

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>

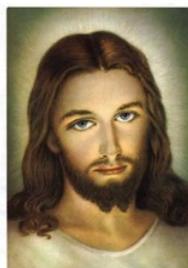
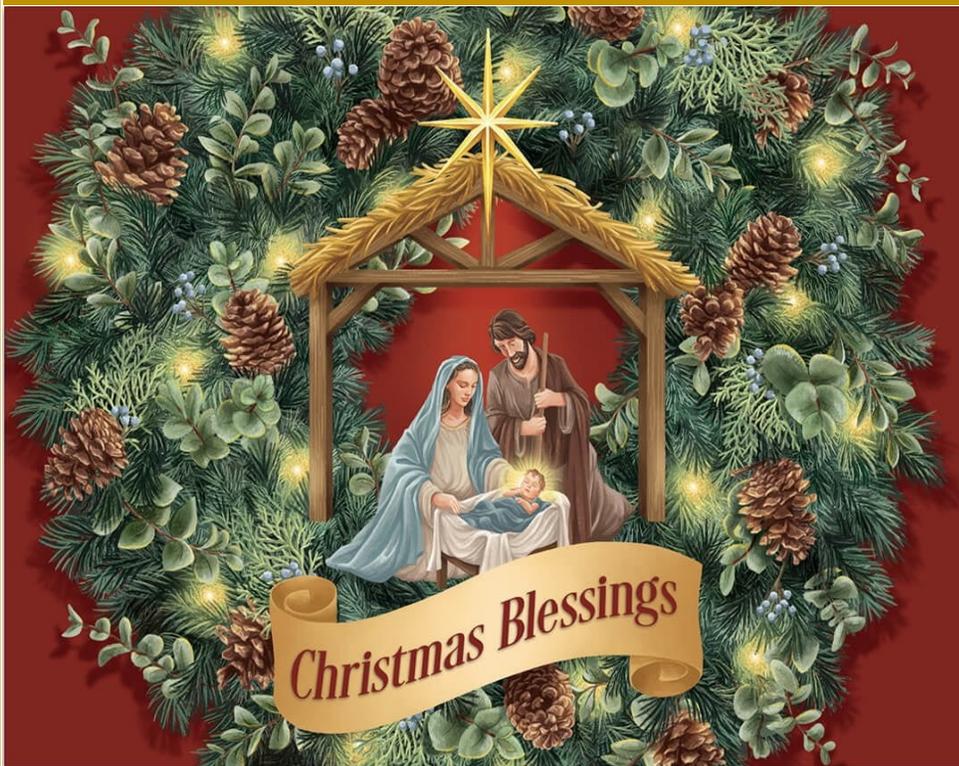
Welcome to

St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate

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

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

DECEMBER 21, 2025 ☽ **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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.



Congratulations to Missy Lauck, Katie Heumiller, Kathy Stiefvater & Angie Horstman for being elected to lead St. Mary's Salem's Altar Society for 2026! May God bless you for your willingness to serve and may all your efforts also be blessed.

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 Schneider, 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

PASTORATE COLLECTIONS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OF 12/7

ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY

\$1,820.00; Holy Day: \$835.00

BRIDGEWATER-ST. STEPHEN

Not Available

EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

\$1,002.30; Holy Day: \$1,977.00

EPIPHANY-CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

\$94.25

HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN

\$1,283.00; Holy Day: \$219.00

MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK

\$2,660.00; CFSA: \$250.00

SALEM-ST. MARY

\$4,114.00; CFSA: \$100.00

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

DECEMBER 22- JANUARY 4

THE MAIN ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the Gottlob & Lunders Families.

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 Chuck Oyen.

ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS-RED CANDLES

(LS) For the happy repose of the soul of Bill Reif.

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

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

✪For information on the Shrine call Luann McKillop 605-530-4041.



