



# HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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*The Stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday, Thursday..... 7:15am

Wednesday..... 8:30am/1:30pm

First Friday.....5:30pm

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday.....4:30pm

Sunday ..... 7:30 & 9:00am

**Confessions**

Thursday.....1:00-5:00pm

Saturday.....3:00pm

Sunday ..... 10:10am

First Friday.....4:00pm

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

April 21, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir

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**Question of the Week for April 21:**

In what specific way can I lay down my life this week for someone who needs what I can give them?

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish family! Please see our website or contact the Church Office to register.

**Ministry to the Homebound, Hospitalized & Nursing Home Residents:** Call the Church Office to arrange visits.

**Prayer Requests**

Please remember

our loved ones in prayer:

Joyce & Christine Cooperman,  
Stephanie Delleman, Andrea Greene,  
Lois Hartog, Hunter James, Michael Loos, Eileen Matson, Erin McFate, Ben Meyer, Katie Moore, Wylie Murphy, Peter Nagy, Ron Ochs, Molly B. Olson, Sally Reck, Elaine Snyder, Donna Turnmeyer, Dennis Woods, Donna Fiems



**50th Anniversary**

Congratulations  
John & Patricia Robert!  
April 20th

**Baptism:** Call the Church Office to arrange instructions and to schedule.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3-4pm, Sunday 10:10-11am, First Friday 4pm

**Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made at least six months prior to the wedding thru the Church Office.

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**Readings**

For the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/  
Jn 3:1-2/  
Jn 10:11-18
- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/  
Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/  
Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24–13:5a/  
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/  
Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/  
Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/  
Jn 14:7-14
- Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/  
1 Jn 3:18-24/  
Jn 15:1-8

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**HOLY FAMILY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Holy Family Parish, strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and celebration of word, sacrament and service.

**Welcome to our parish**

Mitchell & Heather McIntire and Esteban & Kristina Munoz Families

**STEWARDSHIP**

Giving of time, talent and treasure in gratitude for all God's gifts



**Holy Family Weekly Budget Update April 13-14.**

Envelopes (Weekly) .....	\$7116.00
Offertory (Loose).....	\$531.00
Children.....	\$2.00
Other.....	\$695.00
(Holy Days, Generosity, Utilities, etc.)	
Total Received .....	\$8344.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**  
\*The envelopes and other gifts given by you, the parishioners, are the major source of income for Holy Family Church. Our budget goals are easy to meet if everyone does their part!

## *From Father Nicholas' desk...*

### Truth and Mercy Series

I have shared a story some time ago about almost giving up my seminary training and abandoning the call to the priesthood in relation to a crisis I was facing. This was between my philosophy studies and the beginning of theology. I had already secured a Bachelor's in Philosophy, so that was also very tempting. I had perceived that I was being unjustly treated and felt the only way to express my grievance was to quit. I saw myself having to suffer for a "perceived" wrong done by someone else. I could not stomach that since I felt the other should ordinarily suffer for his wrong doing. I remember speaking to a seminarian friend then who mentioned to me that "Jesus did not commit any sin but He was chosen to suffer for every sinner in the world." This was very touching to me but I wondered if this truly what I was going through? Why was it me to go through this rough patch?

God gave me more insights that night while I had already made up my mind to quit no matter what. I was preparing a "sermon" for the people of God in that local "outstation" (a community without a pastor). My plan was that after that church service, I will depart finally to speak with the pastor living far away of my intention to quit. This community was named St. Mary's Church, Oranre. It was the eve of the Epiphany. I was in a crisis situation and truly that is when we need a star to guide us like the Magi needed one desperately to their mission and goal. Now steeped in the WORD of God, the commentary showed me that every crisis should ultimately lead us to find God and not away from him. This is because the crisis itself was an opportunity to step back, reflect and see what God is calling us to. Crisis is a wake-up call to properly situate us. This takes me back to the call of Moses. He saw the "burning bush" it was a sight unusual because the bush was burning but not consumed (Exodus 3: 1-10). This unusual occurrence was a wake-up call for Moses to begin a conversation with God, leading him ultimately to his choice as the leader to liberate his chosen people, Israel.

What has been your relationship with injustice, or crisis or even strange occurrences? Are you the one who analyzes issues based on the ordinary or pervious understanding? Have you at any time tried to figure it out with earthly wisdom or counsel? Do you ever look up to heaven for spiritual counsel or guide? A crisis or injustice situation can send us into a panic mode. We might lose our path or even the God-given plan for us if we turn the wrong way in navigating the situation. The WORD of God is a cure guide in all situations. The WORD of God is Jesus Christ. He is the one we seek in all situations. In a crisis situation God says to us, "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—from where shall come my help? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip; he watches over you and will not slumber.. The Lord is your guardian; the Lord is your shade at your right hand... The Lord will guard you from evil; he will protect your life." (Psalm 121: 1-7). These words give me chills reading them knowing that they never fail at all.

