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**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: 6:30 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

**HUMBOLDT, ST. ANN**

SUNDAY: 10:30 am  
TUESDAY: 5:30 pm; WED. & FRI: 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: 4:20 pm for 1/2 hour  
before wherever Saturday evening Mass is.

SUNDAY: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Emery, Mont-  
rose, Salem; confessions begin 40 minutes before  
Mass and go for 1/2 hour. Epiphany & Humboldt:  
confessions after Mass until all are heard.

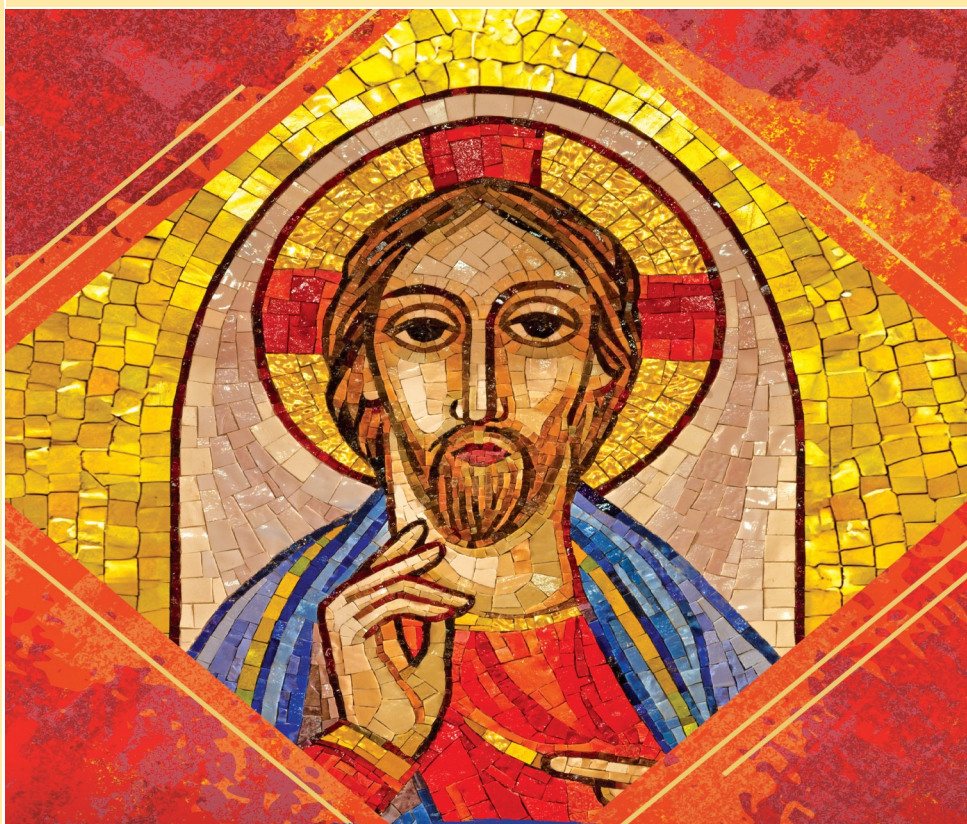
**HOLY DAYS:** as announced

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

Welcome to Pastorate 16 and the 7 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 3, 2023**

This bulletin is for the parishes of: Church of the Epiphany, St. Ann, St. Patrick, & St. Mary



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”  
- Mk 13:36

— BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS —

LPi (the bulletin’s printer) adjusts their schedule so their employees can enjoy the  
holidays, therefore our deadlines are changed. Send all items to mavhuls@triotel.net.  
Changes continue until after the New Year.

