

Holy Name Church
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April 16, 2023

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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/>

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday	4/17	No Mass	
Tuesday	4/18	SM 5:30 pm	+Matt Doherty
Weds	4/19	HN 7:30 am	For the sick
Thursday	4/20	SM 8:00 am	+Paul Ripperda
Friday	4/21	HN 7:30 am	+Jim & Shirley VW family
Saturday	4/22	SM 4:00 pm	+Ray & Anna Burkard
Sunday	4/23	SM 8:30 am HN 10:30 am	+Anne, John, & Mary Ranschau +Clete DeSmet Cluster

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).

Congratulations Fr. Sunny!
29th Anniversary of Ordination, April 12th
 Please join us to celebrate Fr. Sunny's anniversary of ordination, the St. Mary Altar Society invites you to breakfast and fellowship after 10:30 Mass at St. Mary this Sunday.

St. Mary Parishioners

Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth Buckhaus (fiancé of Levi Schreurs) into the Catholic Church.

May you be blessed on your faith journey as you continue to grow in God's mercy and love.



Congratulations to the St. Mary's 1st Communicants
 who are receiving their 1st Holy Communion this Sunday, April 16th: Amelia Simons, Adrian Rodriguez, Charlotte Stensland, Hadley Miller, Ashley Gonzalez, and Anthony Dominguez.

Breakfast & special cake will be served after Mass at which time you may personally extend your congratulations to the students.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“On the day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive

Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

(Diary of Saint Faustina, 699)

LET US PRAY FOR . . . Catholics firmly believe in the power of prayer. Out of this belief comes the practice of offering Mass for a particular intention. Often, we pray for those who have died, but virtually any need might be a prayer intention (protection from storms, the blessing of rain, or a particular personal need). When we speak, God listens. The customary offering is \$10.00 per intention. Envelopes are available in the main entryway to church and may be placed in the collection basket.

Please make checks payable to “Mass Fund” - not to the parish.

HN PARISH COUNCIL MEETS

Mon., April 17, 7 pm.

PC members are: Fr. Sunny, Jessica David, Justin Christensen, Paul Konechne, Mike Carr, Randy Koll, Alyssa Laleman, Deb Kruse, Mike Vogt, Ginger Rasmussen, Deb Blauwet, Carmen Austin, and Beth Luze.

SM PARISH COUNCIL MEETS

Tues., April 18, 7 pm

PC members are: Deb Blauwet, Deb Burwitz, Jess David, Jill Roemen, Don Burwitz, Shelly McCarty, Erica Whalen, Fr. Sunny, Mark Roemen, Gerry Stai, Amy Snyders, Jeff Ripperda, and Travis Johnson.

Retired and Infirm Priests Collection

At the Easter Sunday Masses, our parish held the annual Retired and Infirm Priest collection. We are happy to report that your gifts already total \$908 (Holy Name) & \$2,205 (St. Mary). If you have already made a gift, please know how much your support is appreciated. If you have not yet been able to participate, you may still return your envelope at Mass or go to sdiocese.org/ripc.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meeting at St. Mary on
Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 pm



Do you want more peace in your family, blessings on your undertakings, and a more perfect faith life? Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. Open the door for Him! Join our nationwide campaign to invite the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home, classroom, or business.

Visit www.SacredHeartRevival.com for more information on the graces of the Sacred Heart and sign up today.



First Communion 2023
Please pray for these students as they prepare to receive this very special Sacrament for the first time.

Holy Name- 10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 23: Those who will be receiving First Communion are: Grecia Cabrera, Davi DeGroot, Callen Radtke, Kayla Rosas, Alejandro Cabrera, Colin Konechne, Miles Lupkes, Jaelyn Hohn, and Temperance Gage.

If you would like to give the students a gift/card please place it in their gift bag in the main entry.

Thank you to the parents of these students for their commitment to preparing them to receive this sacrament. Thank you also to the second grade FFF teachers: Paul & Brooke Konechne at Holy Name.

WELCOME to the Holy Name and St. Mary Catholic Community! How may we serve you? If you would like to have your child baptized, have your marriage blessed in the church, have a Eucharistic minister visit someone who is ill, or have general questions, please call the Holy Name or St. Mary office or contact either parish via email. We look forward to serving you!

