

**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](mailto:mkrempges@salem catholic.org)



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

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

Welcome to

*St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate*

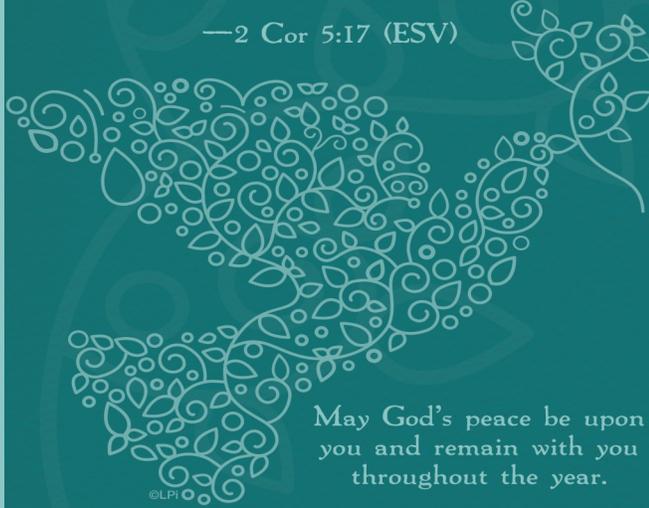
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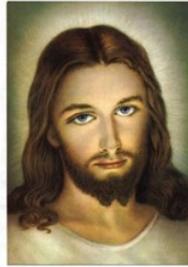
**DECEMBER 28, 2025** ❧ **THE HOLY FAMILY**

Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, he is a new  
creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the  
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon  
you and remain with you  
throughout the year.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## FAMILY BLESSING

May God bless, protect, unite,  
mend, and renew our family.

Help us to be instruments of healing  
and holiness, breaking generational  
curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming  
tribulation, joining in gratitude, and  
growing in joy ... together. Amen

### 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. 24-**Gene & Julie Streff,  
**Dec. 31-**Andrew & Vicki Streff,  
**Jan. 7-**John & Hannah Streff.

**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 hang-  
ing 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.

### 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

### PASTORATE COLLECTIONS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OF 12/14

ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY  
\$2,316.00

BRIDGEWATER-ST. STEPHEN  
\$1,315.00

EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS  
\$843.00

EPIPHANY-CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
\$706.65; Cemetery: \$6,814.43

HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN  
\$3,144.00; CFSA: \$40.00

MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK  
\$3,809.00; \$100.00

SALEM-ST. MARY  
\$3,455.30

## ST. MARY MAGDALENE LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

### ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY Wednesday, December 31-Holy Day Vigil

**SERVERS** Carter Ruden, Radek Jarding,  
Lincoln Jarding, Paige Kayser  
**LECTOR** Kenny Kayser  
**E. MIN.** Gary & Sharon Jarding  
**USHERS** Chris Ruden, Duane Letcher  
**MONEY** Heidi Jarding, Peggy Weber

#### Sunday, January 4

**ROSARY** Gary & Sharon Jarding  
**SERVERS** Adrian Schroeder,  
Daniel Kayser, Sophia Kayser  
**LECTOR** Marlene Warnke  
**E. MIN.** Ray & Brandi Slaba  
**MUSIC** Sandy Kayser  
**USHERS** Robert Jangula, Alex Kayser  
**MONEY** Julie Kayser, Don Wenande

### EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS Thursday, January 1-Holy Day

Volunteers

#### Saturday, January 3

**ROSARY** Christi Schnabel  
**SERVERS** Emma Schleich, Olivia Schleich,  
Grace Eckerman  
**LECTOR** Darin Kayser  
**E. MIN.** Kellie Weber  
**MUSIC** Rosalie Weber  
**USHERS** Dave Jansen, Steve Ernster  
**MONEY** B/L Schleich, Jen Eckerman

### HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN

Thursday, January 1-Holy Day  
Volunteers

#### Saturday, January 3

**ROSARY** Mary Garry  
**SERVERS** Brylee Garry, Landon Even,  
Miles Even  
**LECTOR** Nicole Shumaker  
**OFFER.** Tim & Susan Even  
**E. MIN.** Susan Shumaker, Colleen Puthoff  
**SACRISTAN** Susan Shumaker  
**USHERS** Darrin Garry, Tom Kaffar  
**MONEY** Anna Busser, Marty & Lori Ketcham

*Blessed are those who fear  
the Lord and walk in his ways.*

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.

### MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK

Wednesday, December 31-Holy Day Vigil

**SERVERS** Claire Vogel, Caleb Vogel,  
Cody Hanisch  
**LECTOR** Dennis VanOverschelde  
**OFFER.** Jason & Nichole Klinkhammer Family  
**E. MIN.** Dustin Edwards  
**USHERS** Steve Zimmer, Bob Erickson  
**SACRISTAN** Denny Vogel  
**MONEY** Paul Klaudt, Ken Krouse

#### Sunday, January 4

**SERVERS** Ben Wiebersick,  
Jacob Wiebersick, Mataya Wiebersick  
**LECTOR** Kathy Binder  
**OFFER.** Jeff & Debbie Raap  
**E. MIN.** Anita Kappenman  
**USHERS** Leo Hoiten, Paul Klaudt  
**SACRISTAN** Barb Spicer  
**MONEY** Joni Grocott, Denise Erickson

### SALEM-ST. MARY

Wednesday, December 31-Holy Day Vigil

**ROSARY** Dave & Barb Hoiten  
**SERVERS** Chase & Leah Feterl,  
Allison Leber  
**LECTOR** Laura Gottlob  
**E. MIN.** Laura Gottlob, Volunteer  
**USHERS** Kevin Ernster, Dave Fendrich,  
Jim Gottlob, Pat Gottlob

#### Sunday, January 4

**ROSARY** Steve Leber  
**SERVERS** Aliza, Maria, & Felicia Addy  
**LECTOR** Kurt Stiefvater  
**E. MIN.** Crystal Wilkinson, Anita Feterl  
**H. BD.** Laura Gottlob  
**USHERS** Jason Jaeger, Tom Kolbeck,  
Chad Kremppges, Wayne Kremppges  
**MONEY** Charlie Eich, Luann McKillop

*Happy New Year*

## 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

**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.



**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER**

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

*Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Knights of Columbus Supreme Chaplain*

**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.

**WITH PRAYERS AND IN SYMPATHY**

**St. Patrick's extends condolences** to the family and friends of **Michael Donelan, 86**, who passed away Thursday, December 18.

