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Welcome to the seven parishes of St. Mary of Mercy, St. Stephen, St. Martin of Tours,
Church of the Epiphany, St. Ann, St. Patrick, & St. Mary, Help of Christians.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 16, 2023
This bulletin is for the parishes of: Church of the Epiphany, St. Ann, St. Patrick, & St. Mary

Dear Parishioners of St. Ann’s, Epiphany, St. Martin’s, St. Stephen’s, St. Mary of Mercy, St. Patrick’s, St. Mary’s (Salem):

I wanted to get a letter to everyone last weekend but unfortunately, I just didn’t get it done. One of the main reasons I’m writing is because I feel a little like an absentee father since I’m not able to get to each parish each weekend. With this letter, then, I want to both extend my greetings to everyone and provide a little update as to how things are going.

I might first mention that there is still a fair amount of scrambling to get even basic, everyday things in place. My immediate concern on Sunday, for example, was how to get from Salem to Epiphany! The next most pressing question was (and actually still is): where are my clean clothes! We also need to get banking arrangements done, to make sure the lights don’t get turned off. So, if you’re wondering what’s going on, have we been forgotten, I can assure you that’s certainly not the case. These basic, every day, operational things – things that are generally taken for granted – will get worked out, hopefully fairly soon, and once we do, it will be much easier to schedule things, get communications out, and so forth.

One of the things I’d like to get done in the next couple of weeks is get a meeting scheduled for each parish – maybe on Sunday afternoons or evenings. We probably won’t get them done in the next 2 weeks, but at least scheduled in the next 2 weeks. This would give the priests a little chance to see and get to know people a little and a chance to start talking about a few things. I will probably also say a few words. We could also talk a little about how the temporary Mass schedule is going. This can be changed, although not willy-nilly. If it’s working all right for now, it’s better to leave it. One thing to emphasize might be that the schedule now *is temporary* – just for this first year. One of the things (although maybe not the main or most immediate thing) that we will talk about over the course of this first year is Mass times – a permanent Mass schedule.

In the letter I sent, before I got here, announcing the new, *temporary* Mass schedule, I didn’t have room to explain how that was developed so I thought I would say a little about that here. It was a rather daunting task, so I tried to break it down into pieces. I started with the Saturday evening Masses. Those, I realized, could pretty much just stay the same, with a minor simplification on how they rotated. That left Sundays. It occurred to me, then, to “group” parishes based on location – meaning that whichever priest went to 1) Montrose would also go to Humboldt that weekend; 2) whoever went to Salem would also go to Epiphany; 3) whichever priest went to Emery-Bridgewater would also go to Alexandria. The reason for this was to minimize the drive time, *between* Masses, for the priest – to help ensure that the priest could in fact make it on time to the next Mass. After that, it was fairly easy to schedule. Another “principle” I used was to try to keep starting times for Sunday Mass between 8 am and 10:30 am, although that didn’t work out perfectly. *continued on p. 3*

MASS TIMES:

ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARY OF MERCY

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm — only in even months
SUNDAY: 10:00 am — only in odd months
MONDAY: 8:30 am & WEDNESDAY: 6:15 pm

BRIDGEWATER, ST. STEPHEN

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm — 1st Saturday only
in odd months
SUNDAY: 10:00 am — 1st Sunday only
in even months
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 am & FRIDAY: 8:30 am

EMERY, ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm — 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th
weekends only in odd months
SUNDAY: 10:00 am — 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th
weekends only in even months
TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 8:30 am

EPIPHANY, CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY: 11:00 am
THURSDAY: 10:00 am & FRIDAY: 8:30 am

HUMBOLDT, ST. ANN

SUNDAY: 10:30 am
TUESDAY: 5:30 pm & WEDNESDAY: 8:30 am

MONTROSE, ST. PATRICK

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm only in odd months
SUNDAY: 8:30 am
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY: 8:30 am

SALEM, ST. MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm only in even months
SUNDAY: 9:00 am

MONDAY: 5:30 pm; TUES. & THURS: 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY EVENING: 4:20 pm

for ½ hour before where Saturday evening Mass is.
SUNDAY: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Emery, Montrose, Salem; confessions begin 40 minutes before Mass and go for ½ hour. Epiphany & Humboldt: confessions after Mass until all are heard.

