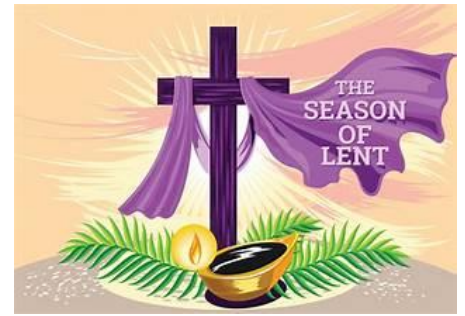


Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church & St. Patrick Catholic Church



March 22, 2026, 2025 – “Passiontide” and “Covering of Images & Statues”

You may notice that the Crucifix and/or some statues or images have been covered. The Roman Missal states: “... the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Why? Because starting the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we have entered into a period of time known as “Passiontide,” that is, the period of heightened anticipation as we approach “Passion Week,” more commonly known as “Holy Week.”

The idea of veiling or “hiding” images of Christ (and other images of Saints and Angels) comes from a verse in the Gospel of John. While Jesus was in Jerusalem tensions heightened between Jesus and his opponents who wanted to kill him and, “...they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area,” (John 8:59). While the Gospel narrative is moving towards the climax of Christ’s Passion, “His hour has not yet come” (John 7:30). Thus, the veiling evokes for us Jesus making Himself scarce, and hiding Himself until He is made very visible at the time of His Passion and Death on the Cross.

The veiling of images during this time, especially during Passion Week or Holy Week is also meant to focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

But this veiling of images, of course, is not meant to last forever. Easter is then the great “revealing,” the great “unveiling” when Christ is revealed again triumphant in the full force of His Beauty and Glory! Easter reminds us that one day the great veil of our exile from our heavenly homeland and the veil of death will be lifted. It reminds us of the tearing of the Temple veil, revealing that God’s inner life and holiness is now opened to us, and we are drawn up into the heavenly holy of holies, because of the Triumphant work and victory of Christ!

Peace,
-Fr. Kevin

PS: Next Sunday, being Palm Sunday, a reminder to bring

- 1) Your Rice Bowls for our Lenten giving and
- 2) Old Palms from last year to be burned in the Easter Fire (ashes from which will be used for Ash Wednesday)

22 de marzo, 2026 – “Las Últimas Dos Semanas Antes de la Pascua” y “Cubrir Imágenes y Estatuas”

Habrás notado que el Crucifijo y/u otras estatuas o imágenes han estado cubiertas. El Misal Romano declara: “... se observará la práctica de cubrir cruces e imágenes a través de la iglesia desde el [quinto] domingo [de Cuaresma]. Las cruces permanecerán cubiertas hasta el final de la Celebración de la Pasión de Cristo, el Viernes Santo, pero las imágenes permanecen cubiertas hasta el comienzo de la Vigilia de Pascua.” ¿Por qué? Porque a partir del Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, hemos entrado en un período de tiempo conocido como “Passiontide” (las últimas dos semanas antes de la Pascua) que es, el período de mayor anticipación al acercarnos a la “Semana de la Pasión,” más bien conocida como “Semana Santa.” La idea de velar u “ocultar” imágenes de Cristo (y otras imágenes de Santos y Ángeles) viene del verso en el Evangelio de Juan. Mientras Jesús estaba en Jerusalén, las tensiones aumentaban entre Jesús y sus oponentes que querían asesinarlo y, “...Tomaron entonces piedras para arrojárselas; pero Jesús se escondió y salió del templo,” (Juan 8:59). Mientras la narrativa del Evangelio se acerca hacia el clímax de la Pasión de Cristo, “Su hora aún no había llegado” (Juan 7:30). Por lo tanto, cubrir las imágenes nos evoca a Jesús volviéndose ajeno y ocultándose hasta que sea muy visible en el momento de Su Pasión y Muerte en la Cruz.

Velar las imágenes durante este tiempo, especialmente durante la Semana de la Pasión o Semana Santa, también pretende enfocar nuestra atención a las palabras relatadas en la Misa. Cuando oímos la narrativa de la Pasión, nuestros sentidos nos permiten enfocarnos en las impactantes palabras del Evangelio y a entrar por completo en la escena.