**Salem, St. Mary's extends condolences** to the family and friends of **Darlene Mentele, 78**, who passed away Friday, December 12.

**Alexandria, St. Mary's extends condolences** to the family and friends of **Janet Lynn Nebelsick, 66**, who passed away Tuesday, December 9.

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

*Mary, Mother of God*  
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**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**  
**for Youth this Summer**

- **Lumen Christi** will come to St. Ann's in Humboldt May 31 - June 5, 2026 Then they will come back to our pastorate on July 19 - July 24th to St. Martin's in Emery. This is a free week-long camp that welcomes all kids in grades 1st - 12th within our pastorate!
- Early Bird registration for **D-Camp 2026** ends January 31st! D-Camp is a powerful summer experience for our High School and Junior High youth, offering daily Mass, Adoration, inspiring testimonies, and plenty of fun outdoor activities. Parents are encouraged to register their child early. For more information or to register your child, go to [sfcatholic.org/dcampa](https://sfcatholic.org/dcampa). High school date: June 14-17, 2026 & July 12-15, 2026 Middle School date: July 16-19, 2026
- Going Deeper Retreat: **Sanctus Youth Retreat by Sucipe** - March 27-29, 2026 in Abbey in the Hills Retreat Center. We care deeply about the work that the Lord is doing in your life. If you are desiring to grow in your life of prayer and discernment, this is the retreat for you! This retreat is for kids that have already made their confirmation. A recommendation letter from the pastor would be necessary if they have not made this sacrament yet.
- **JPII Camp** (guys ages 12-16) and **Camp Goret-ti** (girls ages 12-16). These camps are fun summer camps designed to help young men and women hear the universal call to holiness. The JPII camp is run by priests and seminarians and Camp Goret-ti is run by religious sisters. These are fun camps that include team games, swimming, outdoor activities, prayer, mass, and so much more!

**T**he first Thursday of the month, (when we usually have the nursing home Mass in Bridgewater) falls on January 1st next month. We won't have the Diamond Care Mass that day. **Instead** we will have 2 Masses in Bridgewater on Thursday, Jan. 8th: the Diamond Care Mass at 10:00 am and the regularly scheduled 5:30 pm Mass at St. Stephen's church. In other words, we are just adding a Mass on the 8th.

**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

**ST. ANN'S UPCOMING DATES:**

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

**UPCOMING WOMEN BOOK STUDIES:**

**1. "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper" by Brant Pitri**

- This is a free copy purchased by the Pastorate last year. Many of you may already have this book, but if you do not, please let me know and I will get one for you right away. You can start reading it any time.

- If you like typology books (connecting the old with the new testament), this is the book for you!

- **DISCUSSION DATES: Thursday, February 12th at 9am and Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30pm.** If we have several that sign up, I will add another discussion date.

LINK TO SIGN UP: <https://www.osvhub.com/salemcatholic/forms/st-mary-magdalene-pastorate-women-s-book-study-jewishroots>

**2. "Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love" by Edward Sri**

- This book will be read over the Lenten season, but the discussion groups will not take place until after Easter Sunday. I can get this book at a discount price (\$8.00 without tax) if I order 25 books or more. I will place this order in January.

- **DISCUSSION DATES: Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30pm and Thursday, April 9th at 9am.** If we have several that sign up, I will add another discussion date.

LINK TO SIGN UP: <https://www.osvhub.com/salemcatholic/forms/st-mary-magdalene-pastorate-women-s-book-study-artofliving>

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Maggan Krempges, DDE.

**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

**12/29, Monday, St. Thomas Becket**

**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

**12/30, 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 †John & †Viola Fluegel

**5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT**

For Mary Cotton

**12/31, Wednesday, St. Sylvester**

**8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA** (Fr. Bob) \*not a holy day Mass

For Priest Personal Intention

**9:00 AM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER** (Fr. Rader) \*not a holy day Mass

For All Parishioners

**Vigil: Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**5:30 PM MASS IN MONTROSE**

For †Cooper Bertram

**6:30 PM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Jean Skaff

**7:30 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA**

For All Parishioners

**1/1, Thursday, Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**\*\*NO 8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA TODAY** (Fr. Bob)

**9:00 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT**

For Deceased members of the Lofswold Family

**9:30 AM MASS IN EMERY**

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

**\*\*NO 5:30 PM MASS IN EPIPHANY TODAY**

**\*\*NO 10:00 AM OR 5:30 PM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER TODAY**

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

**1/2, Friday, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

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

For Priest Personal Intention

**9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Mary Ann Cross

**9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY**

For †Kenny Olinger

**1/3, Saturday, Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

**5:00 PM MASS IN EMERY**

For Pro Populo (the People of our Parishes)

**5:00 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT**

For †Joe Schartz

**1/4, Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA**

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

**8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE**

For †Sylvia Jaspers

**10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Joan Mae Stiefvater