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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 ½ hour
before wherever Saturday evening Mass is.

SUNDAY: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Emery, Mont-
rose, 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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17, 2023

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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**IN JOY,
WE WAIT**



— BULLETIN DEADLINE—

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



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351 N. Juniper, Bridgewater, SD 57319

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342 34rd Ave., Emery, SD 57332

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409 W. 4th Ave.,
Humboldt, SD 57035

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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. 24—11:00 am

ROSARY Klinkhammers
SERVERS Erica & Kendra Endorf
LECTOR Cory Eich
EUCH. MIN. Jean Klinkhammer
OFFERTORY Judy Barringer
MUSIC Kim Miller, Pat Zens
USHERS John Schmitt, Bob Wingen,
 Joe Zens, Cory Eich

Sunday, Dec. 24—6:30 pm-Christmas Eve Mass

Liturgical Schedule — Volunteers

ST. ANN'S

Sunday, December 24-10:30 am

ROSARY Mary Garry
SERVERS Alex, Chloe, & Wyatt Siemonsma
LECTOR Jackie Lofswold
EUCH. MIN. Charlie & Donna Beck
OFFERTORY T & S Even
MUSICIANS H
SACRISTAN Elsie Baye
USHERS Tom Kaffar, Billy Kapperman
\$ COUNTERS A Busser, J Hoekman, D Struck

Sunday, Dec. 24-5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Liturgical Schedule — Volunteers

St. Patrick's

Sunday, December 24-8:30 am Mass

SERVERS Hunter, Kenzie,
 & Kailey Thompson
LECTOR Barb Spicer
OFFERTORY Todd & Emily Gordon Family
EUCH. MIN. Bill Grocott
USHERS Leo Hoiten, Bob Erickson
SACRISTAN Denny Vogel

Sunday, Dec. 24-4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

SERVERS Claire & Caleb Vogel,
 Elliott Bartlett
LECTOR Denise Erickson
OFFERTORY Tom & Demetria Bergeson Family
EUCH. MIN. Jill Skyberg
USHERS Paul Collins, Steve Zimmer
SACRISTAN Barb Spicer
\$ COUNTERS Sarah McAreavey, Beth Odenbach

St. Mary's

Saturday, December 23

ROSARY Dave & Barb Hoiten
SERVERS Jase, Brooke, & Adam Heumiller
LECTOR Crystal Wilkinson
EUCH. MIN. Laura Gottlob, Carol McCormick
HOMEBOUND Brian & Barb Mentele
USHERS Parish Volunteer, Ed Kranz,
 Terry Krempges, Ken Lauck

Sunday, December 24-9:00 am

ROSARY GERALYN SHERMAN
SERVERS Chase & Leah Feterl
 Antone Krempges
LECTOR Andrew Streff
EUCH. MIN. Bill Roth, Anita Feterl
HOMEBOUND Dan & Luann McKillop
USHERS Chad Krempges, Dan McKillop,
 Wayne Krempges, John Scheier

Sunday, Dec. 24-4:00 pm-Christmas Eve Mass

SERVERS Lauren, Megan, & Karlie Stiefvater
 Will Oyen
LECTOR Kurt Stiefvater
EUCH. MIN. Carol McCormick, Anita Feterl
USHERS 4 Parish Volunteers

Monday, December 25-9:00 am-Christmas Day

SERVERS Luke & Levi Horstman,
 Alyssa Roling, Volunteer
LECTOR Randy Sabers
EUCH. MIN. Crystal Wilkinson, GERALYN SHERMAN
USHERS Parish Volunteer, Ed Kranz,
 Pat Scheier, Kurt Bies
\$ COUNTERS Janet Karel, Charlie Eich

St. Mary's Liturgical Group
 thank you for your response and
 volunteering for the Christmas Eve
 Mass. It is greatly appreciated. Vicky

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

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
 John Rieck, 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,
 Shirley Puthoff, Jean Schnider,
 MaryAnn Tuschen, Merlin Ziegmann.