\*Friday, Dec. 1st, 2:00 pm, items due for the Dec. 10th bulletin  
sent to printer Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 9:00 am

\*Friday, Dec. 8th, 2:00 pm, items due for Dec. 17th bulletin  
sent to printer Monday, Dec. 11th

\*Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 2:00 pm, items due for Dec. 24th bulletin  
sent to printer Friday, Dec. 15th

\*Thursday, Dec. 21st, 2:00 pm, items due for Dec. 31st bulletin  
sent to printer Tuesday, Dec. 26th



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There is a **Rosary on Mondays**, 5pm 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, Dec. 10

**ROSARY** Wingens  
**SERVERS** Kannon Kampshoff, Rachel Brown  
**LECTOR** Stacy Kampshoff  
**EUCH. MIN.** Leanne Eich  
**OFFERTORY** Craig Zens Family  
**MUSIC** Ronda Zens, Pat Zens  
**USHERS** Dave Esser, Mike Gassman, Ted Gosmire, Terry Kampshoff

### ST. ANN'S

Sunday, December 10

**ROSARY** Darin Krempges  
**SERVERS** Abigail Even, Ty Sichmeller, Alex Siemonsma  
**LECTOR** Susan Shumaker  
**EUCH. MIN.** Christy Kaffar, Susan Shumaker  
**OFFERTORY** M & L Ketcham  
**MUSICIANS** H  
**SACRISTAN** Elsie Baye  
**USHERS** Darrin Garry, Jerry Grace  
**\$ COUNTERS** T & C Puthoff, A Schartz

### St. Patrick's

Sunday, December 10

**SERVERS** Claire & Caleb Vogel, Elliott Bartlett  
**LECTOR** Kathy Binder  
**OFFERTORY** Paul & Curtis Chelbeck Family  
**EUCH. MIN.** Dustin Edwards  
**USHERS** Andrew Raap, Paul Klautd  
**SACRISTAN** Barb Spicer  
**\$ COUNTERS** Robert Hoiten, Charlotte/Jeremy Thompson

### St. Mary's

Friday, December 8—Holy Day—5:30 pm

**SERVERS** Kaylee & Karlie Klinkhammer, Charlee Koch  
**LECTOR** Diane McGregor  
**EUCH. MIN.** Laura Gottlob, Carol McCormick  
**USHERS** Terry Krempges, Ken Lauck, Dan McKillop, John Scheier

Saturday, December 9

**ROSARY** Laura Gottlob  
**SERVERS** Will, Thomas, & Stella Oyen  
**LECTOR** Laura Gottlob  
**EUCH. MIN.** Anita Feterl, Jeanette Grady  
**HOMEBOUND** Carol McCormick  
**USHERS** Parish Volunteer, Ed Kranz, Terry Krempges, Ken Lauck

Sunday, December 10

**ROSARY** Brian Krempges  
**SERVERS** Aliza & Maria Addy, Quenton Gessner  
**LECTOR** Lynn Gottlob  
**EUCH. MIN.** Geralyn Sherman, Randy Sabers  
**HOMEBOUND** Darlene Gross  
**USHERS** Pat Scheier, Kurt Bies, Kevin Ernster, Dave Fendrich  
**\$ COUNTERS** Luann McKillop, Janet Karel

Thank you Jerry & Barb Gottlob for 30 plus years of being Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. God Bless you both, Fr. Kuhn and St. Mary's Church.

### ST. MARY'S VISITS FOR THE LEGION OF MARY PILGRIM SHRINE



✠For information on the Shrine call 425-3000.

**Nov. 22**-Lyle & Shirley Puthoff,  
**Nov. 29**-Pat & Ruth Grady,  
**Dec. 6**-Mark & Vicky Huls.



### CHURCH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKENDS OF NOV. 19TH AND NOV. 26TH

#### CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Support from 11/19: Adult: \$285.00,  
Loose: \$175.00, Total: \$460.00.  
Support from 11/26: Adult: \$720.00,  
Loose: \$219.00, Candles: \$12.00,  
Total: \$951.00.

#### ST. ANN'S

Support from 11/19: Adult: \$1,565.00,  
Loose: \$149.00, Building: \$50.00,  
Youth Group: \$120.00, Total: \$1,884.00.  
Support from 11/26 was not available.