Pero este velo de las imágenes, por su puesto, no está destinado a durar para siempre. La Pascua es entonces la gran “revelación,” ese gran “descubrimiento,” cuando Cristo se revela nuevamente triunfante ¡con toda fuerza en Su Belleza y Gloria! La Pascua nos recuerda que el gran velo de nuestro exilio desde nuestra patria celestial y el velo de la muerte se levantará. Nos recuerda del desgarrar del velo del templo, revelando que la vida interior y la santidad de Dios ahora están abiertas para nosotros, y somos arrastrados al lugar santísimo celestial, ¡debido a la obra Triunfante y victoria de Cristo!

Paz,
Padre Kevin

El próximo domingo, Domingo de Ramos, les recordamos que traigan:

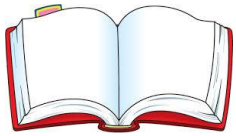
- 1) Sus tazones de nuestras ofrendas de Cuaresma (apoyar “Catholic Relief Services) y
- 2) Palmas viejas del año pasado para quemarlas en el Fuego Pascual (cuyas cenizas se usarán para el Miércoles de Ceniza).

St. Mary

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stmaryspatrick@gmail.com

NO Coffee and Rolls April 5

Book Club



Read and discuss
April 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Small Mercies

by Dennis LeHane

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

St. Mary Men's Faith Sharing

Wednesdays at 7:30 AM beginning

February 25th through Wednesday April 1st Come as you are. No preparation required Contact Jeff Frazier with ANY questions Cell 641-740-7756

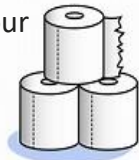
FOOD DRIVE FOR LENT

The sixth-seventh grade classes are doing a food drive for the Ackley Food Pantry. Their goal is: 65 rolls of toilet paper, 30 gallons of oil and 30 pounds

of sugar. Please leave your

donations

in the basket at the
back of church..



Thank you to everyone who brought egg cartons....
The food pantry is well stocked as of now!

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Adult Envelopes \$510

Offertory \$206

CCD \$100

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Liturgical Ministers

March 29 – Palm Sunday

Lector: Doug Lindaman, Cindy Richtsmeier,
Denise Sprain

Ushers: Levi Harms, Alex Harms, Bob Burkle,
Kurt Sperflage

Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Schipper,
Mary Schumacher

Money Counters: Scott O'Brien, Judy Geiken

Altar Servers: Jace Harms, Nora Fistler

Sacristan: Linda Sudtelgte

Please remember to find your own replacements

Rosary in Spanish on
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

**Stations of the Cross and Lenten meal
will be Fridays during Lent**

Stations will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the meal.
Everyone is welcome!

Stations in Spanish will be held at 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to lead the Stations or serve a meal, let Jolene know!

Free wooden ladders

St. Mary's has a few wooden ladders... free for the taking – pick-up beside the parish garage

"Decide that your part, however small, will not be left undone. Decide to light a candle rather than curse the darkness. Decide to collaborate with God to create Holy Moments."

Matthew Kelly

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

St. Patrick

1405 N. Federal, Hampton 641-456-4857
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
dbq097sec@dbqarch.org

Liturgical Ministries

March 29th, 2026 - Marzo 29th, 2026
PALM SUNDAY

Mass—March 29, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Dawn Collins

Ushers: April Schoning, Phil O'Connor

Eucharistic Jose & Maria Alonzo

Money Counters: Millicent Fielding, Sue Basye

Altar Servers: Ryne & Teegan Magner, Kael Sullivin

Sacristan: Judy Nelson

Linens: Judy Nelson

Spanish Mass— Marzo 29, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lectors: Elbia Troches, Blas Gonzalez

Ministros de Eucarísticos: Jacqueline Cornejo, Anabel Ramirez

Contador es de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Gabriela Garcia

Monaguillo: Gabriela Garza, Ayleen Rodriguez, Dulce

Contreras

Sacristan: TBD

You are responsible to find your own replacement.

Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

Happenings Week of March 22nd

Tuesday/ Martes March 24th / Marzo 24th

8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles – March 25th / Marzo 25th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)

6:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves – March 26th/ Marzo 26th

1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts – Social Hall

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross - English

5:30 PM MASS

Adoration 6:00 PM

Friday / Viernes – March 27th / Marzo 27th

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross - Spanish

Sunday/ Domingo March 29th/ Marzo 29th

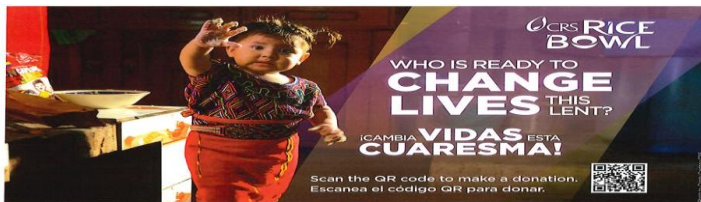
10:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass Spanish

EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to donate for the purchase of Easter flowers for the Alter, please contact the Parish Office or fill out the envelope provided at the back of the church.



crsricebowl.org/solidarity | crsolatodearroz.org/solidaridad

Please start returning the rice bowls during Holy Week!

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2026

REGULAR	\$ 914.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 177.00

Give On-Line at www.franklinhardincatholic.org online-giving.
Dona en línea para www.franklinhardincatholic.org donaciones en línea.



Monday March 30th

8:30 am Daily Mass St. Mary

Tuesday March 31st

8:30 am No Daily Mass

2:00 pm Chrism Mass Dubuque

Wednesday April 1st

8:30 am Daily Mass St. Mary

Holy Thursday April 2nd

6:00 pm Mass St Patrick Bilingual

Good Friday April 3rd

12:00 pm Ecumenical -

Way of the Cross St. Mary

6:00 pm Mass St. Mary

Holy Saturday April 4th

8:30 pm St. Patrick - Bilingual

Easter Sunday

8:00 am St. Mary

10:30 am St. Patrick

5:30 pm St. Patrick - Spanish

**ST. PATRICK
HAMPTON
&
ST. MARY
ACKLEY**

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY & our PATRON SAINT



This Sunday, March 22nd AFTER MASS
Bring something to Share!



Operation Rice Bowl

LENTEN PLAY March 25

The preschool – 6th graders at St. Patrick will perform a Lenten play March 25. The evening will begin with supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by the play. Everyone is welcome!

Communal Reconciliation
• March 25
St. Mary at 4:30 p.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We are looking to expand our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriiums. If you would be interested in taking the training or have some questions let Father or Jolene know.

TV installation

Thank you to Jack Kangley and Chad Collins for installing the TV. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Pray for...



Darwin Wikert, Janet Kurth

Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:
St. Mary, Ackley:
Jolene Harms at stmaryspatrick@gmail.com
St. Patrick, Hampton:
Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com

Journey in Faith: Hope for Renewal

Journey in Faith: Councils, Commissions, and Committees

The Archdiocese of Dubuque continues its *Journey in Faith*—a process of renewal and planning to strengthen Catholic life across northeast Iowa. As part of the preparation for pastorate life in July 2026, our parish staff has been meeting weekly to participate in a "prep series" presented by the archdiocese. Each week the prep series focuses on a specific topic. A recent topic was councils, commissions, and committees.

In addition to parish pastoral councils and parish finance councils, there will be pastorate-level commissions in each of these areas. The pastorate pastoral commission and pastorate finance commission will have representation from all parishes within a pastorate.

Parish-level councils will remain focused on items directly related to each parish. Pastorate-level commissions will focus on working together as a pastorate, including the creation and championing of the pastorate implementation plan to be developed this fall. Current parish pastoral council and parish finance council members will learn more at their upcoming meetings.



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Franciscans of the Eucharist
St. Mary

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Edward Ibeling St. Patrick

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Oliver & Wanda Earleywine
St. Mary

Thursday, March 26

5:30 p.m. William Earleywine St. Patrick

Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Mary Harrenstein St. Mary
10:30 a.m. For the people St. Patrick
5:30 p.m. For the Souls of Purgatory
St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream

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