lakes, trails, and parks - reducing waste and plastic pollution, improving habitats, and preventing harm to wildlife and humans. There are registered clean ups scheduled in Iowa. Go to <a href="https://www.earthday.org/">https://www.earthday.org/</a> campaign/cleanup/#map to find out when and where.

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 8/9

Theme: Jesus' resurrection the heart of our faith, life, and journey.

Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • God raised him up on the third day.

Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4 • Your attitude must be Christ's.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 • Mary Magdalene came to the tomb.

Question for Children: When have you seen someone do a good deed for someone else?

Question for Youth: Jesus' closest friends had trouble believing that the tomb was empty. Resurrecting is surprising. What does Jesus' resurrection mean in your life?

Question for Adults: Name one way or time when you experience the presence of the Risen Christ?