#### ST. PATRICK'S

Support from 11/19: Adult: \$4,710.00,  
Loose: \$272.00, Masses: \$10.00,  
Altar Flowers: \$5.00, Rel Ed: \$50.00,  
Cemetery: \$50.00, Total: \$5,097.00.  
Support from 11/26 was not available.

#### ST. MARY'S

Support from 11/19: Adult: \$2,180.00,  
Loose: \$202.25, Maintenance: \$75.00,  
Flowers: \$20.00, Masses: \$90.00,  
Farm: \$3,375.00, Total: \$5,942.25.  
Support from 11/26: Adult: \$1,160.00,  
Loose: \$493.00, Maintenance: \$10.00,  
Christmas Flowers: \$30.00,  
Total: \$1,693.00.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord hear our prayers



✠Church of the Epiphany, St. Ann, St. Patrick, St. Mary Parishes for more information call St. Mary's Office.

#### ST. PATRICK'S

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

#### ST. MARY'S

Dan Westhoff, Raya Koch, Jim Tuschen, Jarad Deters, Lori Erikson, Pat Huls, Darlene Lauck, Shirley Puthoff, Jean Schnider, MaryAnn Tuschen, Merlin Ziegmann.

All are welcome and invited to help decorate St. Mary's Church for Christmas, Sunday, December 17 at 1:00 pm.

14 day candles are available (\$10.00). Call or see Emily at St. Mary's Office.

### 14 DAY CANDLES AT ST. MARY'S NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 10

**THE MAIN ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDLE:**  
For the intentions of Jim & Lynn Gottlob. (50th Anniversary)

**ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY-BLUE CANDLES:**  
(LS) For the happy repose of the soul of Dan Schuknecht.

(RS) For the happy repose of the soul of John Stiefvater.

**ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS-RED CANDLES:**  
(LS) Special intentions for Jim Tuschen.  
(RS) For the happy repose of the soul of Bill Reif.

14-DAY VIGIL CANDLES are used to burn by the faithful who wish to show special devotion for specific intentions or to honor a loved one, deceased or living. The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue on our day. Candlelight has a special significance because it represents Christ. We know that Jesus called himself the light of the world. St. John's Gospel connects Christ with the imagery of light in John 1:4: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men."



### JIM TUSCHEN BENEFIT

Please join us for a worthy cause to help the Tuschen Family with all medical & extra expenses while Jim is on the road to recovery after suffering a stroke.

◆Friday, December 15, 2023  
4:00 pm Come Anytime

◆at Steve & Cathy Eichacker's Shop  
25446 445th Ave., Salem, SD

◆4:00 pm...on,  
serving soups, sandwiches, water & coffee

◆7:00 pm, BYOB

Wild Game & Mountain Oyster Feed

◆8:00 pm Live Auction Items starting

◆Silent Auction Items ◆10 x 10 Boards

◆Cash Cow ◆Kids Games

◆Freewill Donations

\*\*\* IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AN ITEM, PLEASE CONTACT:

CATHY EICHACKER: 605-421-1138

STEVE EICHACKER: 605-421-1152

MARTY GESSNER: 605-421-0704

LAURA GESSNER: 605-421-8522

KEITH PAULSEN: 605-421-8839

RHONDA MILLER: 605-421-1356

GINA HANSEN: 605-421-4004

BRAD KRANZ: 605-421-1557

**PRAYER CHAIN:** St. Mary's: Monica Anderson-cell 421-1655; Sandy Bies-425-2306. St. Patrick's: Donna Jorgensen-605-941-3068.

**IN SYMPATHY**

Pastorate 16 and St. Mary's Parish extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of: **Darwin VanHout**, 49, brother of Joe (Jane), who passed away Friday, November 17th.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

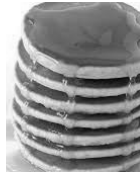


**If you would like to purchase a poinsettia**, in memory of a loved one, to be put **on the altar at St. Patrick's** during the holiday season please **contact Debbie Raap at 605-360-5824**. Each poinsettia will be \$20.00.

