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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

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maryofmercy@sfcatholic.org

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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.,
Montrose, SD 57048
<https://www.stpatrickmontrose.org>

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Maggan Kremppges: 605.425.2600
mkremppges@salematholic.org

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10, 2023

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



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“One mightier than I is coming after me.”
- Mk 1:7a

— 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. 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





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. 17

ROSARY Eichs
SERVERS Luke & Paige Endorf
LECTOR Lisa Brown
EUCH. MIN. Kelli Endorf
OFFERTORY Harley Zens Family
MUSIC Pat Koepsell, Rene Koepsell
USHERS Marlon Koepsell, Dick Kremppges, Troy Loudenburg, Dave Schmitt

St. ANN'S

Sunday, December 17

ROSARY Elsie Baye
SERVERS Kane & Weston Grace, Ella Harden
LECTOR Heather Harden
EUCH. MIN. Colleen Puthoff, Nicolle Shumaker
OFFERTORY TJ & C Kaffer
MUSICIANS B
SACRISTAN Susan Shumaker
USHERS Mark Harden, John Jarding
\$ COUNTERS E Baye, C & P Jarding

St. Patrick's

Sunday, December 17

SERVERS Jake & Nathan Merrill, Zaidee Huls
LECTOR Denise Erickson
OFFERTORY Dustin & Michelle Edwards Family
EUCH. MIN. Michelle Edwards
USHERS Steve Zimmer, Bob Condon
SACRISTAN Barb Spicer
\$ COUNTERS Marlys Bartmann, Barb Spicer, Deanna Ollerich

St. Mary's

Saturday, December 16

ROSARY Lori Heumiller
SERVERS Nicholas & Isaac Youngworth, Khloie Klinkhammer
LECTOR Kurt Stiefvater
EUCH. MIN. Robert Deters, Sharon Lauck
HOMEBOUND Karla Blindert
USHERS Parish Volunteer, Ed Kranz, Terry Kremppges, Ken Lauck

Sunday, December 17

ROSARY Crystal Wilkinson
SERVERS Joe & Jules Grady, Isaac Muth
LECTOR Jeremy Grady
EUCH. MIN. Dave Hoiten, Todd Snyders
HOMEBOUND GERALYN SHERMAN
USHERS Jim Gottlob, Pat Gottlob, Jason Jaeger, Tom Kolbeck
\$ COUNTERS Joann Koch, Barb Gottlob

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



For information on the Shrine call 425-3000.

Nov. 29-Pat & Ruth Grady,
Dec. 6-Mark & Vicky Huls,
Dec. 13-Jim & Lynn Gottlob.

DECORATE the Church

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



CHURCH SUPPORT

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Support from 12/3: Adult: \$465.00,
 Loose: \$167.00, Total: \$632.00.

St. ANN'S

Support from 11/26: Adult: \$1,463.00,
 Loose: \$122.00, Energy: \$100.00,
 Total: \$1,685.00.

Support from 12/3 was not available
 at the time of printing.

St. PATRICK'S

Support from 11/26: Adult: \$1,650.00,
 Loose: \$150.00, Direct Deposit: \$65.00,
 Holy Days: \$170.00, Maintenance: \$200.00
 Altar Flowers: \$5.00, Building: \$25.00,
 Total: \$2,265.00.

Support from 12/3 was not available
 at the time of printing.

St. MARY'S

Support from 12/3: Adult: \$3,140.00,
 Loose: \$282.50, Holy Day: \$210.00,
 Christmas Flowers: \$375.00,
 Total: \$4,007.50.



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.

JIM TUSCHEN BENEFIT



Please join us to help the
 Tuschen Family with medical
 and 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

As we come to the end of 2023, we want
 to thank all Altar Society members for
 the help and support of the events and fun-
 erals this year. We thank you for trusting
 us to lead the group this year. We would
 like to wish Congratulations to the newly
 elected 2024 Altar Society Officers: Deb
 Scheier, President; Dawn McGregor, Vice
 President; Joann Koch, Secretary; Christy
 Gessner, Treasurer.

Thank you, Michelle Ecklein, Presi-
 dent; Jen Hoffman, Vice-President; Darlene
 Gross, Secretary; Melissa Kremppges, Treas-
 urer.

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 intensions 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.

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



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

IN SYMPATHY

Pastorate 16 extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of: **Benjamin Goehring, 22**, who passed away Wednesday, October 18th.

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



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.**



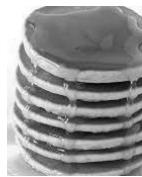
If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, in memory of a loved one, to be put **on the altar at St. Patrick's** during the holiday season please **contact Debbie Raap at 605-360-5824**. Each poinsettia will be \$20.00.



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.



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.



Advent Baby Showers

MCCOOK COUNTY FOR LIFE are 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, snow-suits, bottles, outfits, hats & gloves, and baby toys. Sizes requested are newborn thru 12 months. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated.

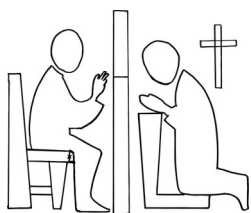


HARTFORD-HUMBOLDT RIGHT TO LIFE are collecting (new) baby items throughout the season of Advent (12/3-12/24).

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!



EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES FOR ADVENT:



There are extra Confession times scheduled during Advent. There is a "Communal Penance Service," but all that means is that all 3 priests will be available. The "communal" confession is scheduled on Sunday at Salem.

For the Communal Penance Service, the starting time is given and we will 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)
Salem	Sunday	Dec. 10	5 pm	All
Bridgewater	Monday	Dec. 11	6 pm	Fr. Bob
Epiphany	Tuesday	Dec. 12	6 pm	Fr. Hamak
Emery	Thursday	Dec. 14	6 pm	Fr. Hamak
Montrose	Tuesday	Dec. 19	6 pm	Fr. Hamak
Emery	Thursday	Dec. 21	6 pm	Fr. Kuhn

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

12/10, 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

12/11, Monday, St. Damasus I

***9:00 am 12/17 Bulletin Sent to LPi**

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

5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †Fr. Steven Jones

12/12, Tuesday, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Rich Ries

5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For the Goehring Family

12/13, Wednesday, St. Lucy

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Kevin Bartlett

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Duane Kappenman

***2:00 pm 12/24 Bulletin Information Due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

12/14, Thursday, St. John of the Cross

8:30 am Mass in Salem

For †Clete & †Shirley Heumiller

10:00 am Mass in Epiphany

For †John Zens

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

12/15, Friday, Advent Weekday

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For Living & Deceased Catholic Daughters

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Kathleen Petri

***9:00 am 12/24 Bulletin Sent to LPi**

12/16, Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †Helene Heiberger

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



PRAY on it,
PRAY over it,
but most of all,
PRAY through it.