HOLY DAYS: as announced

**BAPTISM/CARE OF THE SICK/
MARRIAGE/RCIA:** Contact parish priest

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maryofmercy@sfcatholic.org
Emily Ruden: Office

ST. STEPHEN: 605.239.4578
351 N. Juniper, Bridgewater, SD 57319

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS: 605.239.4578
342 34rd Ave., Emery, SD 57332

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY: 605.425.2600
106 Jackson St., Epiphany, SD 57349

ST. ANN: 605.425.2600
409 W. 4th Ave.,
Humboldt, SD 57035

ST. PATRICK: 605.425.2600
211 S. Church Ave., PO Box 158,
Montrose, SD 57058
office@stpatrickmontrose.org
www.stpatrick.org

St. Patrick’s Clerical Assistant:
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BULLETIN:

Vicky Huls: mavhuls@triotel.net
bulletin items due Mondays at 2:00 pm,
(changes during holiday seasons)

TO ACCESS THE BULLETIN ONLINE GO TO
<https://salemcatholic.org> or
www.stpatrickmontrose.org



There is a **Rosary on Mondays**, 9am (not if Monday falls on a holiday) at St. Mary's Church for an end to abortion and a **Rosary on Thursdays**, 7pm at St. Mary's Church or Grotto (determined by weather), for the sake of this great nation.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY Sunday, July 23

ROSARY Eichs
SERVERS Kannon Kampshoff, Rachel Brown
LECTOR Brooke Endorf
EUCH. MIN. Kelli Endorf
OFFERTORY Ted Gosmire Family
MUSIC Pat Koepsell, Pat Zens
USHERS Bob Wingen, Joe Zens, John Zens, Cory Eich

St. ANN'S Sunday, July 23

SERVERS Landon Even, Miles Even, Brynlee Ideker
LECTOR Elsie Baye
EUCH. MIN. Elsie Baye, Jackie Lofswold
OFFERTORY M & H Harden
SACRISTAN Jackie Lofswold
USHERS Tom Kaffar, Billy Kapperman
\$ COUNTERS J & J Jarding, C Kaffar

St. Patrick's

Saturday, July 22

SERVERS Carson & Casey Klinkhammer, Luke Kane
LECTOR Denny Vogel
OFFERTORY Robert & Laura Hoiten Family
EUCH. MIN. Jill Skyberg
USHERS Andrew Raap, Paul Klautd
SACRISTAN Volunteer
Sunday, July 23
SERVERS Jake & Nathan Merrill, Boston Katzer
LECTOR Dennis VanOverschelde
OFFERTORY Craig & Erin Healy Family
EUCH. MIN. Michelle Edwards
USHERS Bob Condon, Tyler Cleveland
\$ COUNTERS Marlys Bartmann
SACRISTAN Denny Vogel

St. MARY'S

Saturday, July 22

HOMEBOUND Carol McCormick
Sunday, July 23
ROSARY Geralyn Sherman
SERVERS Chase & Leah Feterl, Alyssa Roling
LECTOR Louie Atsma
EUCH. MIN. Todd Snyders, Crystal Wilkinson
HOMEBOUND Darlene Gross
USHERS Dan McKillop, John Scheier, Pat Scheier, Kurt Bies
\$ COUNTERS Luann McKillop, Janet Karel

St. MARY'S VISITS FOR THE LEGION OF MARY PILGRIM SHRINE

✠For information on the Shrine call 425-3000.

July 12-Dan & Luann McKillop,
July 19-Ryan & Holly Klinkhammer,
July 26-Wade & Jessica Klinkhammer.

CHURCH SUPPORT

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 9

Adult: \$265.00, Loose: \$266.00, Stipends: \$40.00, Total: \$571.00.

St. ANN'S

FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 9

Adult: \$1,518.00, Loose: \$172.00, Cemetery: \$100.00, Building Fund: \$100.00 Total: \$1,890.00.

St. PATRICK'S

FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 9

Adult: \$2,530.00, Loose: \$334.00, Cemetery: \$105.00, Building Fund: \$20.00, CFSA: \$60.00, Total: \$3,049.00.

St. MARY'S

FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 2

Adult: \$3,530.00, Loose: \$271.00, Peter's Pence: \$220.00, Total: \$4,021.00.

FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 9

Adult: \$1,985.00, Loose: \$731.00, Maintenance: \$50.00, Church Cleaning: \$20.00, Total: \$2,786.00.
 June Online Giving: \$2,364.00;
 June Direct Deposit: \$460.00.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord hear our prayers

St. PATRICK'S

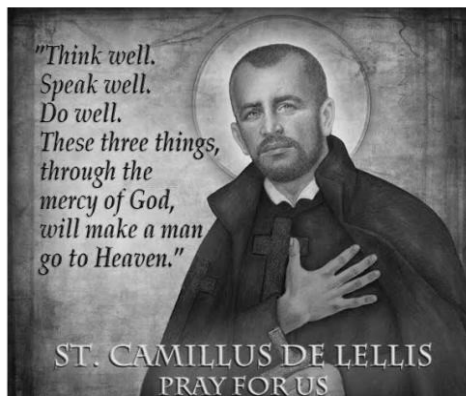
✠For more information call St. Patrick's Office

Duane Bartmann, Vince Bartmann, Jarad Deters, Chad Gordon, Paul Gordon, Larry Hohn, Fr. Jones, Bob Kerkhove, Jim & Kay Miles, Ken & Dianne Struck, Mary Ann (Healy) Tuschen.

