

Holy Name Church
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April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

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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.

HOLY WEEK: IT'S ONLY A NAME . . .

Much to our shame
It serves nothing
For our spiritual gain. . . .
If we don't make it HOLY by our participation.

Holy Week is not Spring Break or Vacation Time.
It's religious celebration time, our high holy days.

The heart of Holy Week is the Triduum ("3 days"): Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (Rock Valley at 7 PM; foot washing open to all!!!), Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion (two chances: Larchwood at 12:00 NOON and Rock Rapids at 7:00 PM) and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil (Larchwood, at a new and improved starting time, 7:30 PM).

Holy Thursday: foot washing is open to all! If you have never done it, now is the time! Do it as an act of humility . . . or come and watch others be humble . . . Little Rice Bowls can be brought to church and placed in the big Rice Bowl on this night when we take up a collection for the poor and celebrate the Gift of the Eucharist.

Good Friday: Lent and the Lenten fast end at sunset on Thursday, but then the Paschal Fast begins. Fasting (1 regular meal, 2 smaller; no snacks for those 18-59) and abstinence (for all over 14, as all Fridays of Lent and other Fridays of the year unless you choose another act of self-denial) are required. The "Paschal Fast" can be extended into Holy Saturday (the ancient tradition). Sadly, many businesses do not bother to close any more on Good Friday, but a noon service in Larchwood lets you fit it into your lunch hour, or you can make a road trip and travel to Rock Rapids. Special Collection on Good Friday for the Holy Land.

Holy Saturday: the Easter Vigil does fulfill your Sunday obligation, and is the highlight of the Church year. It is supposed to start after dark, but again this year we cheat a little, rearrange a little, and start at 7:30!!! With Easter Sunday Mass at 7:00 AM in Larchwood, it would seem a good alternative

WE WELCOME 2 new members of the Church on Holy Saturday. Katie Blauwet from St. Mary, Larchwood and Heather Rosewall from St. Mary Rock Valley will be Confirmed in the Catholic faith and receive first Communion. Come and celebrate with them!



Holy Week

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday	4/10	No Mass	
Tuesday	4/11	SML 5:30 pm	+Fran Honrath
Weds.	4/12	HN 7:30 am	+Vince Schleusner
Thursday	4/13	SMRV 7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass at SMRV
Friday	4/14	SML 12-noon	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Friday	4/14	HN 7:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	4/15	SML 7:30 pm	+Bob, Alan, & Knox Lewis
Sunday	4/16	SML 7:00 am	Cluster +Joan Wiering
	4/16	SMRV 9:00 am	at SMRV
	4/16	HN 11:00 am	Melissa Moser

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.

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.

ST. MARY YOUTH FUNDRAISER after 10:30 Mass this Sunday, April 9th. Freewill donation lunch. There will be a Silent Auction featuring great items and fun themed baskets. Proceeds benefit youth activities at St. Mary. All are welcome!

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). The Novena is a popular devotion for many, and pamphlets with all the info you need are found near the exits!

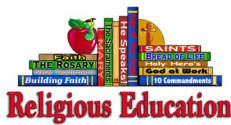
ONE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION besides the usual 1/2 hour before weekend masses will be this Sunday, April 9, 1:00-2:00 pm at St. Mary in Larchwood.

HELP! PLEASE! Your generosity is appreciated on Easter for the RETIRED AND INFIRM PRIESTS of our Diocese. This will be a second collection after communion; envelopes are in your packets. See the information attached to the bulletin. Last year SM Larchwood donated \$1758; HN Rock Rapids donated \$1184. We hope to do as well or better this year. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: SML is looking for an individual to take over the role of hospitality coordinator. If you're interested in what this would entail, please contact Ashley Blauwet (712)420-1649. During the interim, please contact Ashley if you or someone you know could benefit from the volunteers on the hospitality committee. Thanks!



