

St. Mary
Catholic Church
St. Patrick
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PALM SUNDAY

March 29
2026

March 29, 2026 – HOLY WEEK!

This is HOLY WEEK! This the highest, holiest, and most solemn celebration of the entire Church year. It is our religious “Super Bowl” if you will. The Sacred “Triduum” (The Liturgy including Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), is my favorite moments of the year. Because it is a time filled and rich with symbols, and tangible experiences that draw us into this climactic work of Christ and the Mystery of God: The washing of the feet, the procession with the Eucharist, the stripping of the altar, the solemn intercessions, the veneration of the cross; and then my favorite moment: the Liturgy of light at Easter Vigil; the tangible experience of Christ’s light breaking into darkness, when the Paschal Candle enters the totally dark church, and we all draw our light from Christ’s Light.

There is something very powerful and meaningful for us to gather as Church, as the physically gathered Mystical Body of Christ to celebrate and be drawn into the climax of the liturgical year, in the profound experience of the Paschal Mystery.

I know there are many things that make demand on our time, but I strongly encourage you to take some time to prayerfully enter into this Holy Week.

Perhaps try cutting out unnecessary distractions this week: maybe intentionally minimize your screen time, TV, social media, etc. Or if you do watch a movie this week, watch a religious one (About a Saint, or about Jesus). I would highly recommend the free TV show, “The Chosen” about the twelve Apostles hearing their call to follow Jesus.

And make some time for prayer. I strongly encourage you to attend all three of our “Triduum Service” (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter (whether Easter Vigil on Saturday or Easter Sunday).

The schedule of services this week:

Holy Thursday will be at 6:00pm at St. Patrick’s in Hampton

Good Friday will be at 6:00pm at St. Mary’s in Ackley

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) will be at 8:30pm at St. Patrick’s in Hampton.

I especially want to strongly encourage and invite you all to attend Easter Vigil. I know it’s a late service and a long service but it really is the climax of our liturgical year, to really experience Christ’s Resurrection as the light in our darkness, the living waters, and the Saving Word of God.

Also, at the end of Easter Vigil there will likely be a little bit of sweet and tasty dessert! We will have a little party with food at the end of Easter Vigil, to celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection!

(And if you attend Saturday night, that counts as your Easter Mass)

Easter Sunday services will be at our normal Sunday Mass times.

Peace,
-Fr. Kevin

29 de marzo – ¡SEMANA SANTA!

¡Es SEMANA SANTA! Es celebración eclesial más grande, sagrada y solemne de todo el año. Es nuestro “Super Tazon” religioso, por así decirlo. El Sagrado Triduo Pascual – la liturgia del Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y la Vigilia de Pascua – son mis momentos favoritos del año; ya que están llenos y ricos en símbolos, y de experiencias tangibles que nos llevan a la obra climática de Cristo y del Misterio de Dios: el Lavatorio de los Pies, la procesión con la Eucaristía, el develo del altar, las intercesiones solemnes, la adoración de la cruz; y luego, mi momento favorito, la iluminación del cirio en la Misa de la Vigilia Pascual. Como la experiencia tangible de la luz de Cristo irrumpiendo en la oscuridad, cuando el Cirio Pascual entra en una iglesia totalmente oscura, y todos encendemos nuestra luz desde la Luz de Cristo. Hay algo muy poderoso y significativo al reunirnos como Iglesia, cuando el Cuerpo Místico de Cristo se reúne físicamente para celebrar y para llevarnos al clímax del año litúrgico, en la experiencia profunda del Misterio Pascual.

Sé que hay muchas cosas que exigen de nuestro tiempo, pero les recomiendo encarecidamente que se tomen un tiempo para entrar en oración esta Semana Santa. Podrían tratar de eliminar las distracciones innecesarias esta semana: quizá minimizando intencionalmente el tiempo que pasas frente a la pantalla (TV, social media, etc.). O si ves alguna película esta semana, ve una religiosa (sobre un Santo o sobre Jesús). Les recomiendo mucho el programa de televisión gratuito “The Chosen” [Los elegidos], que trata sobre los doce Apóstoles escuchando el llamado a seguir a Jesús. Y deja tiempo para la oración. Les recomiendo encarecidamente que asistan a nuestros tres servicios del “Triduo Pascual” – Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Misa de Pascua (ya sea la Vigilia Pascual del sábado, o la Misa de Domingo de Resurrección).

El horario de los servicios de esta semana es el siguiente:

Jueves Santo – 6 p.m. en San Patricio, Hampton

Viernes Santo – 6 p.m. en Sta. María, Ackley

Sábado Santo (Vigilia Pascual) – 8:30 p.m. en San Patricio, Hampton.

Quiero alentarlos e invitarlos especialmente a que asistan a la Vigilia Pascual. Sé que es un servicio largo y es tarde, pero en realidad es el clímax de nuestro Año Litúrgico, donde realmente experimentamos la Resurrección de Cristo como la luz en nuestra oscuridad, las aguas vivientes, y la Palabra Salvadora de Dios. También, al final de la Vigilia Pascual, lo más probable es que haya ¡un rico y dulce postre! Tendremos una pequeña fiesta con comida al final de la Vigilia Pascual para celebrar ¡la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor! (Y si asistes a la Misa del sábado, cuenta como la Misa de Pascua).

Los servicios del Domingo de Pascua serán al mismo horario que nuestras misas dominicales.

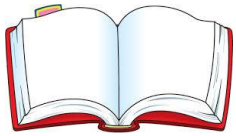
Paz,
– Padre Kevin

St. Mary

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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..