The WORD of God is not fables at all. "These WORDS are Spirit and life". When we reflect on them during times of temptation, tribulation or trials they give us new life and we are imbued with the spirit of God to see his path for us in a clear manner. During the crucifixion of the Lord, the devil and his cohorts felt they were already exterminating him. They truly believed his life was coming to an end. They felt what was going to become of all his speeches, his plans. It was going to be the "end" of their perceived enemy. But since the WORD of God never fails, he roared from the grave on the third day: he ROSE from the dead. He vanquished the foes and brought us VICTORY. When we follow the promptings of the WORD of God in our lives rather than the words of men, we live. In fact, we triumph like our Savior and Messiah because he is the WORD of God made man for us. He is the STAR we need to illuminate, the darkness crisis plunges us into. The Good NEWS is that you have been set free, even from the present crisis and trial in your life right now. I will request you to submit it to the test and power of the WORD of God. These WORDS have given solace and encouragement to countless men and women of all ages and situations. Listen to what the WORD of God says, "Blessed are they who treasure his WORD and seek him with all their heart. They do no wrong; they walk in his ways." (Psalm 119: 2-3). It continues in the same psalm to state, "your WORD is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119: 105).

*Fr. Nicholas Akindele, JCL Pastor*

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:15 am † Special Int. Elisa Schnur

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

8:30 am † Alyce Timmerman

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:15 am † Spec. Int. Matthew Schnur

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:30 pm † Alice Ewoltd

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 am † People of the Parish

9:00 am † Ramona Wilkerson



## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

**THIS WEEKEND: APRIL 20–21, 2024**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Mike McGuire, Dave Carstensen & Mary O'Day

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Bill Barrett, Todd Cooperman & Steve Imming  
9:00am Spencer Sierra, Janice & Steve Gaertnier

**NEXT WEEKEND: APRIL 27–28, 2024**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Tammy O'Day, Cecilia Booth & Julie DeSalvo

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Bill Barrett,  
9:00am Paul Roe, Diane Lannan & Steve Gaertnier

### LECTORS:

**THIS WEEKEND: APRIL 20–21, 2024**

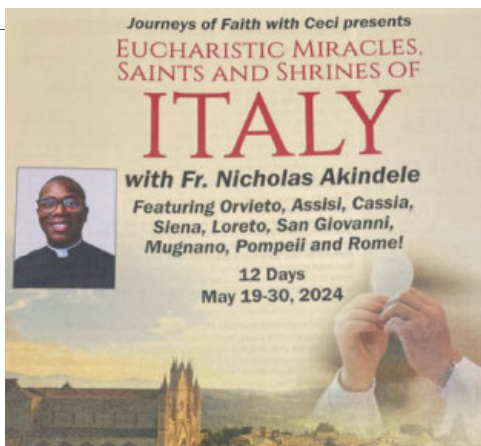
**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Dave Carstensen

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Molly Bergfeld  
9:00 am David Rericha

**NEXT WEEKEND: APRIL 27-28, 2024**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 pm Teresa Youngblut

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am Connie Dyer  
9:00 am Paul Roe



### ADA Update

Great Job! Thank you to all who have already made their pledge! Currently we are at \$66,215/88.03% and we have **\$9,003.00 to go!** We need your help to make our goal. So please make your ADA pledge today! Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, April 20 Fellowship Saturday

8:00am—NO Mass due to confirmation at St. Alphonsus

10:00am—Confirmation @ St. Alphonsus

3:00pm—Confessions, Holy Family Church

4:00pm—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

4:30pm—Mass @ Holy Family Church

### Sunday, April 21 Fellowship Sunday

7:30am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—OCIA Mtg (E)

9:00am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

9:00am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:10am—Confessions, Holy Family Church

11:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

### Monday, April 22

8:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

12:05pm—Mass @ Holy Family

5:30pm—Legion of Mary (E)

### Tuesday, APRIL 23

7:15am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

6:00pm - St. Joseph Men's Group (E)

6:00pm—Meal for Needy (MS)

### Wednesday, April 24

8:30am ASCS Mass, @Holy Family Church

9:00am & 6:00pm—Bazaar workshops (E)

1:30pm—ASCS Mass, Holy Family Church

6:00pm—Religious Education Classes (SCH)

