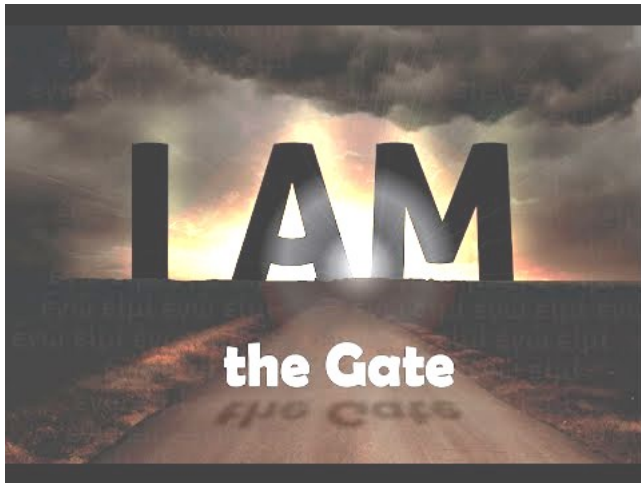




# St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish

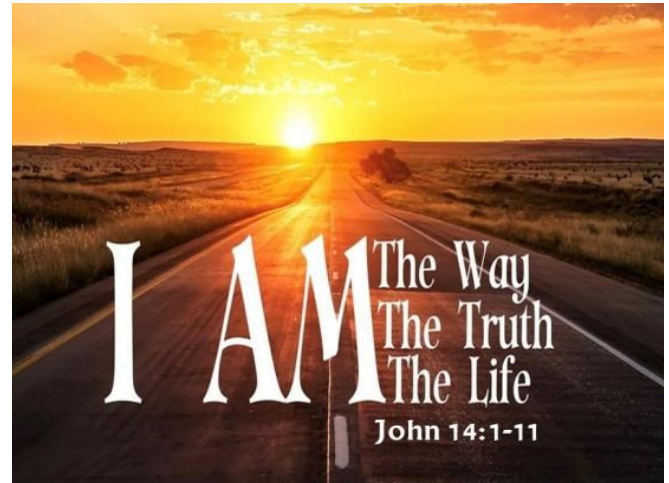
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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 29/30, 2023



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mary 6/7, 2023

*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 Good People,

Continued Easter blessings to you and to your families. I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone involved with our First Communion and Confirmation classes. Again, being a catechist can be a thankless job, but all the good work is greatly appreciated. I hesitate to thank people by name for fear I will leave someone out as we have leaders and those who work behind the scenes. Thank you again to everyone who has helped in any way with our religious education programs. As I am writing this we are preparing for Confirmation and we had First Communion last week. It was so wonderful to see our young people so excited to receive Holy Communion. I am looking forward to seeing our teens receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Saturday.

I want to thank Fr. Dan for his kindness in covering the 10AM mass this weekend. I will be at my nephew's First Communion at Sacred Heart Parish.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. I love the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter invite us to reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. This image reminds us that Jesus is intimately involved in our lives, and that he knows us and loves us individually. It also reminds us that we are called to follow him, and to trust in his guidance and protection. As we reflect on this image of the Good Shepherd, we are invited to consider the quality of our own relationship with Jesus. Do we recognize his voice and follow him? Do we trust in his care and protection, even in the face of difficulty or uncertainty? Are we willing to let him guide us on the path he has set for us? Some good things for all of us to reflect on.

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

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### Mass Schedule

Tuesday	8:00am	St. Mary
Wednesday	5:30pm	Holy Cross
Thursday	8:00am	St. Mary
Friday	8:00am	St. Mary
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.vocationonline.org](http://www.vocationonline.org)

## Masses and Reconciliation



### Tuesday, May 2

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Mary Hanlon

### Wednesday, May 3

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † Aiden Phelan Ruden

### Thursday, May 4

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Edward & Jessie Ross

### Friday, May 5

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Ron & Darlene Hamm

### Saturday, May 6

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Bill Devereux

### Sunday, May 7

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Bill Jorgensen

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

### Tuesday, May 9

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Edward & Jessie Ross

### Wednesday, May 10

5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross † Ashley Carpenter

### Thursday, May 11

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Albert & Helen Schmidt

### Friday, May 12

8:00am Mass, St. Mary † Henry Volz

### Saturday, May 13

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

5:00pm Mass, St. Mary † Gerald Adams

### Sunday, May 14

8:00am Mass, Holy Cross † Steven Pollock

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

## Easter Prayer

Loving Shepherd,  
You love me and watch over me always,  
in my joys and in my pain.  
Help me not to be deceived  
by the world around me.  
Thank you for the great gift  
of your love and protection  
and for my faith in you,  
which shapes my life.  
May my heart be open to an awareness  
of your great love  
and may we carry that love to those  
we pass each day who need it the most.  
May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil  
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

## In Sympathy and Compassion

Pray for the repose of the soul of Steven Pollock, brother of Sharon Morris, who passed away April 16, and that his family finds peace and strength at this most difficult time.

