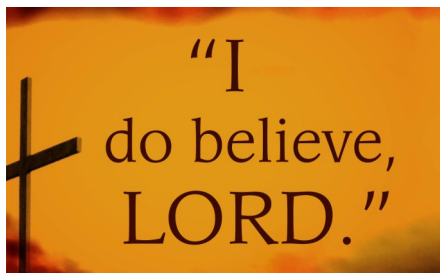


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March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

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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	3/20	SM 8:00 am	(Fr. Jim) +Donna Simons Warner
Tuesday	3/21	HN 7:30 am	(Fr. Jim) +Jack Bontje
		SM 5:30 pm	+Michael Lottman
Weds	3/22	HN 7:30 am	+Jim & Shirley VW Family
Thursday	3/23	SM 8:00 am	+Ray & Linda Ripperda Family
Friday	3/24	HN 7:30 am	+Fran Honrath
Saturday	3/25	SM 4:00 pm	+Ray & Anna Burkard
			+Anne, John, & Mary Ranschau
Sunday	3/26	HN 8:30 am	Cluster
		SM 10:30 am	+Marlo Stensland

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 19th at St. Mary



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 meeting at Holy Name on
 Tuesday, March 21st, 7:00 pm

Lenten Confessions



St. Mary
 March 22 6:30– 8:00 pm

Holy Name
 March 29 6:30– 8:00 pm

PASTOR'S DESK

OPEN OUR EYES TO THE LORD

This Sunday's gospel we have the story of the blind man. It is the story of all of us. This is our journey, moving in stages to confront our own blind spots in order to see Jesus more perfectly.

How do we allow our lord to heal our blind spots?

Well, a good start would be to admit that we are part of the problem, if not the problem itself. If we can only see the problem as "something out there", if we are constantly complaining, blaming, and finding fault with others, then most likely we have missed the massive blind spots

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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)

lurking behind the periphery of our physical, moral, spiritual vision. Unless I admit that I am blind, then my blindness remains.

Venerable Fulton Sheen gives us this important reminder

Two classes of people make up the world: those who have found God, and those who are looking for him. -thirsting, hungering, seeking! And the great sinners came closer to Him than the proud intellectuals! Pride swells and inflates the Ego: gross sinners are depressed, deflated and empty. They, therefore, have no room for God. God prefers a loving sinner to a loveless saint. Love can be trained; pride cannot. The man who thinks that he knows, will rarely find truth; the person who knows, he is a miserable, unhappy sinner, like the woman at the well, is closer to peace, joy and salvation than he knows"

Whether we wish to admit or not, many of us don't see our blind spots, because we are too proud to admit that we have them.

Fr. Sunny Dominic

The USCCB would like to make as many people as possible aware that they can get the daily readings sent to them, as opposed to searching for them each day on social media or the USCCB website. The free daily reading subscriptions are also available at bible.usccb.org for those who prefer to use a browser.

"Pray with God's Word this Lent!
Get the daily readings sent to your email each morning. Sign up for your free subscription from the USCCB here":



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: Charlee Vander Zee, **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

Gifts/Ushers: Mark Radtke Family

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: Ruth Tobin

Lector #2 & Voice: Justin Christensen

EMHC: Mike Carr

Servers: Charlee Vander Zee, **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

5th Sunday of Lent

March 25 (Sat-4:00 pm) @ SM

Lector: Virginia Scannell

EMHC: Larry Poss

Servers: Ashley Roemen, John Roemen

Gifts/Ushers: Ryan & Jenn Roemen

March 26- Sunday 8:30 am @ HN

*Lector: Damon Pedersen

EMHC: Deb Kruse

Servers: Charlee Vander Zee, Ryder Laleman

Gifts/Ushers: Tim Laleman, Parker Laleman

**Communion to Homebound: Pat Schleusner

Offertory: Jake Vander Zee, James Montag

March 26 (Sun-10:30 am) @ SM

Lector: Erica Whalen

EMHC: Linda Ripperda

Servers: Ruby Susie, Lulu Susie

Gifts/Ushers: Bill & Karly Wiemers

Count Offering: Ray & Linda Ripperda, LaVonne Reinke

Homebound Comm & *Inwood: Linda Ripperda

Holy Name & St. Mary:

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

March 22 and March 29



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

March 22- CCD (6th-12th grade) 7- 8:15 pm

March 29- CCD (6th-12th grade) 7- 8:15 pm

April 2- 9th/10th Grade Youth Mass

April 5- No Classes! (Holy Week)

April 6- **Holy Thursday Mass** - 7 pm -
Confirmation Students

April 12- Family Faith Formation (FFF)

April 19- CCD (6th-12th grade) 7-8:15 pm
First Communion practice (6:30 pm)

April 23- 1st Communion (10:30 am Mass)

April 26- Final night of CCD - 6pm
(Pizza & games)

May 7- Senior Sunday (12th grade Youth Mass)

St. Mary

FFF - Sunday, March 26 @ 10:30 am
2nd & 3rd Grade Youth Mass

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

CCD

- Wednesday, March 22- (6:45- 8 pm)
- Wednesday, March 29- (6:45- 8 pm)
- Sunday, April 2- (9:30-10:30 am)
10th & 11th Grade Youth Mass
- Wednesday, April 5- No class!



Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Schedule

March 24 Rock Rapids (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.

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>

2022 Together As One Update

Thank you to those who contributed. If you haven't made your contribution yet, there's still time to be part of a good thing !

	Goal:	Pledged:	Paid:	
Holy Name:	\$7,028	\$5597	\$5572	27 families
St. Mary:	\$11,736	\$12,629	\$12,004	57 families

Wednesday, March 22nd: (ATLAS) Bread of Life food ministry in Rock Rapids, George, Little Rock and at the West Lyon School.

EASTER LILIES: Anyone wishing to honor or memorialize a loved one by donating towards the Easter lilies in church is encouraged to pick up an envelope in the main entrance. Please print clearly the name of the person you wish to honor/memorialize on the inside of the envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. A list of the memorials received before March 28 will be published.

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.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY: to the family of Betty Roach who passed away on Friday, March 10th. Her funeral was Saturday, March 18th at Holy Name.

"Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord"

Please say a prayer for the repose of the soul of Betty Roach.

HOLY NAME

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$930
Loose	\$106
Youth	\$16

ST. MARY

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$1,927
Loose	\$166
Youth	\$31.35
Building Fund	\$25
Haiti	\$452



Our Special Intention Prayer List

St. Mary:

Sparky Blauwet	Abby Mogler	Vince Gacke
Jason Snyders	Warren Heirigs	Ann Spaans
Special Intention		

Prayer to stop abortions
People struggling with addictions

Holy Name:

Angie Graefing Garcia Russell Pedersen Greg Bruns

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.

Benedictine Peace Center

Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, SD
605-668-6292

benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org

The Benedictine Peace Center invites you to enter the silence, and experience the rich liturgies of an in-person Triduum Retreat with the monastic community at Sacred Heart Monastery in Yankton. These sacred three days are the holiest days of the Church year when we celebrate the events embracing the central mystery of the Incarnation. The Benedictine Sisters invite you to join them in this extended time of quiet, prayerful silence, and the rich liturgical celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. This Holy Week retreat begins at 4:00 p.m. on April 6, Holy Thursday, and ends with a festive noon dinner on Easter Sunday. Cost of the retreat is \$275 and includes a 3-night stay in a single room with bath, and meals. Space is limited. Learn more and register at <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/triduum-retreat/> or by sending an email to benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org.