

ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARY OF MERCY

220 5th St., Alexandria, SD

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm only in even months

SUNDAY: 8:30 am only in odd months

MON.-FRI.: 8:30 am; TUESDAYS: 5:30 pm

ALEXANDRIA, CARMELITE MONASTERY

DAILY: 7:30 am Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Fr. Lance Oser

Rosary & Benediction

Sunday at 3:15 pm Adoration

First Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

BRIDGEWATER, ST. STEPHEN

351 N. Juniper, Bridgewater, SD

No Weekend Mass

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00 am; THURSDAYS: 5:30 pm

**(First Thursday of the month 10:00 am Mass at the
Bridgewater Nursing Home)*

**(First Thursday of the month NO 5:30 pm Mass)*

EMERY, ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

342 3rd Ave., Emery, SD

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm only in odd months

SUNDAY: 8:30 am only in even months

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 9:00 am

EPIPHANY, CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

106 Jackson St., Epiphany, SD

No Weekend Mass

THURSDAYS: 5:30 pm

HUMBOLDT, ST. ANN

409 W. 4th Ave., Humboldt, SD

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm only in odd months

SUNDAY: 8:30 am only in even months

TUESDAYS: 5:30 pm

MONTROSE, ST. PATRICK

211 S. Church Ave., Montrose, SD

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm only in even months

SUNDAY: 8:30 am only in odd months

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00 am

SALEM, ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

240 W. Vermont Ave., Salem, SD

SUNDAY: 10:30 am

No Saturday evening Mass

MONDAYS: 5:30 pm; FRIDAYS: 9:00 am



CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:15-4:50 pm as well as after Mass,
at all parishes with Saturday evening Mass.

SUNDAY: for all the parishes with 8:30 am Mass,
confessions will be 7:50-8:20 am before Mass.

Emery and Alexandria will also have confessions
available after their 8:30 am Masses.

For Salem, when possible, confessions will be
offered before and after the 10:30 am Mass.



HOLY DAYS: as announced



BAPTISM/CARE OF THE SICK/

MARRIAGE/OCIA: Contact parish priest



DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION:

Maggan Krempges: 605.425.2600

mkrempges@salem catholic.org



BULLETIN: **Vicky Huls:** ITEMS for the bulletin due
Mondays at 2:00 pm to mavhuls@triotel.net

BULLETIN ONLINE: <https://www.salem catholic.org>

Welcome to

St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate

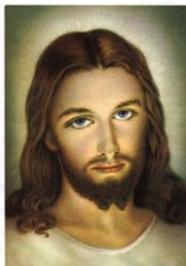
PASTOR: Fr. Melvin Kuhn; frmelvinkuhn@sfcatholic.org

PAROCHIAL VICAR: Fr. Steven Jones; frstevenjones@sfcatholic.org

DECEMBER 14, 2025 ❧ **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Third Sunday of Advent

JOYFUL



I Wait for You The Light is On

Each church is now open all the time, and with a light on so
you can stop by any time and pay a visit to our Lord. It's
why He sits there day after day, night after night – He
waits for His sons and daughters to come to Him, to pay
Him a visit, to spend time with Him, to speak to them.

TO CONTACT THE PARISHES OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE PASTORATE:

- Pastorate Admin. Assist: **Emily Ruden:** salem.stmary@sfcatholic.org
- Pastorate Office & Salem Rectory Phone: 605.425.2600
- Emery, St. Martin Rectory Phone: 605.449.4374
 - Email: salem.stmary@sfcatholic.org
- Mailing Address: PO Box 308, Salem, SD 57058
- Website: <https://www.salem catholic.org>

TO USE ANY OF THE 7 PARISH HALLS:

contact St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate Office in Salem



Salem, St. Mary's: Monica Anderson-cell 605.421.1655
and Sandy Bies-605.425.2306.

St. Patrick's: Donna Hetland-605.480.2650.

St. Mary of Mercy: Camille Davies-cell 605.933.0574.

There is a **Rosary on Mondays**, 5pm at Salem, St. Mary's Church;
a **Rosary on Tuesdays**, 9am at St. Stephen's Church; and
a **Rosary on Thursdays**, 7pm at Salem, St. Mary's Church or Grotto.



YOU'RE INVITED TO



our annual

Christmas Cookie Sale & Breakfast

Join us for breakfast and crafts, then go home with Christmas Cookies!