Ministry Schedule

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 22 (Sat-4:00 pm) @ SM

Lector: Jennifer Roemen

EMHC: Larry Poss

Servers: Ashley Roemen, John Roemen

Gifts/Ushers: Jeff Ripperda, Ryan Roemen

April 23 (Sun-8:30 am) @ SM *Mass time change

Lector: Tracy Kramer

EMHC: Linda Ripperda

Servers: Brooklyn Schreurs, Grady Ripperda, Trevor Smith

Gifts/Ushers: Bill & Karly Wiemers

Count Offering: Jeff Ripperda, Lyndsey Feucht

Homebound Comm & *Inwood- Linda Ripperda

April 23 - Sunday 10:30 am @ HN (1st Communion)

*Lector: Justin Christensen

EMHC: Bill Murphy

Servers: Mason Herbert, Thomas Herbert

Gifts/Ushers: Terry & Patty Tausz

**Communion to Homebound: Jim VW

Offertory: Terry & Patty Tausz, **Need Volunteer**

Brewery Night!

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith or wonder why we do certain things in the Catholic church? Bring your questions to the Rock River Brewery on Sunday, April 30 at TBD (time).

Enjoy the beverage of your choice and engage in Q & A conversation with other parishioners.

We hope you will join us! Reach out to Beth VanderZee with any questions about the event.



We are in the season of resurrection. As Christians we are a people of hope. God has given us great hope through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a people of hope we seek to give hope to those who are despairing and giving up on life. One of the ways we do this is through the Food Pantry. So many have been gracious and kind by donating food products. Here are some items we are low on as we head into spring.

- Cereals
- Pop Tarts
- Peanut Butter
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Instant potatoes
- Canned fruit
- Cream Soups
- Crackers

Holy Name

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)

April 30– Catholic Conversation at the Rock River Brewery– 5 pm

May 7– Senior Sunday (12th grade Youth Mass)
*breakfast & scholarship ceremony to follow Mass

⇒ Religious Education registration forms are available online and in the entryway of the church for the upcoming year. Early registration allows us to get curriculum ordered in a timely manner.

St. Mary

FFF

- *Wednesday, May 3 (6:30-8 pm) will be our last night for Family Faith Formation.*

CCD

- *Wednesday, April 19- (6:45 –8:00 pm)*
- *Wednesday, April 26– End of year celebration (Bowling Party)*
- *Sunday, May 7– Senior Sunday*

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.

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.

"Get the daily readings sent to your email each morning. Sign up for your free subscription from the USCCB here":





Holy Name Women:

Please plan to attend the **70th annual May Day Breakfast!**

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 9 am
Christian Church Disciples
 110 S. Greene St., Rock Rapids, IA
RSVP: ctelford@premieronline.net

HOLY NAME

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$2,910
Loose	\$179.75
Youth	\$45
Haiti	\$80
Good Samaritan	\$25
Holy Land	\$494.36
Retired/Infirmed Priests	\$908

ST. MARY

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$2,522
Loose	\$322.62
Youth	\$22
Building Fund	\$25
Haiti	\$345
Holy Land	\$685.25
Retired/Infirmed Priests	\$2,205

Together for Life



[The Call to Change](#)

In [Return: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation](#), Fr. John Burns reflects on the events of Palm Sunday

when Christ came to Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins out of love for us. How will you respond to the Lord's arrival in your heart this Holy Week and Easter?



[How to Change a Bad Habit Using the Habit Loop](#)

All of us come into marriage with good and bad habits. Some habits may be less disruptive or annoying than others. But, the reality is that we can and should work on changing those bad habits that negatively impact our relationship. Check out this habit- changing technique.



[Falling in Love](#)

In [Holy Grit: A Sainly Guide to Becoming a Man of Virtue](#), Paul George discusses how falling in love with his wife was easy, but staying in love required commitment and sacrifice. It might not be easy, but it is worth it!

*If you want to read the whole article go to <https://togetherforlifeonline.com> and click on articles.

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	\$5822	\$5797	28 families
St. Mary:	\$11,736	\$12,629	\$12,004	57 families



Our Special Intention Prayer List

St. Mary:

Sparky Blauwet
 Jason Snyders
 Eli Wolff Family

Abby Mogler
 Yvonne Poppens
 Special Intention

Ann Spaans
 Vince Gacke
 Jan Koch

People struggling with addictions

Holy Name:

Angie Grafin Garcia
 Russell Pedersen

Yvonne Barker
 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 if you haven't already.



Knight of the Month: Travis Johnson for being dependable help at the fish dinners.

Family of the Month: Jim Vander Woude family as Jim recovers from minor surgery over the next several weeks.