EASTER EGG HUNT
at Holy Name & St. Mary
after Mass on Easter Sunday



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:

- † **Core Group: Saturday, April 15, 8:30-10 AM**
- † **Next FFF: May 3 6:45 pm* Note Date** (dates on announcement sheets provided at FFF are incorrect)
Core Group provides food for the night
Lenten Charity of the Month: Rice Bowl
- † **All About the Family:** Please turn these in ASAP. **We don't have any for May!**
- † **1st Communion Practice:** Sat., April 22 @ 1 PM* **note time change**
- † **1st Communion:** Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 AM

HN FFF News:

- † **Core Group: This Monday, April 10, 6:30-8 PM**
- † **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.
- † **1st Communion Practice:** Wed., April 26 during FFF
- † **1st Communion:** Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 AM

HN EPIC Youth Group:

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

Summer Camp Options:

Steubenville: 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 7-12th grades. Dates vary depending on grade level. www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/

Camp Cayoca (Diocese of Sioux City):

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

Catholic Youth Camp (Diocese of Des Moines):

Dates depend on ages; Grades: 3rd-12th Register by 5/15 or pay \$20 late fee. <https://stmcenter.com/session-chart>

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, CONCERNS, etc. for the newly formed Cluster Council please contact Fr. Bruce, Deacon Jeff Gallagher or one of the following council members: **Holy Name Reps:** Ashley Blauwet, Jackie McCarty, Annie McMahan, Mariann Roemen, Paula Spykerboer, Beth Vander Zee; **St. Mary Reps:** Deb Blauwet, Trudy Gallagher, Shelly McCarty, Sarah Mullinix, Mark Roemen, Virginia Scannell, David Schonhardt

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. A list of the memorials received before April 13 will be published.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be cleaning ditches on Tuesday, April 18th. Meet at Shorty Blauwet's shed at 5:30. Meal and meeting to follow at Shorty's.

THE NEXT PIVOTAL PLAYER that helped shape our Catholic Faith is Michelangelo. The master of sculpture and painting is not a saint but serves as the privileged representative of the creative potential created by the Catholic Faith. Come hear his story at our next Cluster Adult Ed session on Thursday evening, April 20, 7 PM at Holy Name. **(No Adult Ed during Holy Week)**

HOLY NAME ST. CATHERINE'S SOCIETY meeting at the home of Kandi Koll on Wednesday, April 19th, 5:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend!

CARDS FOR A CAUSE FUNDRAISER: The HN E.P.I.C Youth Group has boxes of handcrafted, individually wrapped, unique greeting cards for sale for \$30/box. The cost includes a decorative box to keep the cards in, and 30 greeting cards (\$1/card!). We have 4 options to choose from (All Occasion Box 1, All Occasion Box 2, Thanks & Blanks, & The Kids' Birthday Box). Please contact Ashley Blauwet (712-420-1649) if you would like to place an order.

With thanks....

Thank to St. Mary's church for serving supper on March 21st. Your group served 333 adults and 32 children. The guests of The Banquet are grateful for your ongoing support. God Bless!

The Banquet

The Holy Name E.P.I.C. Youth Group would like to thank everyone who supported our annual bake-off auction and fundraiser last Sunday. We had a record-breaking attendance and raised just over \$3,200! Your donations will be used for student camps/retreats, field trips, fun activities throughout the year, and to bless others through upcoming service projects, such as Kids Against Hunger & Mary's Choice, to name a couple. Thank you for helping our young people grow in their faith by donating to our youth group.

Ashley Blauwet, Youth Group Leader

A huge THANK YOU to the Holy Mary Cluster members for attending the 2017 Friday night fish dinners during Lent! Your support contributed to another successful year for this project. Proceeds will be used to continue the Randy Bruggeman Memorial Scholarship fund as well as other charitable activities. Also, thank you to all the Knights who helped to prepare, serve, and clean up at each dinner. The efforts of the workers were instrumental in the success of this annual project.

Ted Cramer, Grand Knight

Our Special Intention Prayer List

St. Mary:	Declan Sanchez	Paul Reinke
Paul Kelly	Jerry Viereck	Catherine Schonhardt
Don Bontje	Jack Bontje	Angela Hazel
Vicki Hassebroek	Cherie Jensen	Sharon Scholten
Deb Even	Leonard Kaskie	Kay Munce
Jolene Bos	Maribel Nelson	Matt Schreurs
Shirley Copple	Special Intentions	Nick Snyder family
Holy Name:	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	Those suffering from anxiety	

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: \$1880
 Youth: \$26.30
 Loose: \$88
 Good Samaritan: \$70
 Building Fund: \$25

St. Mary

General: \$3151
 Youth: \$15.60
 Loose: \$229
 Haiti: \$171
 Catholic Relief Svcs: \$120
 Seasonal Flowers: \$145