OLD PALMS leave your old palms on the table at the back of church.

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Adult Envelopes \$1335

Offertory \$115

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Liturgical Ministers

April 3 – Good Friday

Lectors: Scott O'Brien, Cindy Richtsmeier
Sacristan: Jodi Uthe
Ushers: Richard Bloom, Bob Burkle,
Mark Uthe, Jim Brandt

April 5 – Easter Sunday

Lectors: Rosie Lindaman, Scott O'Brien
Ushers: Mark Uthe, Mike Bonewitz,
Richard Bloom, Angel Vera
Eucharistic Ministers: Jessica Schipper,
Mary Schumacher
Money Counters: Kaitlyn Porter, Marilyn O'Brien
Altar Servers: Lucas Mausser, Alex Harms
Sacristan: Jodi Uthe

Please remember to find your own replacements

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

Everyone is welcome!

St. Mary's will host the Ecumenical
Good Friday Service
Stations of the Cross
April 3 at Noon

Everyone in the community is invited.
There will be a soup luncheon following.

"What is hope? It is the belief that good things lay ahead. It is a combination of desire and expectation. It is the confidence that something wonderful is possible."

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

April 5th, 2026 -Abril 5th, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY

Mass—April 5th 2026 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Denielle Conlon
Ushers: Greg Cavazos, Ryne Magner
Eucharistic Dean & Samantha Markwardt
Money Counters: Madonna Weiland, Margy Suter
Altar Servers: James & Joseph Conlon, Kael Sullivan
Sacristan: April Schoning
Linens: Sue Basye

Spanish Mass— Abril 5th, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lectors: Esther Garcia, Maria Ramirez
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Esther Espinoza, Rafael Garcia
Contador es de Dinero: Margarita Rincon, Blas Gonzalez
Monaguillo: Justin Guillen, Ariste Ramirez, Liam Rodriguez
Sacristan: TBD

**You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.**

Happenings Week of March 29th

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday/ Martes March 31st / Marzo 31st

No Mass (Chrism Mass – Dubuque)
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/ Miercoles – April 1 / Abril 1st

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos
(Social Hall)
6:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday/ Jueves – April 2nd/ Abril 2nd

Holy Thursday
1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts – Social Hall
6:00 PM Mass – Bilingual

Friday / Viernes – April 3rd/ Abril 3rd

Good Friday Mass at St. Mary Ackley 6:00 PM

Saturday/ April 4th/ Abril 4th

Holy Saturday
8:30 PM Mass

Sunday/ Domingo April 5th/ Abril 5th

EASTER SUNDAY

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.

STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2026

REGULAR	\$ 1,492.00
OFFERTORY	\$ 445.00

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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

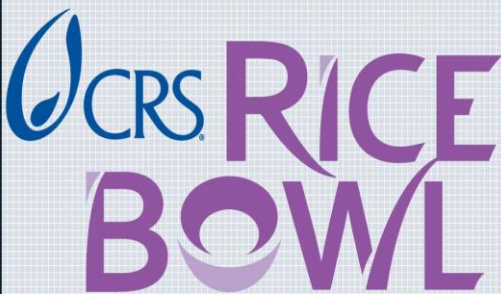
Holy Thursday April 2nd
6:00 pm Mass St Patrick Bilingual

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**



During the Lenten season our parish is participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Program to help alleviate poverty and world hunger. CRS is currently providing aide to over 200 million people around the globe as well as in our local diocese, many of whom are suffering life threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition.

Please return the rice bowls or your donations to the basket on the table in the back of the church during Holy Week. Checks can be made out to St. Patrick with Rice Bowl in the memo line.

“Our small sacrifices can help change lives by providing nutritious feed and hope for the future.”

Leave your Rice
Bowls in the
basket at the
back of church.



Operation Rice Bowl

Chrism Mass

All are invited to attend this year's Chrism Mass, which will take place at 2 PM on Tuesday, March 31, at the Cathedral of St. Raphael, 231 Bluff St., Dubuque, followed by a simple reception.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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

Thank you

Thank you to Donna Speedy for sewing costumes and sewing the banner for the atrium. It is great to have people that are so willing to help!

To the kitchen help serving the meal before the Lenten play..... great job and thank you so much...your willingness to help is very much appreciated!!! Thank you!!

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: Rectories and Living Spaces

The Archdiocese of Dubuque continues to move forward with its *Journey in Faith* pastoral planning process. As part of the preparation for pastorate life in July 2026, our parish 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 rectories and living spaces.

The final pastorate plan will be announced next month. The announcement will include which parishes will be working together as a pastorate, which priests will serve in that pastorate, where weekend Masses will be located, and how many weekend Masses will be celebrated at each church. The priests assigned to each pastorate will meet in late spring to determine what living arrangements will look like within the pastorate. To assist with this process, all parishes completed a "rectory and living spaces" survey to provide the new group of priests with information on the rectory facility(ies) within our parish.



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30

8:30 a.m. Guy and Stella Earleywinnd
St. Mary

Tuesday, March 31

NO MASS Chrism Mass in Dubuque 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

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

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday - Bilingual

6 p.m. Jerry Miller
St. Patrick

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

6 p.m.
St. Mary

Saturday, April 4 – Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. Bishop Robert Morlino
St. Patrick

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m Sharon Ubben
10:30 a.m Bill Devereux
5:30 p.m. For the souls of purgatory
St. Mary
St. Patrick
St. Patrick Spanish

Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic

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