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

### Parish Council

Meeting: May 16, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Finance Council

Meeting, April 25 & May 23, 6:30pm, Social Hall

### Stewardship

Meeting: May 8, 6:00pm, Social Hall

### Knights of Columbus

May 15, Rosary, 6:40pm SM, Meeting 7:00pm, Hall

### Funeral Luncheon Food Donations:

Team 5 from Elkhart and Cambridge

## 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

In case of emergency contact Fr. Ross Parker at 515-720-3434. If you or a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized, and they wish a visit please contact Fr. Parker at [rparker@dmdiocese.org](mailto:rparker@dmdiocese.org) or 515-367-2685.

## It's Still the Easter Season!



We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus for 50 days until Pentecost on June 5. *The Little White Book* and *The Word Among Us* are available at each Church to help you celebrate this season. Diocesan family friendly resources and activities to truly celebrate the Easter season can be found at [www.dmdiocese.org/Easter2023](http://www.dmdiocese.org/Easter2023).



## Graduating Seniors!

Our parish grants a scholarship to a high school senior pursuing higher education. If interested in applying, contact the parish office or go to: [https://docs.google.com/document/188f\\_sIJAQh9LGHJpwbxL1CVqsJSYcN5WlksB44iBubl/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/188f_sIJAQh9LGHJpwbxL1CVqsJSYcN5WlksB44iBubl/edit?usp=sharing). Application is due by May 5.

## High School Senior Recognition

During weekend Masses of May 6 & 7 we will recognize and have a blessing for our students graduating this year.

Seniors: please email Fr. Parker, [rparker@dmdiocese.org](mailto:rparker@dmdiocese.org), by May 3 to let him know which Mass you will be attending.

## Congratulations

to these students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers during their next steps in their faith journey.

Layla Arp	Andrew Olson
Nathan Feldmann	William Pottebaum
Caiden Gass	Marissa Richardson
Stockton Huether	Lucas Robinson
Ava Husak	Martin Schmeiser
Grace Huynh	Joseph Selby
Jarrold Kerr	Hudson Shipley
Isabella Kuehn	Jenna Volz
Griffen Muth	

## Best Wishes

to our students graduating from high school! We pray that they call on God for guidance in their future endeavors.

Justin Anderson	Andrew Princehouse
Cameron Barnett	Mason Reynolds
Emma Bruce	Elizabeth Schaffer
Jaxon Fried	Regan Schmieding
William Herselius	Kelcie Shedd
Blake Huntrods	Estella Smith
Jace Huntrods	Mary Staudt
Lucas Huntrods	Abigail Stephenson
Bridget Johnson	Maci Sullivan
Anastasia Leu	Max Turczynski
Veronica Loraditch	Noah Wahlert
Tyler Naragon	Grant Welch
Matthew Olson	Alayna Westphal

## Religious Education

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## S.T.O.R.M. Report

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### EDGE (Grades 7 & 8) Year Recap

We wrapped up our EDGE & Youth gatherings for the 2022-2023 school year last Wednesday. When the crazy Wednesday weather didn't cancel our session, we were blessed to gather for several faith filled formative sessions ranging from; exploring new ways to pray, Saint spotlights, diving deeper into the Sacraments, attending Adoration, participating in service opportunities, and of course some good food and great fun. It has been a awesome year. As the EDGE team reflects back over the year, we realize how grateful we are to have had the opportunity to accompany such amazing young people on their faith journey. Parents, thank you for supporting our ministry. We appreciate you allowing us to assist you with catechizing your kids. Thank you to the 15-20 high school teens who also volunteered their time to lead the middle school students. We look forward to seeing all of you this spring and summer at Mass and other SMHC gatherings. Watch the bulletin and our SMHC website or S.T.O.R.M. Facebook page for any summer S.T.O.R.M. gatherings. *Blessings,*  
*Melissa Kahler, Andrea Fisher and The EDGE Core Team*

## Weekly Collection Financial Update

April 23 Budget Week 43

	Received	Budget
Tithes/Plate/Youth/Bldg. Fund	\$2,687	\$5,944

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

Received	Budget	Last Year
\$225,007	\$255,597	\$254,326

Weekend Mass attendance April 15/16: 215

### 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Assessed	Pledged	Paid	Unpaid	Amt. Due
\$55,196	\$29,805	\$29,335	\$470	\$25,861

### Ignite! Diocesan Capital Campaign

Goal	Pledged	Paid	Balance
\$360,000	\$278,960	\$123,338	\$155,4623

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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## Laudato Si

As much as possible, buy locally sourced and organic food. It is estimated that production and transportation of food accounts for 13 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, primarily in the form of fuel and fertilizer.

