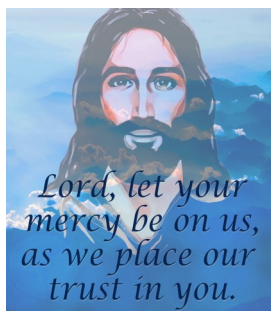


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March 5, 2023



Church of St. Mary
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2nd Sunday of Lent

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Admin. Assistant: Jess David

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Parish Website: www.holymarycluster.com

Bookkeeper: Deb Blauwet cell: 712-470-0453
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Holy Name DRE: Beth Luze cell: 605-484-2649

Holy Name Hospitality Coordinators: Ashley Klaassen cell: 507-220-4400, ashkla256@gmail.com and Beth Luze cell: 605-484-2649, Bethluze@gmail.com. Contact the parish office to start a prayer chain.

St. Mary Family Faith DRE: Deb Burwitz

St. Mary CCD DRE: Erica Whalen cell: 605-956-0425

St. Mary Hospitality Coordinators: Virginia Scannell: 477-2113, cell: 712-363-3392, vburkard@alliancecom.net and **Co-Chair Needed - please contact the parish office if interested.**

FORMED Website info: holymarycluster.formed.org

Newcomers: Member registration forms are available in the main entrance to church, on the website, or by contacting the parish office via phone or email.

Baptism: Contact the pastor to schedule.

Marriage Prep: Contact the pastor at least 9 months prior to the date of marriage.

Reconciliation: half hour before these weekend Masses
 Saturday– St. Mary Sunday– Holy Name

Adult Inquiry into Catholic Membership: RCIA program from September to Easter. Contact pastor for more info.

Flocknote: Text HMC to 84576 or by going to <https://holymarycluster.flocknote.com/>

This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday	3/6	SM 8:00 am	(Fr. Jim) +Starr Ferraro
Tuesday	3/7	HN 7:30 am	(Fr. Jim) +Grace & John Powderly
		SM 5:30 pm	+Bonnie Grotewold
Weds	3/8	HN 7:30 am	+Tom Heirigs
Thursday	3/9	SM 8:00 am	+Matt Doherty
Friday	3/10	HN 7:30 am	+Annie & George Sauers
Saturday	3/11	SM 4:00 pm	+Joseph Kueter
Sunday	3/12	HN 8:30 am	Cluster
		SM 10:30 am	+Gerald Bruggeman

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary, Larchwood
 Every Tuesday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Adoration Chapel

St. Mary Funeral Schedule: St. Maria Circle
 Please contact Kristie Steen (605) 731-9052.
 (if you are able to donate food).



JOIN US FOR COFFEE & ROLL
after Mass this Sunday,
March 5th at Holy Name & St. Mary

HN MEN will be serving breakfast next Sunday after 8:30 Mass. Group 6, Justin Christensen & Tim Laleman, Chairmen.

PASTOR'S DESK

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

"O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." There is a mysterious story in 2 Kings that can help us understand what is happening in the Transfiguration. Israel is at war with Aram, and Elisha, the man of God, is using his prophetic powers to reveal the strategic plans of the Aramean army to the Israelites. At first the King of Aram thinks that one of his officers is playing the spy, but when he learns the truth, he dispatches troops to go and capture Elisha who is residing in Dothan. The Aramean troops move in under cover of darkness and surround the city. In the morning Elisha's servant is the first to discover that they are surrounded and fears for his master's safety. He runs to Elisha and says, "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" The prophet answers "Don't be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." But who would believe that, when the surrounding mountainside is covered with advancing enemy troops? So, Elisha prays, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see."

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Confessions will be available every Tuesday during Lent at **St. Mary** from **4:30– 5:30 pm.**

Adoration will be available an hour (4:30-5:30 pm) before Mass each Tuesday at St. Mary.

Pastor's Desk (Continued from 1st page)

Then the Lord opens the servant's eyes, and he looks and sees the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha (2 Kings 6:8-23). This vision was all that Elisha's disciple needed to reassure him. At the end of the story, not only was the prophet of God safe, but the invading army was totally humiliated. The common theme of today's readings is transformation. The Transubstantiation in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength. At the shortage of wine during the wedding of Cana, Jesus changed water into wine: one substance became another substance. In each Holy Mass our offering of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearances of bread and wine. Hence, just as Jesus' Transfiguration strengthened the Apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against our own temptations and our source for the renewal of our lives during Lent. In addition, communion with Jesus in prayer and in the Eucharist, should be a source of daily transformation for both our minds and hearts. We must also be transformed by becoming humbler and more selfless, sharing love, compassion and forgiveness with others. But in our everyday lives, we often fail to recognize Jesus when he appears to us "transfigured," hidden in someone who is in some kind of need. Jesus will be happy when we attend to the needs of that person. With the eyes of Faith, we must see Jesus in every one of our brothers and sisters, the children of God we come across each day and, by His grace, respond to Him with love and service.