Sunday, December 14th
9:30 AM, following Mass



St. Ann Church Hall
Humboldt, SD

ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Soup & Sandwich Supper & Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT THE EMERY MULTI PURPOSE ROOM

PROGRAM STARTS AT 5:00 P.M. WITH SUPPER TO FOLLOW

★ **RAFFLE ITEMS AVAILABLE TICKETS 1 FOR \$1 OR 6 FOR \$5** ★



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SACRED HEART LEAGUE

To purchase 14-day candles, (\$10.00) at Salem, St. Mary's, call the pastorate office

DECEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 21
THE MAIN ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDLE
For the happy repose of the soul of Allen Wegener.

ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY-BLUE CANDLES (LS) For Lou Anderson.
(RS) Special Intentions for the Ed & Sheri Kranz Family.

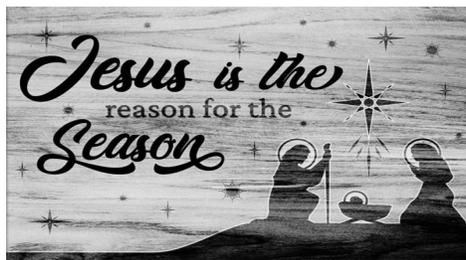
ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS-RED CANDLES (LS) For the happy repose of the soul of Roberta Kinzley.
(RS) For the happy repose of the soul of Roberta Kinzley.

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



*For information on the Shrine call 425-3000

Dec. 10-Jim & Lynn Gottlob,
Dec. 17-Dave & Barb Hoiten,
Dec. 24-Gene & Julie Streff.



ST. MARY MAGDALENE LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY Saturday, December 20

ROSARY Chris & Emily Ruden
SERVERS Carter Ruden, Madalynn Ruden, Allie Ruden
LECTOR Kelly Arend
E. MIN. Dave & Cindy Beyer
MUSIC Sandy Kayser
USHERS Matt Kayser, Mel Mowry
MONEY Don Wenande, Ed Henningsen

EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS Sunday, December 21

ROSARY Janice Heiberger
SERVERS Ben Weber, Max Weber, Grace Eckerman
LECTOR Landon Berg
E. MIN. Jason Weber
MUSIC Rosalie Weber
USHERS Dave Jansen, Steve Ernster
MONEY Miranda Kayser, Jen Eckerman

HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN Sunday, December 21

ROSARY Elsie Baye
SERVERS Landon Even, Miles Even, Ella Harden
LECTOR Nicolle Schumaker
OFFER. Mark & Heather Harden
E. MIN. Susan Shumaker, Jackie Lofswold
SACRISTAN Susan Shumaker
USHERS Billy Kapperman, Tom Kaffar
MONEY Charles & Paula Jarding, Elsie Baye

MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK Saturday, December 20

SERVERS Brenna Bartlett, Channing Bartlett, Michaela Kane
LECTOR Charlotte Thompson
OFFER. Charles & Cathy Gordon
E. MIN. Jane Wiebersick
USHERS Robert Hoiten, Jason Klinkhammer
SACRISTAN Barb Spicer
MONEY Beth Odenbach, Sarah McAreavey

SALEM-ST. MARY Sunday, December 21

ROSARY Geryl Sherman
SERVERS Presley Krempges, Isaac & Isaiah Muth
LECTOR Crystal Wilkinson
E. MIN. Sharon Lauck, Crystal Wilkinson
H. BD. Carol McCormick
USHERS Dan McKillop, John Scheier, Pat Scheier, Kurt Bies
MONEY Marnie Weier, Janet Karel

Baptism

With joy
St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate welcomes
Baker Douglas Hoiten,
son of Robert & Laura;
newly baptized in Christ at
St. Patrick's, Saturday, November 29.
God's Blessings to the parents.

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.



PASTORATE COLLECTIONS	
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OF 11/30	
ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY	\$1,355.00
BRIDGEWATER-ST. STEPHEN	\$330.00
EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS	\$4,657.00
EPIPHANY-CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY	\$94.25
HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN	\$3,884.00
MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK	\$1,698.89
SALEM-ST. MARY	\$2,117.25; CFSA: \$50.00

PASTORATE PRAYER REQUESTS

 Lord hear our prayers 

*For information call the pastorate office.