**ADVENT BABY SHOWER** McCook County For Life will be having their annual Advent Baby Shower crib in the back of St. Mary's Church from **December 2<sup>nd</sup> thru December 25<sup>th</sup>** for baby items to be given to our local WIC office and McCook County Food Pantry for mothers of newborn to 1 year old babies. Suggested gifts are: sleepers, diapers & wipes, bath items, onesies, jackets, blankets, socks, snowsuits, bottles, outfits, hats & gloves, and baby toys. Sizes requested are newborn thru 12 months. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated.



**SALEM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST** Breakfast will be on **Sunday, December 10th, from 9:30 to 11:00 am** at the Salem, St. Mary's Hall. Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, cheesy hashbrowns, fruit cup, coffee, and orange juice. Free will offering will be taken to help support our sponsored seminarian, Brady Martinez.



**EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT:**

There are extra Confession times scheduled during Advent for each parish. There will be 3 "Communal Penance Services," but all that means is that all 3 priests will be available. The "communal" confessions were scheduled on Sundays at: Alexandria, Humboldt, and Salem -- so as to try to distribute them across the Pastorate. The other 4 parishes will each have 2 weeknights for Confession.

For the Communal Penance Services, the starting time is given and we will simply continue to hear Confessions until there are no more. The weeknight Confessions are scheduled for 6 pm to 7 pm, which means that the priest will remain in the Confessional until 7 pm, even if no one is coming. However, the priest will continue to hear confessions (even after 7 pm) if people are still coming. So if it's 7:20 pm and there is still a long line of people, the priest will continue to hear confessions until no one else is coming. Needless to say you don't have to go to your own parish -- you can go to any of the parishes at any of the scheduled times; of course, you can also schedule a Confession or go to another parish as well, if you prefer.

**Advent Confession Schedule, 2023**

Parish	Day	Date	Time	Priest(s)
Alexandria	Sunday	Dec. 3	2 pm	All
Humboldt	Sunday	Dec. 3	7 pm	All
Salem	Sunday	Dec. 10	5 pm	All
Montrose	Monday	Dec. 4	6 pm	Fr. Bob
Montrose	Tuesday	Dec. 19	6 pm	Fr. Hamak
Epiphany	Tuesday	Dec. 5	6 pm	Fr. Kuhn
Epiphany	Tuesday	Dec. 12	6 pm	Fr. Hamak
Bridgewater	Wednesday	Dec. 6	6 pm	Fr. Kuhn
Bridgewater	Monday	Dec. 11	6 pm	Fr. Bob
Emery	Thursday	Dec. 14	6 pm	Fr. Hamak
Emery	Thursday	Dec. 21	6 pm	Fr. Kuhn

**Christmas Party & Cookie Sale**  
**St. Ann Hall**  
**12/10/2023**  
 Lunch and Sale  
 Following 10:30  
 Mass



**CANOVA FIREMEN** will be serving **pancakes & sausage on Sunday, Dec. 10** at the Canova Legion Hall from 11:00 – 2:00. Free will offering. There will be door prizes and **Santa will arrive at noon.**



**Christmas Poinsettias for St. Mary's-Salem**

As in the past, feel free to make donations for Christmas poinsettias. You can make them however you like. If you drop them in the collection that'd be great. If you do not use the envelope for poinsettias, just be sure to mark clearly on the envelope that it's a donation for poinsettias. Thank you, Fr. Kuhn.

