

**Holy Name Church**  
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## April 2, 2017 5th Sunday of Lent

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**Newcomers:** 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 weekend Masses

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

**CONFESSION IS IMPORTANT** and all Catholics are obliged to celebrate the Sacrament at least once/year. **We do not begin to grow in holiness until we honestly confront our sins and seek reconciliation with God.** Therefore, please note additional Lenten confession opportunities besides 1/2 hour before weekend masses, which may not be convenient for many.

Sunday, April 2	Rock Rapids 2:00 - 3:00 pm
Sunday, April 2	Rock Valley 3:30 - 4:15 pm
Tuesday, April 4	Rock Rapids 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Thursday, April 6	Larchwood 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 9	Larchwood 1:00 - 2:00 pm

**Other options:** Confession times at Holy Spirit, Sioux Falls are Wednesdays 7:30 am, Thursdays 5:45 pm, Fridays 7:30 am, Saturdays 3-4 pm; St. Catherine's, Luverne: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 pm

### **HOLY WEEK April 13-16 MASS SCHEDULE:**

Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm at SMRV  
Good Friday Liturgy: 12-noon at SML; 7:00 pm at HN  
Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm at SML  
Easter Sunday: 7:00 am SML, 9:00 am SMRV  
11:00 am HN



### **First Communion 2016**

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

St. Mary - 10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 23: Breakfast will be served after Mass at which time you may personally extend your congratulations to the students. Those who will be receiving First Communion are: Katherine Barrera, Blase Bruggeman, Lincoln Bruggeman, Chloe David, Olivia Froehlich, Reese Kramer, Kameron Linton, Kennedy Paulson, Brooke & Emma Poppens, Jacob Schemmel, Jacob Snyders, Will Warner.

Holy Name - 10:30 am, Sunday, April 30: There will be a basket in the main entrance at Holy Name if you'd like to give the students a card/gift. Those who will be receiving First Communion are: Mason Herbert, Parker Laleman, Lucy Konechne, Logan Koob, Egan Pedersen, and J.J. Vander Zee.

**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: Jill Roemen at St. Mary; Paul & Brooke Konechne at Holy Name.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday 4/3	HN 7:30 am	+Carl Selken (Fr. Jim)
Tuesday 4/4	SML 5:30 pm	+Sheila Arlt
Weds. 4/5	HN 7:30 am	Youth of our parish
Thursday 4/6	SML 8:00 am	+Ray Burkard
Friday 4/7	HN 7:30 am	+David Lawler
Saturday 4/8	SML 4:00 pm	+Carl & Donna Liechty +Gene DeSmet
Saturday 4/8	HN 6:00 pm	+Lorraine Kerns
Sunday 4/9	SML 10:30 am	Cluster

### **St. Mary, Rock Valley Mass:**

2nd & 4th Sundays 8:30 am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays 4:30 pm  
Spanish Mass 1:00 pm Sunday

**During Lent at Holy Name** weekday morning Masses begin with the Rosary at 7:15 a.m. and conclude with Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays.

**Stations of the Cross** at St. Mary Larchwood on Wednesday evenings through April 5 at 6:45 pm.

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

**St. Mary Funeral Schedule: St. Elizabeth Circle**  
Please contact Elaine Snyders (712-451-8534) or Shelly McCarty (712-451-8487) if you are able to donate food.

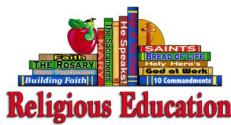
### **HN E.P.I.C YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL BAKE-OFF/AUCTION:**

This Sunday, April 2 following 8:30 mass. Freewill breakfast, auction, and cards for a cause fundraiser (\$30/box of 30 individually wrapped cards (that's only \$1/card!) with matching envelopes & a keepsake box! We look forward to seeing you! Funds raised support upcoming youth group camps and events.

**ST. MARY YOUTH FUNDRAISER** after 10:30 Mass next Sunday, April 9th. Freewill donation lunch. There will be a Silent Auction featuring great items and fun themed baskets. Auction items are set up in the Library at St. Mary for your viewing. **Take a peak and start bidding!** Be sure to invite your family and friends to attend the auction & lunch. All are welcome!

**TREE REMOVAL, HOLY NAME:** As mentioned last Fall, we plan to remove the large trees along the south parking lot for maintenance reasons (sidewalk heaving, leaves collecting on the flat church roof and up against the foundation). This work is scheduled for next Thursday, April 6. **ABLE BODIED MEN ARE NEEDED** to help clean up tree limbs, leaves, etc. starting at 4:00 pm. Come when you can; leave when you have to. Supper will be provided for workers.

**CARING FOR EACHOTHER:** We often hear about the birth of a baby, death of a loved one, a homebound individual with no one to help them, people who are ill, or the elderly in need of assistance. Hospitality committee volunteers at both parishes are available to support parishioners with various needs to let them know that they are cared for, thought of, and loved by their parish family. If you or someone you know is in need of our services contact Ashley Blauwet at 712-420-1649 or holymaryfamily@outlook.com. Also, we would love to expand our list of Hospitality volunteers. If you're interested, pick up a survey in the main entry and return it to Ashley Blauwet or the church office.



HN Dir. of Relig Ed grades 7-12: Paula Spykerboer 712-330-9416  
 SML Dir. of Relig Ed grades 7-12 & Youth Grp: Deb Blauwet 712-470-0453  
 Cluster FFF Coord. & HN Youth Grp Leader: Ashley Blauwet 712-420-1649

**SM FFF News:**

† **Next FFF: April 5, 6:45 pm Speaker: Deacon Jeff**

**Snacks:** (No snacks provided. Please donate money to Rice Bowl.) Jose & Maria Escamilla; Patrick & Jodi Froehlich, Kris & Tracy Kramer; Deric & Erica Kruse, Chris & Jessica Underberg

**April Charity of the Month:** Rice Bowl

**Prayers to Know for Next FFF class:**

3 yr -TK: Glory Be; K-6th: Grace Before Meals

† **All About the Family:** Please turn these in ASAP. **We don't have any for April 5th!**

† **Youth Mass for 5th & 6th Graders:** April 9th; need ushers/gift bearers.