St. MARY'S

✠For more information call St. Mary's Office.

Jarad Deters, Lori Erikson, Pat Huls, Fr. Jones, Darlene Lauck, Shirley Puthoff, Jean Schnider, MaryAnn Tuschen, Lavern Yost, Merlin Ziegmann.



14 day candles are available. Call or see Barb at St. Mary's Office.

14 DAY CANDLES AT ST. MARY'S JULY 10-JULY 23

✠Call St. Mary's office to sponsor a candle (\$10.00).
THE MAIN ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDLE:
 For the happy repose of the soul of Charlie Oyen.
ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY-BLUE CANDLES:
 (LS) For the happy repose of the soul of Bud Gottlob.
 (RS) For the happy repose of the soul of Ron Chase.
ALTAR OF St. ALOYSIUS-RED CANDLES:
 (LS) For the happy repose of the soul of Stump (John) Staebell
 (RS) For the happy repose of the soul of Marianne Schuknecht.

God, help me to make the most of today.

FAITH BASICS: CATHOLIC STUDY

St. Mary's Christian Mothers would like to invite all women to a once monthly study for those that desire to learn more, have questions about or are questioning their Catholic faith. Next meeting is July 21st at 7pm at St. Mary's School.

*Do you find it hard to believe Jesus is in a little white host or cup of wine?
 *Do you struggle going to Mass and/or when you do go, you don't get anything out of it?
 *Why does our Catholic bible have 7 more books than the protestant bible? *
 *What does it look like to really love the people who have caused us pain?
 These are just a few questions that we will discuss in great detail in a continual study once a month about the Catholic faith Jesus left as a gift. Since each month will be a different topic, don't worry about if you missed last month's study.

In this next study we will be discussing how God reveals Himself completely through Jesus Christ, how has the church secured accuracy for this divine revelation that has been passed down over 2000 years ago and why does the Catholic faith not follow sola scriptura like other Christians in different churches?

Contact Maggan Krempges at 605-351-0875/mkremppges@salematholic.org

ST. MARY'S PRAYER CHAIN: Monica Anderson-cell 421-1655; Sandy Bies-425-2306.

USHERS for Church of the Epiphany, St. Ann, St. Patrick, & St. Mary Parish: Now through September we are taking a count of people attending each of our weekend Masses. The form is on a clipboard in the entrance of the church. Thank you!



After 134 years of Catholic Education St. Mary's School is no longer in operation. Join us in a commemoration of the school and the beginning of Set Ablaze for the Parish. **Saturday, August 12, 2023, St. Mary's Church & School, 240 W. Vermont, Salem.** School will be open displaying memorabilia from 2-9pm; Mass & a complimentary catered meal; welcoming our new pastors to the parishes as we move forward; program with a trip down memory lane; music/social with beverages available. Reserve a table for your St. Mary's alumni class, contact Cathy Eichacker, 605-421-1138.

The 134th Celebrate St. Mary's Parish/School committee is looking for your memories of the last 134 years of our Parish and School supporting each other. Do you still have that school uniform, cheerleading sweater, football jersey, pictures of Catholic Schools Week or the many years of students serving mass? We would love to display and share in our time capsule of history that will be set up in the school as we celebrate and remember our St. Mary's School on August 12th. Please contact or text Joann Koch 605-425-2466 or 605-530-4688.

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Another consideration was to try to set Mass times according to what parishes have at least had in the past, if not currently, as much as possible. One last consideration was simplification. Some parishes have or had rather complex rotation schedules, which is more feasible when there are only two or maybe three parishes but quickly becomes impractical with more than that.

One thing that might be worth explaining a little is what it means to have 3 priests for the 7 parishes. I realized at my previous assignment that it's not really understood, which is to be expected since most rural parishes have not had multiple priests for decades, if ever. Whenever a parish, or a set of "linked" parishes, have more than one priest, one (and only one) of them is the "pastor." The pastor is the formal "head" of each parish. The canonical (or "Church") term for other priests assigned to the parish(es) is "parochial vicar," or more colloquially – an associate. What does an "associate" do? He does the usual priestly things done in a parish: he offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, he hears confessions, anoints people, does funerals and weddings, and so on. The pastor does all those things as well but has the additional responsibility of "administration." One of the things this means is that priests will generally rotate through the parishes on weekends. You won't generally have the same priest from weekend to weekend. The priests will also rotate for weekday Masses.

Coming back to parish meetings with priests, the first meetings with each parish that I mentioned before is just more for me and the other priests to get to know you and talk a little – more informal, if you will. I especially want to do this since I won't be at each parish each weekend. Soon, however, as prescribed by the bishop, we will begin to have more formal meetings to talk about how to build the faith, operations, and so on.