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

14 DAY CANDLES AT ST. MARY'S
 DECEMBER 11-DECEMBER 24

THE MAIN ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDLE:

For the happy repose of the soul
 of Bill Reif.

ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY-BLUE CANDLES:

(LS) Special intentions for St. Mary's
 Parishioners with health issues.

(RS) For the happy repose of the souls
 of Al & MaryAnn Huls.

ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS-RED CANDLES:

(LS) For deceased members
 of the Bud & Darlyne Gottlob Family.

(RS) For the happy repose of the soul
 of Kathy Deters.

POINSETTIAS FOR ST. ANN'S HUMBOLDT

If you would like
 to donate for a
 Christmas
 poinsettia in
 someone's honor
 or memory, you
 can just put the
 donation in a clearly marked envelope
 (for a poinsettia, and in
 whose honor) and either mail it to
 the office (P.O. Box 308, Salem, SD
 57058) or drop it in the collection.



CHURCH SUPPORT

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY & ST. MARY'S
 support from 12/10 was not available
 at the time of printing.

ST. ANN'S

Support from 12/3: Adult: \$4,263.00, Loose:
 \$203.00, Building: \$105.00,
 Holy Day: \$100.00, Total: \$4,671.00.
 Support from 12/10 was not available
 at the time of printing.

ST. PATRICK'S

Support from 12/3: Adult: \$2,077.00,
 Loose: \$202.00, Holy Days: \$5.00,
 Masses: \$25.00, Building: \$35.00,
 CFSA: \$50.00, Total: \$2,394.00.
 Support from 12/10 was not available
 at the time of printing.

Jesus
 IS THE
 reason
 FOR THE
 Season

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



For information on the Shrine call 425-3000.

Dec. 6-Mark & Vicky Huls,
 Dec. 13-Jim & Lynn Gottlob,
 Dec. 20-Dave & Barb Hoiten.

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

MASSSES DEC. 23 – DEC. 25 THIS YEAR Since Christmas is on a Monday this year, I want to offer some clarification on Mass obligations and which Masses are for what obligation. There are 2 days of obligation – both the Sunday/weekend and Christmas are days of obligation. From Saturday, Dec. 23rd to Monday, Dec. 25th you will need to go to Mass twice. We will keep the usual weekend Mass schedule for the Sunday obligation, that being the Saturday (Dec. 23) evening Masses and Sunday (Dec. 24) *morning* Masses. The Sunday (Dec. 24) *evening* Masses (which start at 4 pm) are for Christmas – they satisfy the Mass obligation for Christmas. And, of course, the Masses on Christmas morning (Monday, Dec. 25) are for Christmas, they satisfy the Mass obligation for Christmas.

To summarize: Saturday evening (Dec. 23), 5pm & Sunday *morning* (Dec. 24) 8:30 to 11:00 am Masses = Sunday obligation. Sunday *evening* (Dec. 24) Masses, starting at 4 pm and Monday (Dec. 25) morning Masses = Christmas Masses, Christmas obligation. God Bless You, Fr. Kuhn.

IN SYMPATHY

Pastorate 16 and St. Mary's extends deepest sympathy to the families and friends of:



Patricia Heumiller, 88, mother of parishioners Jerry (Lori), Doug, and Brenda (Marvin) Johnson, who passed away Friday, December 8.

Darlene Lauck, 88, mother of Dan (Sharon), & Tom (Lisa), who passed away Wednesday, December 6.

Mildred "Millie" Dahlin, 90, mother of Laurie (Mark) Norris, who passed away Friday, November 24.