### Thursday, April 25

7:15am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—5:00pm—Adoration, Holy Family Church

5:00pm—Life in the Spirit Program (E)

### Friday, April 26

7:15am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

6:00pm—Family Game Night (E)

6:30pm—Men's Prayer Hour (CH)

7:30pm—Men's Rosary (CH) Social time to follow (TBA)

### Saturday, April 27

8:00am—Mass @ Holy Family

9:00am—First Reconciliation

1:00pm—3:00pm Private Party (E)

3:00pm—Confessions, Holy Family Church

4:00pm—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

4:30pm—Mass @ Holy Family Church

### Sunday, April 28

7:30am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

8:00am—OCIA Mtg (E)

9:00am—Mass @ Holy Family Church

9:00am—Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:10am—Confessions, Holy Family Church

11:00am—Mass @ St. Alphonsus

### NOTE:

Fr. Nicholas: weekly schedule printed in BLUE.

Fr. Young: weekly schedule printed in RED.

## FRIENDS OF JESUS & MARY YOUTH GROUP

Family Game Night

April 26 at 6:00pm in Enright Hall

Please contact Hieu: [davholymfamilyym@diodav.org](mailto:davholymfamilyym@diodav.org) for more information.

## Scholarships for the 2024-2025 School Year-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Students

Scholarships are available for Holy Family students attending All Saints Catholic School to assist with tuition costs. Applications are available at the church from Father Akindele & Father Young after each Mass. All applications must be received in the parish office by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications are awarded per student and not based on income. Each application will be reviewed and families will be notified. Recipients will be announced in an upcoming parish bulletin. Holy Family educational scholarships to attend Assumption High School are available on the Assumption High School website at [assumptionhigh.org](http://assumptionhigh.org)

### Life in the Spirit Program

Do you want to know and love God in deeper ways? Looking for ways to transform your life? What does God call you to do? Join us! Seminar sessions at 5:00 PM on Thursday: April 25, May 2, 9, 18; Saturday May 23 and 30, Enright Hall, Holy Family Church. We're learning about God and gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are invited, we look forward to seeing you there!

### Holy Family's Meal for the Needy

Tuesday, April 23rd. The meal is served between 5:20-6:30pm. If interested in donating food or volunteering time to serve at the meal site, please sign up at the following link <https://tinyurl.com/AprilMealHF> or contact Lisa Bald at 815-275-9832.

### Adult Choir

Psalm 150 proclaims "In everything that has breath give praise to the Lord!" The Choir supports and enhances the singing of the assembly. Music can inspire people to change, to forgive, to live a joyful life, to love more, and to pray better. The Adult Choir will start rehearsals again on Wednesday evenings, in the choir loft.

We would like to invite you to join us this year! A choir is made up of many voices including yours and mine! Please talk with Chris Barber at 563-499-6889 or call the church office at 563-322-0901 about how to be a part of our church music ministry.

### Legion of Mary

Please join Legion of Mary in praying the Most Holy Rosary at Holy Family Church: Sunday at 8:30 AM before the 9:00 AM Mass. Praying for all the members of Holy Family, our two wonderful and faithful priests and all of our families. At 4:00 PM during Thursday Adoration Praying for all the sick of the parish and those listed in our bulletin that are sick or have life debilitating circumstances. If you or a loved one is sick and would like to be placed in our bulletin or would like a visit, please contact the church office.

Legion of Mary wants to announce, coming soon a Holy Family Blessing Box. It will be located in the front of the parking lot. It's for anyone in need of food or personal care items. More Information coming soon!

### All Saints Catholic School—Roof Update

All Saints Catholic School, formerly known as Holy Family Catholic School, located at 1926 Marquette Street in Davenport, Iowa, was built in 1964. Many of you may have attended this school growing up and have many fond memories. Some of you had your own children or grandchildren attend as you wanted them to receive an education built around their Catholic faith. All Saints is known for its wonderful, dedicated staff and ability to deliver a quality education while based on our Catholic faith in a diverse student environment.

Like any building, repairs and upkeep are required. Holy Family Parish has maintained the 60 year old building as needed. Over the last 5 years we have replaced two sections of the roof. The first portion cost \$74,000. We received generous donations from two parishes. The second portion of the roof cost \$94,000 and was paid completely by Holy Family.

We are now in need of completing the third and final portion of the roof at a cost of over \$350,000. We are hoping that those who are able, might consider a financial donation to this project. We understand many are not able to do so, but we hope everyone will pray for the staff and students of All Saints Catholic School and the success of this project.


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