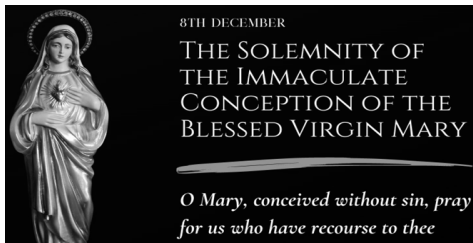


Fiction: *A Waste of Time*  
**December 5, 2023**

**Featured Speaker**  
*Fr. Michael Kapperman*

*Buffalo Ridge Brewery*  
 102 N Main Ave.  
 Hartford, SD

**Social Time: 6:30-7:00**  
**Speaker: 7:00-7:30**  
**Q&A/Social Time: 7:30-8:00**



“The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary”

Here are the Mass times for the upcoming Holy Day of Obligation:

**No Weekday Masses on Thursday, Dec. 7 or Friday, Dec. 8**

**Thursday, December 7 (Vigil Masses)**

- 5:30 pm Epiphany — Fr. Hamak
- 6:00 pm Alexandria — Fr. Bob
- 6:30 pm Humboldt — Fr. Kuhn

**Friday, December 8**

- 7:00 am Salem — Fr. Kuhn
- 9:00 am Bridgewater — Fr. Hamak
- 5:30 pm Salem — Fr. Kuhn
- 6:30 pm Montrose — Fr. Bob
- 7:00 pm Emery — Fr. Hamak

# Christmas Mass Schedule



**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24**

- 4:00 pm Emery — Fr. Rader
- 4:00 pm Alexandria — Fr. Bob
- 4:00 pm Salem — Fr. Kuhn
- 4:00 pm Montrose — Fr. Hamak
- 5:00 pm Humboldt — Fr. Zimmer
- 6:30 pm Epiphany — Fr. Kuhn

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25**

- 9:00 am Salem — Fr. Kuhn
- 9:00 am Alexandria — Fr. Bob
- 9:00 am Bridgewater — Fr. Hamak

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Masses for New Year's Day**

January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is typically a Holy Day of Obligation.

Since it falls on a Monday this year, the Church has waived the Mass obligation for this year: January 1st, 2024 is not a day of obligation *this* year. Nonetheless, it is still a great Solemnity and all are encouraged to come to Mass to celebrate it.

There will be no Vigil Masses

on New Year's Eve, December 31

since it's not a day of obligation but there will be

**3 Masses on New Year's Day: Monday, January 1st, 2024:**

- 9:00 am St. Martins, Emery
- 9:00 am St. Patrick's, Montrose
- 9:00 am Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany

*There will not be a 5:30 pm Mass in Salem on January 1, 2024*

## The Week Ahead

**12/3, First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Larry Jorgensen

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

10:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For Deceased Members of the Jim & Katherine Schartz Family

11:00 AM MASS IN EPIPHANY

FOR †Derrin Miller

**12/4, Monday, Advent Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary to end abortion, St. Mary's Church

5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †LaVern Yost

**12/5, Tuesday, Advent Weekday**

8:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

FOR †Stump (John) Staebell

**\*9:00 am 12/10 Bulletin Sent to LPi**

5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

FOR Adoptive Parents & Their Adopted Children

**12/6, Wednesday, St. Nicholas**

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

FOR †Alex O'Hara

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

FOR †Tony Armagno & †Randy O'Laughlin

**12/7, Thursday, Vigil:**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:30 pm Mass in Epiphany

For †Barbara Kaufmann

6:00 pm Mass in Alexandria

6:30 pm Mass in Humboldt

For †Francis Sieverding

7:00 pm Rosary for our Nation, St. Mary's Church

**12/8, Friday,**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

FOR Special Intentions of Jim Tuschen

9:00 AM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER

**\*2:00 pm 12/17 Bulletin Information Due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †Harlan Gross

6:30 PM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Special Intentions of Dorothy Matulka

7:00 AM MASS IN EMERY

**12/9, Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM MASS IN SALEM

FOR †Kathy Deters

**12/10, Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Ralph & †Agatha Weber

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Bob Skaff

9:30-11:00 am Salem KC's Breakfast, St. Mary's Hall, Salem

10:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

11:00 AM MASS IN EPIPHANY

FOR †Orville Barringer

God grant me the SERENITY  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
COURAGE to change the things I can  
and the WISDOM to know the difference.