SALEM, ST. MARY'S
Shelli Kirby, Lori Erikson, Pat Grady,
Dianne Kampshoff, Kay Koch,
Raya Koch, Bob Martin,
Joanne Schneider, Jean Schnider,
Carla Snyders, Jim Tuschen,
Rosalie Weber,
Merlin & Sandy Ziegmann.

ST. PATRICK'S
Vince Bartmann, Chad Gordon,
Paul Gordon, Larry Hohn, Bob Kerkhove,
Lisa Lund, Jim Miles,
Lainey Raap, Sherry VanderZwaag.

ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARY OF MERCY
Peggy Kayser, John Schroeder

Faith

does not make things easy.
It makes them possible.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve, Wed., December 24

- o 4:00 pm St. Ann's, Humboldt
- o 4:30 pm St. Marys, Alexandria
- o 6:00 pm St. Patrick's, Montrose
- o 6:30 pm St. Martin's, Emery
- o 8:00 pm St. Mary's, Salem

Christmas Day, Thurs., December 25

- 9:00 am St. Mary's, Salem
- 9:00 am St. Martin's, Emery

MASSES FOR JAN. 1ST HOLY DAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve, Wed., December 31

- o 5:30 pm St. Patrick's, Montrose
- o 6:30 pm St. Mary's, Salem
- o 7:30 pm St. Mary's, Alexandria

New Years Day, Thurs., January 1

- 9:00 am St. Ann's, Humboldt
- 9:30 am St. Martin's, Emery

Thank you for your donations to the Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving food drive. The collection of items has now stopped. Watch the bulletin for the 40 Cans for Lent food pantry campaign coming in 2026. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! **Salem St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 9375**

Christmas Symbols



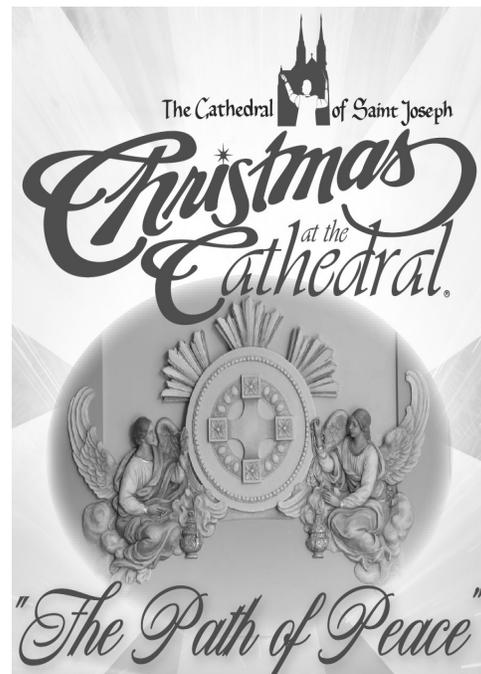
The Tree ...
points to heaven and reminds us that God is eternal.



The Wreath ...
is a circle reminding us that God's love for us never ends.



The Candle ...
shines brightly, showing us that Jesus is the light of the world.



December 18-21, 2025

Lord,
come and save us.

St. Stephen's, Bridgwater, has a crib set up for the **ADVENT BABY SHOWER**. Donated items will be given to those in need in our community and the surrounding area. Thank You!

McCook County For Life is having their annual **ADVENT BABY SHOWER** Crib in the back of St. Mary's Church in Salem during the Advent Season, November 30 thru December 21. Baby items collected will be given to the McCook County Food Pantry for mothers of newborns to 2 years old. Suggested gifts are: diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6) & wipes, baby body wash, baby lotion, sleepers, onesies, jackets, blankets, suits. Sizes requested are newborn thru 24 months. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated.