Fr. Sunny Dominic

Lenten Confessions



St. Mary

March 22 6:30– 8:00 pm

Holy Name

March 29 6:30– 8:00 pm

How to Pray Like Mary

LOVE

In a prayer method springing from the Annunciation, Sonja will show you how the Blessed Mother is the ultimate guide in a powerful prayer practice: L- listen, O - observe, V - verbalize, E - entrust. Sonja draws from vivid biblical texts to reveal how to surrender to the Spirit and pray the scriptures as Mary did.

Tuesdays of Lent at Holy Name
February 28– April 4 (7 pm)

Thursdays of Lent at St. Mary
February 23– March 30 (7 pm)



April 6-Holy Thursday
Holy Name -7 pm

April 8-Holy Saturday
St. Mary– 8 pm

April 7 -Good Friday
St. Mary -12 pm
Holy Name-5 pm

April 9– Easter
Holy Name– 8:30 am
St. Mary– 10:30 am

April 6 (Holy Thursday) – 7 pm @ HN

*Lector: Lucy Konechne

EMHC: Brooke Konechne

Servers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

Gifts/Ushers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

April 7 (Friday-Noon) *Good Friday @ SM

Lector #1 & Voice: Maddison David

Lector #2 & Narrator: Joli Bruggeman

EMHC: Joli Bruggeman

Servers: Danica David, Evelyn Johnson

Gifts/Ushers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

April 7 (Good Friday) – 5 pm @ HN

Lector #1 & Narrator: **Need Volunteer**

Lector #2 & Voice: **Need Volunteer**

EMHC: Mike Carr

Servers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

Gifts/Ushers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

April 8– Saturday 8:00 pm (Holy Saturday) @ SM

Lector: Ruth Tobin

Lector: Jennifer Roemen

Lector: Tony Kerkvliet

EMHC: Jill Roemen

Servers: Tyra Roemen, Ashely Roemen, John Roemen

Gifts/Ushers: Ryan Roemen, Shorty Blauwet

April 9 (Easter Sunday) 8:30 am @ HN

*Lector: Mariann Roemen

EMHC: Jim Vander Woude

Servers: Will Lupkes, Alex Brenneman

Gifts/Ushers: Randy Roemen, Jay Vogel

**Communion to Homebound: Vera Murphy

Offertory: Dennis Haselhoff, Mark Hill

April 9 (Sun-10:30 am) *Easter Sunday @ SM

Lector: Tracy Kramer

EMHC: Stephanie Stensland

Servers: Brooklyn Schreurs, Grady Ripperda, Trevor Smith

Gifts/Ushers: John & Pam Hawf

Count Offering: Don Burwitz, Jenny Snyders

Homebound Comm: Karen Viereck, *Inwood- Linda Ripperda

*If you are able to help with any ministries during Holy Week. Please contact the parish office.

Ministry Schedule

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 11 (Sat-4:00 pm) @ SM

Lector: Joli Bruggeman

EMHC: Joli Bruggeman

Servers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

Gifts/Ushers: Bill & Karly Wiemers

March 12 - Sunday 8:30 am @ HN

*Lector: Amy Oetken

EMHC: Paula Spykerboer

Servers: Ryder Laleman, Blake Luze

Gifts/Ushers: Chris Bixenman, Matt Bixenman

**Communion to Homebound: Jim VW

Offertory: Brooke Konechne, Linda Herbert

March 12 (Sun-10:30 am) @ SM

Lector: Tracy Kramer

EMHC: Deb Burwitz

Servers: Brooklyn Schreurs, Grady Ripperda, Trevor Smith

Gifts/Ushers: John & Pam Hawf

Count Offering: Don Burwitz, Jenny Snyders

Homebound Comm: Karen Viereck, * Inwood- Bill & Pat

Holy Name

March 8– CCD (6th-12th grade) @ 6:45 pm

Stations of the Cross, followed by class

March 15– CCD (6th-12th grade) @ 6:45 pm

Stations of the Cross, followed by class

March 22– CCD (6th-12th grade) @ 6:45 pm

Stations of the Cross, followed by class

March 29– CCD (6th-12th grade) @ 6:45 pm

Stations of the Cross, followed by class

St. Mary

FFF - April 5 (6:45-8 pm) will be our next night for Family Faith Formation.