Dec. 17-Dave & Barb Hoiten,

Dec. 24-Gene & Julie Streff,

Dec. 31-Andrew & Vicki Streff.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY

Wednesday, December 24

SERVERS Sophia Kayser, Lincoln Jarding, Paige Kayser
LECTOR Kenny Kayser
E. MIN. Marlene Warnke, Camille Davies
USHERS Robert Jangula, Dave Jarding
MONEY Peggy Weber, Kathy Hoffman

Saturday, December 27

ROSARY Dave & Sandy Kayser
SERVERS Ayden Hruby, Daniel Kayser, Sophia Kayser
LECTOR Peggy Weber
E. MIN. Dave & Cindy Beyer
MUSIC Sandy Kayser
USHERS Matt Schroeder, Joe Schroeder
MONEY Pam Wenande, Lyle Weber

EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Wednesday, December 24

SERVERS Olivia Schleich, Emma Schleich, Rachel Brown
LECTOR Darin Kayser
E. MIN. Kevin Janssen
USHERS Jeff Arend, Andy Weber
MONEY Pam Janssen, Nikki VanLeur

Thursday, December 25

Volunteers

Sunday, December 28

ROSARY Jack & Theresa Catron
SERVERS Sawyer, Weber, Jackson Weber, Landon Berg
LECTOR Dan Clarke
E. MIN. Kellie Weber
MUSIC Bonnie Arend
USHERS Ryan Budahl, Bob Berg
MONEY Kelsha Kressman, Miranda Kayser

HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN

Wednesday, December 24

SERVERS Abigail Even, Zachary Lorang, Nicolas Lorang
LECTOR Heather Harden
OFFER. Michael & Marjean Garrey
E. MIN. Charles & Donna Beck
SACRISTAN Jackie Lofswold
USHERS Steven Bannwarth, Tom Kaffar
MONEY Anna Busser, Colleen Puthoff

Sunday, December 28

ROSARY Jackie Lofswold
SERVERS Kane Grace, Weston Grace, Brylee Grace
LECTOR Susan Schumaker
OFFER. Anna Busser
E. MIN. Charles & Paula Jarding
SACRISTAN Elsie Baye
USHERS Mark Harden, Jerry Grace
MONEY John & Jackie Jarding, Diane Struck

Salem, St. Mary's for pick up/drop off of the Legion of Mary's Pilgrim Shrine. If the exchange cannot be made in person, return the statue near the baptismal font on the table beneath the Our Lady of Guatemala wall hanging in the back of the church by 10 am on Wednesdays, so the next person can pick her up. If you have any questions, call Luann McKillop at 605-530-4041, who is in care of this.

MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK

Wednesday, December 24

SERVERS Connor Twedt, Landon Twedt, Mason Twedt
LECTOR Barb Spicer
OFFER. Robert & Laura Hoiten
E. MIN. Jill Skyberg
USHERS Steve Zimmer, Paul Klaudt
SACRISTAN Denny Vogel
MONEY Joni Grocott, Charlotte Thompson

Saturday, December 27

SERVERS Kenzie Thompson, Zach Gordon, Hunter Thompson
LECTOR Denise Erickson
OFFER. Sara Bartlett Family
E. MIN. Jim Wolf
USHERS Paul Collins, Andrew Raap
SACRISTAN Denny Vogel
MONEY Marlys Bartmann, Barb Spicer, Deanna Ollerich

SALEM-ST. MARY

Wednesday, December 24

SERVERS Luke & Levi Horstman
Adam Heumiller, Antone Kremppes
LECTOR Diane McGregor
E. MIN. Anita Feterl, Carol McCormick
USHERS Kevin Ernster, Dave Fendrich, Jim Gottlob, Pat Gottlob

Thursday, December 25

ROSARY Dave & Barb Hoiten
SERVERS Volunteers
LECTOR Randy Sabers
E. MIN. Bill Roth, Randy Sabers
USHERS Jason Jaeger, Tom Kolbeck, Chad Kremppes, Wayne Kremppes

Sunday, December 28

ROSARY Tim Wegener
SERVERS Lizzie Hodne, Luke & Levi Horstman
LECTOR Drew Endorf
E. MIN. Geralyn Sherman, Todd Snyders
H. BD. Geralyn Sherman
USHERS Dan McKillop, John Scheier, Pat Scheier, Kurt Bies
MONEY Joann Koch, Barb Gottlob

LIVING LITURGICALLY



Speaker:
Audrey Anderson

January 6 2026

Soup Night

Social Time: 6:30-7:00

Speaker: 7:00-7:30

Q&A/Social: 7:30-8:00

Buffalo Ridge Brewery
102 N Main Ave
Hartford, SD

"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me... This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"

1 Corinthians 11:24-25

St. Stephen's, Bridgewater, 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!

