

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday 5:00 PM May 1	Sunday 8:30 AM May 2	Sunday 10:30 AM May 2
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Fr. Kelly Susan Sundlin	Fr. Kelly John Huigens	Fr. Kelly Brian Koppen
Lectors	Dave Hansen	Josh Zigrang	Catherine Straus
Altar Servers	Kaleb Lee Noah Lee		Emma Straus Wesley Walz
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Carney	Ron Crowley Andrew Vortherms	Kim Kirschbaum Michella Koppen
Music Ministers	Charlene Hamann Laura Hanna	Donna Williams Shauna Donovan	Angela Olsen Shauna Donovan
Videographer	Linda Hansen		

Liturgies and Events This Week

Monday, April 26 No Mass	Wednesday, April 28 12:00 Noon Mass	Thursday, April 29 7:30 AM Mass	Saturday, May 1 5:00 PM Mass
Tuesday, April 27 5:30 PM Mass +Dr. Amy Rupiper Taggart	12:30-4:00 Adoration +Dienne Rodawig	+Joe & Dora Rooney Friday, April 30 12:00 Noon Mass +Jack & Emma Garvey	+Kellen & Hansen Mothers Sunday, May 2 8:30 AM Mass +Charree Sweeten 10:30 AM Mass +L.&D. of St. Mary's

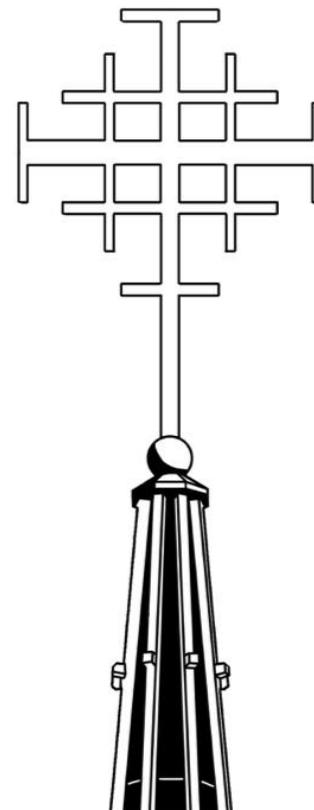
The sanctuary lamp burns this week for our nation.

Stewardship for April 18, 2021

Adults: \$5,913.00
Online: \$ 821.00
Guatemala: \$536.21
Special: Retired Priests \$375.00

You can give beyond your life through a bequest to St. Mary's in your will!

St. Mary's Parish



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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Baptism – Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.

Marriage – Contact the office at least six months before date of wedding.

Confessions – Wednesday 3:30PM, Saturday 4:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM.

Eucharistic Adoration – Wednesday 12:30PM – 4:00PM.

Celebrating the Month of Mary

St. Mary's will pay tribute to our parish patron saint, Mary the Mother of God, in two services in May. Sunday May 2nd at the 10:30 Mass, this year's first communion students will place flowers at Mary's statue. All of them are invited to wear their first communion attire and join in the event. Additionally, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) will be leading a May crowning on Tuesday, May 4th at 5:15, just before 5:30 Mass that day. Please join in these special events.

St. Mary's Gigantic Garage Sale

With the nice weather comes spring cleaning! As you find treasures you no longer want, please consider donating them to St. Mary's Gigantic Garage Sale! Remember, items NOT to bring are: TV's, computers, large appliances, microwaves, portable phones, mattresses or box springs, electronics or large exercise equipment. We can accept donated items in any of the classrooms, beginning May 1st. Mark your calendars for the sale-it's held June 10-12.

Walmart Food Pick-up

During the month of May St. Mary's has agreed to do the Upper Des Moines food pick-up. Starting May 3rd on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00AM please be at Wal-Mart for the food and bring it to Upper Des Moines. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex along with the instructions. Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthwhile cause for our community.

St. Mary's Liturgies

With more restrictions being lifted and more of our members coming back, we are in need of you to help fill our ministry duties. If you were in the past or are interested in helping out at our Masses such as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, servers, lectors or cantors, please call the office and we will be more than happy to add you to the schedule.

Religious Education Celebration and Closing Prayer Service Planned

It has been a wild year for our religious education program, and we want to thank God for getting us through it! Next Wednesday, April 28th, will be our final meeting for RE. We are hosting a brief prayer service and closing beginning at 6:00PM. This is for ALL ages of students! After the service, we will have a celebratory drive-through hamburger and hot dog meal for anyone who wishes to join! Families are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets so we can picnic outside on the church lawn together. If the weather is bad, families can take the meal to go. This is open to all parishioners, not just those who have students in the program. We DO need everyone to call the church and let us know how many meals will be needed. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 27th at noon.

Get Signed Up for the Birthday Bash Vacation Bible School

It's here! Registration for St. Mary's VBS is now open! Students currently age 4 (pre-school) through 6th grade are welcome to participate. VBS will run June 21-25 from 8-12 noon each day. Pick up a registration form in the back of church! We need YOU to help make VBS a success! Teachers, helpers, childcare helpers, and station leaders are all needed to make VBS week extra special. We still need your help even if it is for a day or two! Volunteer sign-up is in the narthex of the church. Call Mary Brandt for more information.

Our VBS Program Needs You!

This summer we will celebrate LIFE at our Vacation Bible School week, which will be held June 21-25 from 8-12 each day. We need 35 volunteers to make this amazing week come to life. Will you join our VBS Team? See the sheet in the back of the church with job descriptions. Can't be there to help in person? We are looking for folks to help with decorating, and other tasks that can be done any time at home or in church. High school and college students are encouraged to volunteer, too! Call Mary if you have any questions!

Middle School Bible Study

Middle school students in grades 6-8 are invited to join together for a bible study on Sundays at 11:15. We will be using ENCOUNTER, a series designed specifically for middle school students. We will meet April 25 and May 2. This study includes a workbook that students will be able to keep.

Celebrate the Easter Season with FORMED

Don't forget that St. Mary's has thousands of amazing Catholic podcasts, documentaries and feature films for all ages to enjoy. The best part is that these resources are free and can be accessed anywhere! If you haven't enjoyed FORMED before, it's easy to create an account and get started. Simply log into FORMED.org and use our parish code to access your free account. St. Mary's parish code is N2MPXZ.

Stay Updated with the MyParish App

It's a great time to enjoy all the resources available to you through the MyParish App! Daily reflections, the Rosary, diocesan announcements and a host of other features keep parish information at your fingertips! Find it in the App Store for download and then find St. Mary's, Spirit Lake to keep up to date.

Covid Related Changes for Church

According to the diocesan instructions, churches can open up all pews for seating beginning on Palm Sunday. Thus we have removed the ribbons that had been on every other pew throughout the church, except in the area directly south of the altar, which will continue to have ribbons on every other pew for those who prefer a bit more spacing when they come to mass. Also, beginning on Palm Sunday, the priest can process in from the back and servers are allowed.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the Prayer Request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

Mother Teresa Meditation

Every Act of Love is a Prayer

It is not how much you do but how much love you put into the doing and sharing with others that is important. Try not to judge people. If you judge others then you are not giving love.