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



- St. Mary's Christmas Memorials
In Loving Memory/Honor of:**
 Allen Wegener... By Tim Wegener Family
 Mary Ann Eich
 Allen Wegener
 Gottlieb & Catherine Wegener
 Lloyd & Julia Roling
 Leroy Wegner
 Cletus, Shirley & Mike Heumiller
 Al & Mary Ann Huls
 Leitheiser Family
 Klinkhammer Family
 Family Memebers...by GERALYN SHERMAN
 Don Eichacker
 Ray & Dolores 'Squeak' Kolbeck
 Collin & Ona Leslie
 Dorri Jordan
 Dick & LaVonne Garry
 Gene & Gloria Rotert
 Clarence & Matilda Weber
 Don & Rae Sieverding
 Helen & Nick Olinger
 Tony & Margaret Georgen
 Jim & Darlene Peterson

Pius Pints 21+
The Gospel Hustle:
 God's Work Inside the
 Prison Walls
January 2, 2024
Featured Speaker
Mo Irvine
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

Ephiphany LAS is looking for volunteers to take over the officer positions (President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the 2024 calendar year. There will be a meeting after the breakfast on January 7th, 2024 to install the new officers. Please contact Chris Schmitt, Stacy Kampshoff, Julie Wingen, or Diane Eich if you'd like to volunteer!



EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT: The Confessions are scheduled for 5 & 6 pm to 7 pm, which means 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)
Emery	Sunday	Dec. 17	5 pm	Fr. Rader & 2 Pastorate Priests
Montrose	Tuesday	Dec. 19	6 pm	Fr. Hamak
Emery	Thursday	Dec. 21	6 pm	Fr. Kuhn

Advent Baby Showers

MCCOOK COUNTY FOR LIFE is having their annual Advent Baby Shower crib in the back of St. Mary's Church from **December 2nd thru December 25th** 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.



HARTFORD-HUMBOLDT RIGHT TO LIFE is collecting (new) baby items throughout the season of Advent (12/3-12/24). Please bring your items to the St. Ann's Parish collection site. **Your contributions will be donated to Alpha Center with diapers divided also to local church (food) pantry.** These are items of greatest need: Infant clothing to 24 months, Diapers (- especially sizes 3,4,5), Wipes, Lotions, Shampoo, Baby Laundry Soap, Baby Bottles, Car Seats, Strollers, Pack-n-Play(s), Cribs, Bedding, High Chairs, Bath Toys, and Baby Formula (Enfamil Neuro Pro and Similac Advanced.) Thank you!

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

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

RE/CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY -

Saturday, December 23 thru Sunday, December 31

The decision to re/consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example. Four suggested steps before praying the Re/Consecration prayer card on Sunday, December 31st, which is the Feast Day of the Holy Family:

1. **Discuss the Importance** this re/consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
2. Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to **go to the sacrament of reconciliation.**
3. As a family, intentionally choose something to **fast** from. The fast should be for at least a week. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
4. **Prepare for the commitment** you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

Prayer cards and brochures are available in the Knights of Columbus Kiosk located in the entrance of Salem, St. Mary's Church.

The Week Ahead

12/17, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For Intentions of Andrew Streff

10:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Marcene Redenius

11:00 am Mass in Epiphany

For †Catherine Zens

12/18, Monday, Weekday of Advent

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

5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †Stump "John" Staebell

12/19, Tuesday, Weekday of Advent

8:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For Advent Blessings

5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Lori Puthoff

12/20, Wednesday, Weekday of Advent

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Francis Sieverding

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Advent Blessings

6:30 pm Salem KC Christmas Party

12/21, Thursday, St. Peter Canisius

8:30 am Mass in Salem

For †Gerald Hanish

10:00 am Mass in Epiphany

For Advent Blessings

***2:00 pm 12/31 Bulletin Information Due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

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

12/22, Friday, Weekday of Advent

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Duane Struck

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Living & Deceased member of the CDA

12/23, Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †Don Eichacker

12/24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Clarence & †Matilda Weber

10:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Steven Hartle

11:00 AM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For †Ambrose Zens

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM MASS IN EMERY

4:00 PM MASS ALEXANDRIA

4:00 PM MASS IN SALEM

For Special Intentions of John Streff

4:00 PM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Fr. Roger Geditz

5:00 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For a Blessed Christmas Season

6:30 PM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For a Blessed Christmas Season