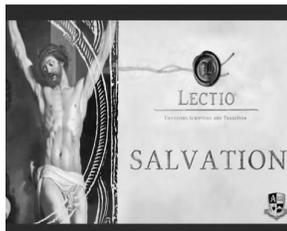
McCook County For Life is having their annual **ADVENT BABY SHOWER** Crib in the back of St. Mary's Church in Salem during the Advent Season. Baby items collected will be given to the McCook County Food Pantry for mothers of newborns to 2 years old. Suggested gifts are: diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, & 6) &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

Hartford/Humboldt Right to Life is sponsoring the **ADVENT BABY SHOWER** 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 diapers going to local church food pantries. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Patrick's, Montrose is sponsoring their annual **ADVENT BABY SHOWER**. Items (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/salemcatholic/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.

Baptism
With joy St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate welcomes
Eli Benjamin Crumly, son of Ross & Cassandra;
newly baptized in Christ at St. Martin's, Sunday, Dec. 21.
God's Blessings to the parents.

WITH PRAYERS AND IN SYMPATHY
Church of the Epiphany extends condolences
to the family and friends of **Bertha Beatch, 99**,
who passed away Thursday, December 4.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.

RE/CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY: 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 Consecration family prayer on Sunday, Dec. 28th, which is the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, are:

- Discuss the Importance of this re/consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the sacrament of reconciliation.
- 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. 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 prayer will also be in the 12/28 bulletin.

SALEM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH will be held on Sunday, **Jan. 4**, from 10:30 am to 12 pm 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. To go meals are also available. The local level Free Throw Competition is to follow.

SALEM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW SHOOT

Sunday, January 4th — 12:30pm registration

1:00pm shoot — Ages 9-14 boys and girls

McCook Central All Purpose Room.



Merry Christmas

◆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:
January 10, 2nd Saturday Supper following Mass
January 12, Altar Society Mtg., 6:30 pm
ALL ARE INVITED!

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

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. 23, 6:15 pm (after Mass)

ST. MARTIN'S, EMERY

- 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

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.

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

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

12/22, Monday, Advent Weekday

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)
For Priest Personal Intention
***9:00 AM FINISHED 12/28 BULLETIN DUE & SENT TO LPi**
5:00 pm Rosary at Salem, St. Mary's Church
5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM
For Priest Personal Intention

12/23, Tuesday, St. John of Kanty

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 †John & †Viola Fluegel
5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT
For Lorraine Buckmiller

12/24, Wednesday, Christmas Eve

Advent Weekday Masses
8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)
For Priest Personal Intention
9:00 AM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER (Fr. Rader)
For All Parishioners
***2:00 pm ITEMS for the 1/4 bulletin due to mavhuls@triotel.net**
Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT
For †Benjamin Goehring
4:30 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA
For Pro Populo (the People of our Parishes)
6:00 PM MASS IN MONTROSE
For †Patricia Waechter
6:30 PM MASS IN EMERY
For †Loren Huber
8:00 PM MASS IN SALEM
For †Darla Atsma

12/25, Thursday, The Nativity of the Lord

****NO 8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA TODAY** (Fr. Bob)
9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY
For Pro Populo (the People of our Parishes)
9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM
For †Mary Ann Cross
****NO 5:30 PM MASS IN EPIPHANY TODAY**
****NO 5:30 PM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER TODAY**
7:00 pm, Rosary at Salem, St. Mary's Church or Grotto

12/26, Friday, St. Stephen

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA (Fr. Bob)
For Priest Personal Intention
9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM
For †Gerald Hanisch
9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY
For Abby Bainter
***9:00 AM FINISHED 1/4 BULLETIN DUE & SENT TO LPi**

12/27, Saturday, Vigil: The Holy Family

5:00 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA
For Pro Populo (the People of our Parishes)
5:00 PM MASS IN MONTROSE
For Tony Armagno & Randy O'Laughlin

12/28, The Holy Family

8:30 AM MASS IN EMERY
For †Dan Haeder
8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT
For Fred & Delores Staebell
10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM
For †Harlan Gross