CCD

- Wednesday, March 8- (6:45– 8 pm)
- Wednesday, March 15- (6:45– 8 pm)
- Wednesday, March 22- (6:45– 8 pm)
- Wednesday, March 29- (6:45– 8 pm)



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Schedule

March 10 Rock Rapids (Forster Community Center)

March 17 Larchwood (Sports Center)

March 24 Rock Rapids (Drive-thru at Holy Name)

March 31 Larchwood (Sports Center)

**All you can eat! \$13
Serving 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Adults \$10.00 (single meal)
Elementary kids - \$5.00
5 and under - FREE**

Your support will help fund the Holy Mary Knights of Columbus scholarships for local high school seniors.



Are you feeling called to be a DRE for our parish?

We need a DRE for FFF and CCD for the 2023-2024 calendar year at Holy Name!

If you are only interested in the DRE position for Family Faith Formation or CCD this is also an option.

Please contact the parish office by April 1st - if interested.

Beth Luze has done a fabulous job for our FFF and CCD programs. We appreciate all she has done for our parish. However, she has decided to step down from this position after this year. Please thank her for all she has done for our youth.



Holy Name:

Stations of the Cross will take place at 6:45pm every Wednesday night during Lent. Everyone is welcome!

March 8, March 15, March 22 and March 29

Meals on Wheels: St. Catherine's is looking for volunteers to help with meals on wheels. Please contact Jennifer Pedersen (605-359-2683) if you are available or interested in assisting with this ministry.

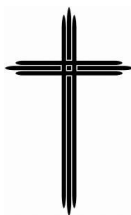
Imagine A Year Without Fear

Whatever 2023 has in store for you, I know one thing is clear: God wants you to step into the new year with profound freedom and confidence. **To accompany you on this journey, we're excited to announce a new series set to launch this Lent, called Fearless.**

Fresh off the heels of Covid-19, there's no doubt this message is needed and relevant to our daily lives. We need encouragement to 'be not afraid' as we follow Jesus Christ with ruthless trust.

This is a free 7 week series. For more details on this series please check out the website below.

Website: <https://reallifecatholic.com>



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY:

to the Steve Schemmel Family as they mourn the loss of Steve's dad.

Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Doug Schemmel.



This month because of the weather we were not able to have the food from the Siouxland Foodbank reach us in time for our monthly distribution. We stocked Bread of Life from our own food pantry which has led to much less in our pantry for distribution. We are in need of donations of food. We need you to come alongside us and move toward the pain of those who are food/financially challenged.

Here are some of our needs:

All canned goods (vegetables, fruit, canned meat, soup, etc)

All boxed goods (Hamburger Helper, Potatoes, Pancake mix, etc)

Cereal (cold and hot)

Syrup, Ketchup, Mustard

Noodles, rice, pasta sauce

Thank you for your generous support in the past and your ongoing support for Atlas as together we seek to help the hurting by moving toward those in pain.

Grace upon Grace,

Verlyn Boone

Transitional Director

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HOLY NAME

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$1,125
Loose	\$118.32
Youth	\$32.05

ST. MARY

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$1,875
Loose	\$230
Youth	\$18
Building Fund	\$50
Aid to Worldwide Churches	\$320



Our Special Intention Prayer List

St. Mary:

Robert Perkinson	Warren Heirigs	Jerry Feucht
Janet VanDenHul	Abbey Mogler	Ann Spaans
Sparky Blauwet	Doug Schemmel	Vince Gacke
Michael Lottman Family	Jason Snyders	Bev
Marlo Stensland Family	Jeannie Bunde	

Prayer to stop abortions

People struggling with addictions

Holy Name:

Kayla Pottebaum	Bonnie Wilson	Kandi Koll
Russell Pedersen	David Bigge	

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

2023 Schedule & Circle Assignment handouts are available at each entry for all women of St. Mary's parish to pick up. The schedule is also available on the Cluster website. Near the top of the Home page, click on the "Parish Life" link, then the "Women's Organizations" link. Please pay your \$10 dues to your circle chair by March 19th.

Magnificat Meal - Sat., March 11, 10:00 am at St. Sebastian, Resurrection of Our Lord Church, Pocahontas. Our speaker will be Julie Nelson, host of the Catholic Women Now radio program on Iowa Catholic Radio. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased via PayPal at our website, www.magnificat-iowa.com or by mailing a check to Michele Leiting, 19546 Aspen Ave., Westside, IA 51467. RSVP's are due by March 4.



Knight of the Month: Adrian Ahrens

(St. Mary's parish) as he prepares to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Family of the Month: Steve Schemmel family as they mourn the loss of Steve's Dad.