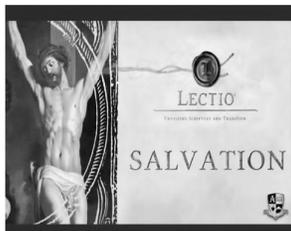


Hartford/Humboldt Right to Life during the month of December at St. Ann's in Humboldt. Items needed are listed on signs in the church entries. The donations will go to Alpha Center with excess going to local church food pantries. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Patrick's, Montrose is sponsoring their annual **ADVENT BABY SHOWER**. (newborn through 24 months) can be added to the crib at church. All collected items will be donated to the McCook County Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

St. Mary's Parish, Alexandria, will have a crib in the back of the church for an **ADVENT BABY SHOWER**. Items can be dropped off there any time. St. Mary's will also be taking donations for **Christmas poinsettias** in memory of deceased loved ones. Donations along with the names can be put in the Sunday collection. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY coming in January! Mike Heumiller will lead this 10 week Sunday Salvation study at 8:30am, Sundays, starting January 4 - March 8, at St. Mary's School in Salem (northside of parking lot) The Study Guides are \$21.25. Call the pastorate office to sign up or go to "St. Mary's Parish, Salem, SD" Facebook page and click the link to sign up online: <https://www.osvhub.com/salem-catholic/forms/st-mary-magdalene-pastorate-salvation-study>



At every Sunday Mass, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven 'for us men and for our salvation.' But what does 'salvation' mean? In this remarkable 10-part video series, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer.

◆12/28 bulletin ITEMS due to mavhuls@triotel.net

on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 2 PM

FINISHED 12/28 bulletin due & sent to LPI, 9:00 am, Monday, Dec. 22

◆1/4 bulletin ITEMS due to mavhuls@triotel.net

on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 2 PM

FINISHED 1/4 bulletin due & sent to LPI, 9:00 am, Friday, Dec. 26

ST. ANN'S UPCOMING DATES:

12/14 Christmas Cookie Party following Mass

1/10 2nd Saturday Supper following Mass

1/12 Altar Society Mtg., 6:30 pm

ALL ARE INVITED!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 6:30 PM

COURT ST. THOMAS #1533

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES DURING ADVENT: In addition to the regularly scheduled Confession times (before & after weekend Masses), the following are some additional Confession times scheduled during Advent:

ST. MARY'S, ALEXANDRIA

- Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:15 pm (after Mass)
- Tuesday, Dec. 23, 6:15 pm (after Mass)

ST. MARTIN'S, EMERY

- Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:30 pm
- Monday, Dec. 22, 6:00 pm

ST. ANN'S, HUMBOLDT

- Tuesday, Dec. 23, 6:15 pm (after Mass)

ST. PATRICK'S, MONTROSE

- Monday, Dec. 22, 6:30 pm

ST. MARY'S, SALEM

- Monday, Dec. 15, 6:15 pm (after Mass)
- Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:00 pm

Priests will stay in the confessional for a minimum of a half hour but will also continue to hear confessions until all are heard; if people are still coming (say) 2 hours after the starting time, the priest will stay. After a half hour after the starting time, if no is coming, the priest will leave.

The Carmelite Nuns in Alexandria, SD live to pray. Tell them how they can pray for **YOU**.



Scan here to send a prayer need or go to <https://holyfacechapel.org/prayer-requests>.



THE WEEK AHEAD

12/14, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM MASS IN EMERY

For †Kenny Olinger

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For Kathleen Petri

10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Bernard Reifers & †Phyllis Reifers

12/15, Monday, Advent Weekday

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)

For Priest Personal Intention

5:00 pm Rosary at Salem, St. Mary's Church

5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM

For Priest Personal Intention

6:30 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA

For All Parishioners

12/16, Tuesday, Advent Weekday

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)

For Priest Personal Intention

9:00 am Rosary at St. Stephan's Church

5:30 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA

For †Darlene Peterson, †Jim Peterson, †Theresa Culver

5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For Kathleen Petri

12/17, Wednesday, Advent Weekday

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)

For Priest Personal Intention

9:00 AM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER (Fr. Rader)

For †Mother Marie Therese O.C.D.

9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY

For †Dan Olinger

9:00 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Living & Deceased Catholic Daughters

12/18, Thursday, Advent Weekday

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)

For Priest Personal Intention

5:30 PM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER

For Janice Olinger

5:30 PM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For Holy Souls in Purgatory who have no one praying for them

7:00 pm, Rosary at Salem, St. Mary's Church or Grotto

12/19, Friday, Advent Weekday

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)

For Priest Personal Intention

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Roberta Kinzley

9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY

For †Loren Huber

***2:00 pm ITEMS for the 12/28 bulletin due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

12/20, Saturday, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA

For †John Kayser

5:00 PM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Lawrence & †Evelyn Flannery

12/21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM MASS IN EMERY

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Giles & †Barb Hanisch

10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Darrell Tuschen