**HN FFF News:**

† **Next FFF: Wed., April 26, 6:30 PM Fr. Bruce**

**Snacks:** Core Group

**Charities for Lent:** 40 Days for Life-Fill baby bottle w/change; Rice Bowl; Atlas Food Pantry box will be in main entry.

**HN EPIC Youth Group:**

† **April 2:** 9-12th Grade Bake-off/Auction following 8:30 Mass.

† **May 7:** Senior Sunday Mass & Youth Sunday Event

**Summer Camp Options:**

**Stuebenville:** Grades 9-12th, July 28-30; contact Youth Leader if interested. 35 spots available;

**D-Camp (Discipleship Camp-Diocese of Sioux Falls):**

For those entering 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Dates vary depending on grade level. [www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/)

**Camp Cayoca (Diocese of Sioux City):**

For those in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Dates vary depending on age <https://scdiocese.org/camp/>

**Catholic Youth Camp (Diocese of Des Moines):** Dates depend on ages; Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Register by 5/15 or pay \$20 late fee. <https://stmcenter.com/session-chart>

**Our Lord said to Saint Faustina: Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge, but as the Merciful Savior...**

Because of our faith in this promise, six members have volunteered to visit with those who are near death and their families as representatives of St. Mary Parish and recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will contact the family or the family may contact us. With the family's permission, two or three volunteers will come and recite the Chaplet for their loved one. We will come to their home, hospitals, care centers, etc. Contact one of these volunteers: Mariel Krier (477-2894), Marge Dominy (477-2315), Karen Viereck (477-2732), Deb Snyder (477-2794), Marsha Cronin (605-366-7684), Barb Sehr (477-2711), Nancy Roemen (477-2542). Fr. Bruce will keep a list and he may also be contacted.

**THE LAST KC LENTEN FISH FRY** for the year will be April 7th at the Larchwood Sports Center. All you can eat! Serving 5:30-7:30 p.m. Adults \$9, Children 10 & under \$5. Your support will help fund the Randy Bruggeman Memorial Scholarship Program as well as other charitable activities.

**EASTER LILIES:** Anyone wishing to 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 memorialize on the front of the envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. A list of the memorials received before April 13 will be published.

**THE NEXT PIVOTAL PLAYER** that helped shape our Catholic Faith is G.K. Chesterton. How does one engage a culture that is befuddled by Christ and suspicious of the Church? Come hear his story at our next Cluster Adult Lenten Ed session on Thursday evening, 7:00 PM at St Mary.

**BEAUTIFUL, HANDMADE ROSARIES** for sale: Maria Escamilla (SML parishioner) is selling handmade rosaries for \$25/each. These would make wonderful gifts for those receiving 1st communion. Please contact Ashley Blauwet at 712-420-1649 if you're interested.

**PRACTICE FOR RECEIVING COMMUNION** follows Mass every weekend for those students who will be receiving their First Communion in April. Please remain for a few minutes at either parish.

**OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER** for Rachel Simons, daughter of Randy and Laura Simons, Saturday, April 8, 10-11 am, at St. Mary Parish Hall. Rachel and Quyn Maassen will be married at St. Mary on May 6th. The couple is registered at Kohl's and Target.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to help Mary Herbst celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at an Open House in her honor this Sunday, April 2, 2-4:00 in the SML parish hall. Happy Birthday Mary!

*thank you!*

**to the volunteers from St. Mary who helped prepare and/or serve the evening meal at The Banquet last week. They are:**

Deb Blauwet, Dorothy Blauwet, Jesse & Kael Blauwet, Josh, Lyndsey, Lillian & Olivia Feucht, Jeff & Trudy Gallagher, LaDonna Hamann, Tony Kerkvliet, Tim, Sue & Nick Lund, Al Nelson, Stacia Poppens, Kristie Steen

**Thank you to Deb Blauwet for spearheading this opportunity for service to the less fortunate in our midst!**

**Our Special Intention Prayer List**

<b>St. Mary:</b>	Declan Sanchez	Paul Reinke
Cletus Gacke	Paul Kelly	Jerry Viereck
Don Bontje	Jack Bontje	Angela Hazel
Vicki Hassebroek	Sherie Jensen	Sharon Scholten
Deb Even	Ed Oliver	Leonard Kaskie
Jolene Bos	Maribell Nelson	Matt Schreurs
Special Intention	Nick Snyder family	
<b>Holy Name:</b>	Haley Vogel	Bertrand Twins
Lacey Pressler	Craig Anderson	Melissa Moser
Mat Timmer	Arlys Nagel	Helen Roemen
J.R. Abshire	Jim Haberkorn	Lawrence Lupkes
Dianne Vogel	CL Spanish Club as they travel to Spain	
	All those who don't yet believe	

**Weekly Offering**

Since there are several Lenten Special Collections we will not take up a second collection for Haiti in April. However, you are encouraged to still use the envelopes found in your packets. Envelopes for Holy Name parishioners are in the main entry.

**Holy Name:**

General: \$1145  
 Youth: \$11.21  
 Loose: \$1.25  
 Good Samaritan: \$20  
 Catholic Relief Svcs: \$351

**St. Mary**

General: \$3473  
 Youth: \$23.55  
 Loose: \$132  
 Haiti: \$205  
 Catholic Relief Svcs: \$485  
 Seasonal Flowers: \$100