See more at:

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

## 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](mailto:bliske@saintmaryhc.org) or 515-367-2685.

## Liturgical Ministers May 6/7

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Tim Kautza  
Host Joe Rumbaugh  
Cup Bearers Drew Hanlon, Deacon Terry  
Altar Servers *Volunteers needed*  
Ushers Joe Rumbaugh, Drew Hanlon  
Music Lisa Jones, Mary Schmelzer

### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Lowell Crouse  
Cup Bearer Deacon Terry  
Altar Servers Natalie & Nick Shedd  
Usher Todd & Jill Beukema  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Di Schleisman  
Host Distributor Di Schleisman  
Cup Bearers Tim Loraditch, Deacon Terry  
Altar Servers Jon & Marcus Larsen  
Ushers Gregg Richwine, Andrew Cory  
Music Jen Linderblood, Maggie Bruce

## Liturgical Ministers May 13/14

### Saturday, 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary

Lector Bob Selby  
Host Susan Selby  
Cup Bearers Mike Devereux, Bob Selby  
Altar Servers Jack & Tommy Selby  
Ushers Mike Devereux, Bill Schmidt  
Music Drew & Lorrie Hanlon

### Sunday, 8:00am Mass, Holy Cross

Lector Heidi Ackerman  
Cup Bearer Michele Hand  
Altar Servers Claire & Oliver Hand  
Usher Mike Veasman  
Music Drew Hanlon, Stacey Rooney

### Sunday, 10:00am Mass, St. Mary

Lector Garrett McClain  
Host Distributor Garrett McClain  
Cup Bearers Greg Feldmann, Mike Nehring  
Altar Servers Isaac, Gabriel, Jonah Miller  
Ushers Bill & Kelly Dunbar  
Music Sue Schmidt, Mary Ortmann

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## Money Counters

**April 30:** Sue White, Kathy Daup

**May 7:** Trish Morris, Dona Cowman

**May 14:** Sue White, Kathy Daup

## Blood Drive

Thursday, May 25, 3:00 – 7:00pm, Social Hall. Appointments required; sign up to donate at [www.lifefervebloodcenter.org](http://www.lifefervebloodcenter.org), in the vestibule of St. Mary or on the parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/smhcelkhart/>. Parish contact: Larry Sauer, 515-710-2421/ [sauerld@outlook.com](mailto:sauerld@outlook.com).



## Purchase a Flag for Holy Cross Cemetery

Memorialize your special someone with a flag to be flown on Memorial weekend, Fourth of July, Labor Day weekend and Veteran's Day in Holy Cross Cemetery along with our current 150 American flags. Price of \$200 includes flag, pole, identifying tag with laser engraving of the honoree and the donor, base installation, raising and lowering the flag and storage. An order form is included in this bulletin, at both churches and on our website <https://www.saintmaryhc.org/holy-cross-cemetery-committee>. Orders and payment due by May 15. Contact Lynn Schreurs with questions, 515-577-8147. A reminder that we install new flags once a year prior to Memorial weekend. *Note: Flags are currently on back order and will be installed as soon as possible.*

## Celebration on June 10th!

Please save the date for Fr. Parker's 10 Year Ordination Celebration that is taking place on Saturday, June 10. If your last name starts with an A-M, please bring a side dish; if your last name starts with an N-Z, please bring a dessert. We will also be honoring the countless SMHC Volunteers that make our parish community so wonderful. A survey (so we don't mistakenly leave anyone out) about how you have volunteered this past year, can be found at <https://forms.gle/T7u4LhwRcjJMa4HE6>. Hope to see you there!

## Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 29/30

*Theme: We enter life to the full through Christ.*

*Reading I:* Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • You must reform and be baptized.

*Reading II:* 1 Peter 2:20b-25 • By his wounds you were healed.

*Gospel:* John 10:1-10 • I am the gate.

*Question for Children:* How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

*Question for Youth:* How hard is it for you to recognize God's voice? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

*Question for Adults:* In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with those you hold a grudge against or those who dislike you?

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 6/7

*Theme: Jesus, our cornerstone.*

*Reading I:* Acts 6:1-7 • They chose leaders to care for the poor.

*Reading II:* 1 Peter 2:4-9 • Come to the Lord, a living stone.

*Gospel:* John 14:1-12 • If you know me, you know my Father also.

*Question for Children:* What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if he were in your situation?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life". How do you try to follow Jesus' way?

*Question for Adults:* How are the promises of this Gospel made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?