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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/

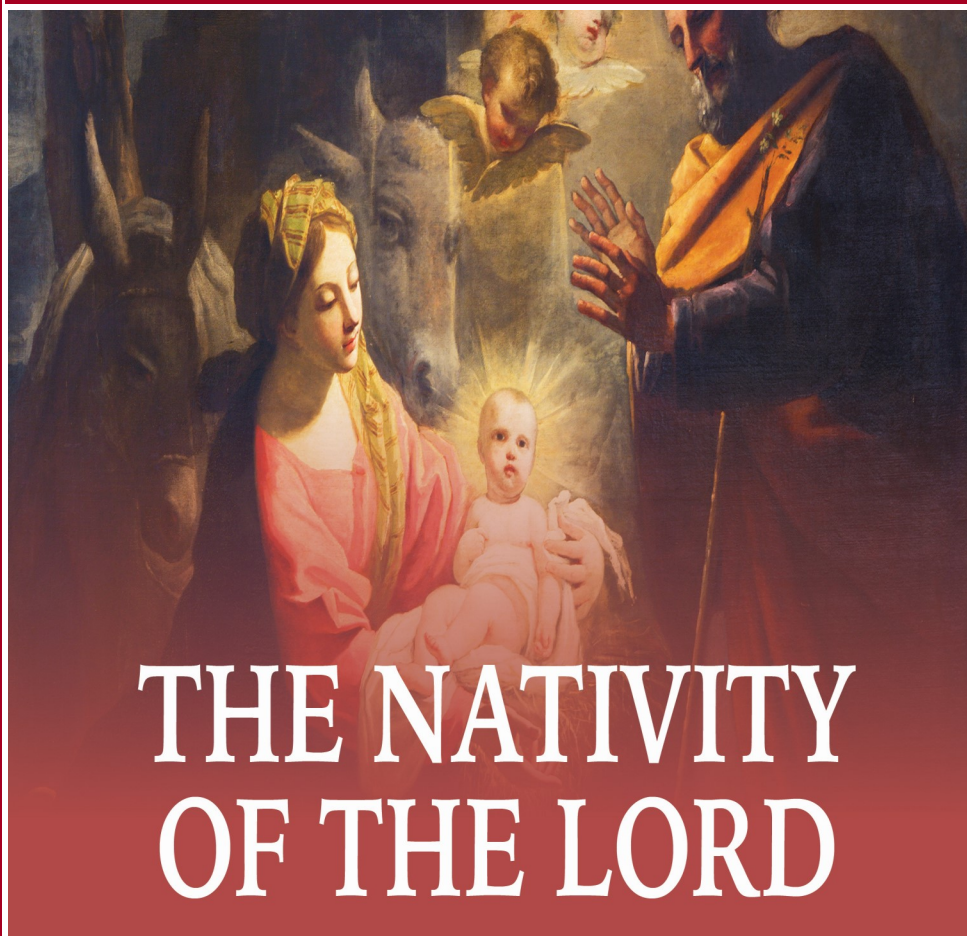
MARRIAGE/RCIA: Contact parish priest

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24, 2023

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



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

— BULLETIN DEADLINE—

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

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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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<https://www.salem catholic.org>
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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. 31

ROSARY Wingens
SERVERS Luke & Paige Endorg
LECTOR Ben Endorf
EUCH. MIN. Leanne Eich
OFFERTORY Tim Brown Family
MUSIC Ronda Zens, Rene Koepsell
USHERS Ben & Kelly Endorf,
Dave Esser, Mike Gassman

St. ANN'S—Sunday, December 31

ROSARY Darrin Kremppes
SERVERS Joseph, Jude, & Leo Carlson
LECTOR Emily Berg
EUCH. MIN. Elsie Baye, Christy Kaffar
OFFERTORY S. Siemonsma
MUSICIANS B
SACRISTAN Jackie Lofswold
USHERS Steve Bannwarth, Lee Decker
\$ COUNTERS A Schartz, T & C Puthoff

St. Patrick's

Sunday, December 31

SERVERS Makarie & Ben Wiebersick,
Luke Kane
LECTOR Tom Tott
OFFERTORY Eric & Brittany Grocott Family
EUCH. MIN. Eric Grocott
USHERS Paul Collins, Leo Hoiten
SACRISTAN Denny Vogel
\$ COUNTERS Paul Klautd, Tom Tott

St. Mary's

Saturday, December 30

ROSARY Diane McGregor
SERVERS CJ & Jordan Hemmah,
Jorja Weber
LECTOR Diane McGregor
EUCH. MIN. Robert Deters, Sharon Lauck
HOMEBOUND Laura Gottlob
USHERS Terry Kremppes, Ken Lauck
2 Parish Volunteers

Sunday, December 31

ROSARY Dave & Barb Hoiten
SERVERS Earl Heumiller,
Aliza & Maria Addy
LECTOR Geralyn Sherman
EUCH. MIN. Jeanette Grady, Randy Sabers
HOMEBOUND Dave & Barb Hoiten
USHERS Kevin Ernster, Dave Fendrich,
Jim Gottlob, Pat Gottlob
\$ COUNTERS TBD

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



*For information on the Shrine call 425-3000.

Dec. 13-Jim & Lynn Gottlob,
Dec. 20-Dave & Barb Hoiten,
Dec. 27-Gene & Julie Streff.



CHURCH SUPPORT FOR ST. ANN'S

FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 12/10 & 12/17
WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

For the weekend of 12/10: Adult: \$235.00,
Loose: \$170.00, Christmas Flowers: \$45.00,
Total: \$450.00.