None of the priests of our diocese have done this before. None of us, for example, have been in a situation where we weren't at each parish, regularly, each weekend. There will, then, be some "figuring it out" as we go along. We will get things worked out! I am thinking of all of you and holding all of you in the poor shambles that I call prayer. Please do the same for us priests. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Thank you and God bless you,
Fr. Kuhn

Thank you to St. Patrick's Councils for your very special gift. It was a pleasure to serve on the cemetery board. Hope the cemetery will always be a special place.

Love and prayers, Mary Healy

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cemetery Cleanup! July 18th at 6:30pm at **St. Patrick's Cemetery.** Looking for at least a dozen or more individuals to trim trees and repair fence. Bring trailers, ladders, loader tractors and chain saws and fencing tools. Call Eric Grocott or Robert Hoiten for more info.

ARE YOU MUSICALLY INCLINED?

Would you like to share your talent?



St. Patrick's Church is seeking piano, organ musicians and singers for our weekend Masses.

If interested, contact Dolly at office@stpatrickmontrose.org, compensation will be considered. Thank you!

ST. PATRICK STILL NEEDS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

Ushers, Money Counters, Gift Bearers,
to volunteer email

office@stpatrickmontrose.org .

Thank you!

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phone was created by God.
He named it 'Prayer'. It
never loses its signal and
you never have to recharge
it. Use it anywhere.**

ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER CHAIN: Donna Jorgensen-605-941-3068.

WELCOME Parishioners of Pastorate 16!

We are now a team of 7 parishes!

Last week, the bulletin insert included the times and locations of all weekend Masses. If you find yourself at a parish other than your "home parish" you may still drop your collection envelope and any stipend in the collection basket. Please include your phone number, and home parish with the info for the stipend. Rest assured that your \$10 stipend request and donation will be forwarded to your home parish. **Thank you!**

PRO POPULO: Listed in the bulletin, in the Mass intention announcements, the term Pro Populo is used as the intention. The term Pro Populo in Latin means "For the People" and Canon Law, the code of law which governs the Catholic Church, calls for the pastor of a parish to celebrate one Mass each week for the intention of the parishioners. This is an ancient tradition of the Church and of the priesthood, which is required to pray for the people in their charge. The Pro Populo Mass may be celebrated on the weekend or the weekday.

On the first weekend of the month, Bridgewater gets "the" Mass (whether it's Saturday or Sunday) and Emery gets all the other weekends; Bridgewater always gets the first weekend, regardless if it's Saturday evening or Sunday. On the first weekend of the month, Emery does not have a Mass, neither Saturday nor Sunday.

◆ Epiphany and Humboldt Parishes will send bulletin information/announcements to mavhuls@triotel.net and all other information to salem.stmary@sfcatholic.org.

◆ Alexandria, Bridgewater, & Emery Parishes will maintain their bulletin and continue to send Mass announcements/ministry/bulletin information to maryofmercy@sfcatholic.org in Alexandria.

Parishioners if you would like to receive a bulletin via email, LPi (the bulletin's printer) offers you to subscribe to ParishesOnline.com to get a link to our weekly parish bulletin delivered straight to your inbox. Visit www.parishesonline.com and search for your parish to get started today.

It's fast, easy and free!

This is not through any parish office so any questions and/or support you may need is strictly through LPi.



The Week Ahead

7/16, Sunday, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Don Sieverding

10:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Ron Beaner

11:00 AM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For †Orville Barringer

7/17, Monday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Rosary to end abortion, St. Mary's Church

*2:00 pm Bulletin Information Due to mavhuls@triotel.net

5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †Jean Stiefvater

7:15 pm Montrose/Humboldt CDA Mtg., St. Ann's Hall

7/18 Tuesday, St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Gerald Hanisch

5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

FOR †Steven Hartle

7/19, Wednesday, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Marie Weber

*9:00 am Bulletin Sent to LPi

6:30 pm Salem KC Mtg., Queen of Peace Rm.

7/20, Thursday, St. Apollinaris

8:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Al & †Gladys Fendrich

10:00 AM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For †Lennie Zens

6:00 pm St. Mary's Finance Mtg., St. Mary's School

7:00 pm Rosary for our nation, St. Mary's Grotto or Church

7:00 pm Montrose/Humboldt KC Mtg., St. Ann's Hall

7/21, Friday, St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:30 AM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For †Orville Barringer

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Marie Weber

7/22, Saturday, Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM MASS IN MONTROSE

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

7/23, Sunday, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Marie Weber

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Harlan Gross

10:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Viola Fox

11:00 AM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For †Lennie Zens

"God is love, and all his operations proceed from love."

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