Support from 12/17 was not available
at the time of printing.

St. PATRICK'S

For the weekend of 12/10: Adult: \$2,075.00,
Loose: \$1,419.94, Holy Days: \$95.00,
Altar Flowers: \$10.00, Building: \$75.00,
Energy: \$300.00, Total: \$3,974.94.

Support from 12/17 was not available
at the time of printing.

St. MARY'S

For the weekend of 12/10:
Adult: \$2,630.00, Loose: \$308.00,
Holy Day: 265.00, Maintenance: \$30.00,
Altar Society Cleaning: \$20.00,
Christmas Flowers: \$230.00,
Total: \$3,483.00.

Support from 12/17 was not available
at the time of printing.

Christmas List

1. ^{Be} Buy a present
the ones I love with a hug
2. Wrap ~~my~~ presents
peace and good wishes
3. Send postcards
4. ^{Give away} Buy food to the poor
5. ^{Donate} Get new clothes
6. ^{Be} See the Christmas lights ^{light}



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.

Baptism



With joy Pastorate 16 welcomes
Noah Christopher Ruden, son of
Chris & Emily, into the Christian
community. Noah was baptized
Sunday, December 10 at St.
Mary of Mercy in Alexandria.
He joins siblings: Carter,
Madalynn, Allie, Jace & Chloe.

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

14 DAY CANDLES AT ST. MARY'S DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 7

THE MAIN ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDLE:

For the deceased members
of the Chuck & Marianne Schuknecht Family.

ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY-BLUE CANDLES:

(LS) For the happy repose of the soul
of Roberta Kinzley.

(RS) For the happy repose of the soul
of Charlie Oyen.

ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS-RED CANDLES:

(LS) Special intensions for St. Mary's
Parishioners with health concerns.

(RS) For the happy repose of the soul
of Don Sieverding.

A CHILD
HAS BEEN
BORN FOR US,
A SON IS GIVEN
TO US;

AUTHORITY RESTS
UPON HIM; AND
HE IS NAMED
JESUS.

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

May this Christmas bring happiness into our homes, peace within our lives and Jesus into our hearts. Help us remember this season is about the birth of your son and his love for us. We ask for you to humble our hearts and bless us this Christmas. God Bless You and Merry Christmas.

Fr. Kuhn, Fr. Bob, & Fr. Hamak.

Bible Study: Lectio - Eucharist:

Unveiling Scripture and Tradition with Dr. Brandt Pitre

January 7th at St. Mary's School with Mike Heumiller

10:10am for the Adult Study; 4:00pm for the Men's Study

In this study, you will discover the Jewish roots that connect the scripture with the Jewish tradition. It takes you into a deeper level of understanding the power of the Mass and what it holds in our faith.

SALEM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Breakfast and fellowship will be held on Sunday, January 7th, from 9:30 to 11 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.



SALEM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW SHOOT

Sunday, January 7th

12:30pm registration — 1:00pm shoot

boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate

Location: Salem, St. Marys Hall



MAILING ADDRESSES:

for Fr. Hamak & Fr. Krantz

If you would like to send Fr. Hamak or Fr. Krantz personal mail (things like cards and so on), here are their mailing addresses so you can send it to them directly if you like.

Fr. William Hamak,

PO Box 151, Emery, SD 57332

Fr. Bob Krantz,

PO Box 158, Alexandria, SD 57311

EpiphanY 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!

The best Christmas gift is to realize how much you already have.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?"

Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.



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

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!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Thomas #1533 of Montrose and Humboldt has St. Gerard medals for any mother or expectant mother who would like one. St. Gerard is the patron saint of mothers, motherhood, expectant mothers, childbirth, children, pregnant women, unborn children, the pro-life movement, the falsely accused, good confessions and lay brothers. He performed many miracles but is best known for his miracles helping children and their mothers, especially mothers giving birth. If interested in a medal, contact any Catholic Daughter member in Humboldt or Montrose or call Elsie Baye at 605-359-3450.

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
- There will not be a 5:30 pm Mass in Salem*
- 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

THE LOURDES CENTER

(formerly Catholic Family Services)

- *Living with Chronic Illness;* ● *Surviving Divorce Program;*
- *Coping with Stress and Anxiety Program;*
- *Grieving the Loss of a Child;* ● *Surviving Divorce;*
- *Grieving the Loss of a Loved One;*
- *Grieving a Loss from Overdose and Addiction.*

For more details call: 605-988-3775

The Week Ahead

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

12/25, Monday, The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Harlan Gross

9:00 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA

9:00 AM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER

12/26, Tuesday, St. Stephen

8:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Gerald Hanisch

***9:00 am 12/31 Bulletin Sent to LPi**

5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

12/27, Wednesday, St. John

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Neal Even

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Don, †Rose & †Tom Wheeler

12/28, Thursday, The Holy Innocents

8:30 am Mass in Salem

For †LaVern Yost

10:00 am Mass in Epiphany

For Priests Personal Intention

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

12/29, Friday, St. Thomas Becket

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For deceased members of the Peter & Margaret Dahmen Family

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

12/30, Saturday, Vigil: The Holy Family

5:00 PM MASS IN SALEM

For †Judy Puthoff

12/31, Sunday, The Holy Family

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Priests Personal Intention

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

10:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Kathleen Petri

11:00 am Mass in Epiphany

For †Derrin & †Austin Miller