

**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*

**PASTOR:** Fr. Melvin Kuhn; [frmelvinkuhn@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frmelvinkuhn@sfcatholic.org)

**PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Fr. Steven Jones; [frstevenjones@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frstevenjones@sfcatholic.org)

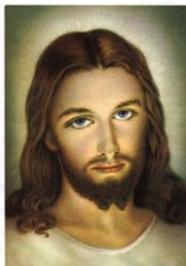
**DECEMBER 7, 2025** ✠ **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

MISSIONARY  
OF CHARITY



“ AT THIS CHRISTMAS  
WHEN CHRIST COMES,  
WILL HE FIND A WARM  
HEART? MARK THE  
SEASON OF ADVENT  
BY LOVING AND SERVING  
THE OTHERS WITH GOD’S  
OWN LOVE AND CONCERN.”

- ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



**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.



**WITH PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY**  
**St. PATRICK'S**  
**EXTENDS CONDOLENCES**  
 to the family and friends  
 of: **Mary Joyce Kappenman, 86,**  
 who passed away  
 Saturday, November 29.

**ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARY'S**  
**EXTENDS CONDOLENCES**  
 to the family and friends  
 of: **Roger DeRouchey, 69,**  
 who passed away  
 Sunday, November 23.

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

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. 3-Mark & Vicky Huls,**  
**Dec. 10-Jim & Lynn Gottlob,**  
**Dec. 17-Dave & Barb Hoiten.**

**St. Patrick's** Montrose is sponsor-  
 ing 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.

**MASSES FOR JANUARY 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 1st  
 • 9:00 am St. Ann's, Humboldt  
 • 9:30 am St. Martin's, Emery

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE LITURGICAL SCHEDULES**

**ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY**  
**Monday, December 8-Immaculate Conception**

**ROSARY** Gary & Sharon Jarding  
**SERVERS** Adrian Schroeder, Allie Ruden,  
 Madalynn Ruden  
**LECTOR** Kenny Kayser  
**E. MIN.** Gary & Sharon Jarding  
**MUSIC** Sandy Kayser  
**USHERS** Dave Beyer, Cody Kafka  
**MONEY** Heidi Jarding, Julie Kayser  
**Saturday, December 13**

**ROSARY** Camille Davies  
**SERVERS** Paige Kayser, Isabel Kayser,  
 Skylar Kayser  
**LECTOR** Gary Jarding  
**E. MIN.** Ray & Brandi Slaba  
**MUSIC** Sandy Kayser  
**USHERS** Vince Kayser, Tate Schoenfelder  
**MONEY** Peggy Weber, Kathy Hoffman

**EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

**Monday, December 8-Immaculate Conception**

**SERVERS** Max Weber, Jackson Weber,  
 Sawyer Weber  
**LECTOR** Dan Clarke  
**E. MIN.** Jason Weber  
**USHERS** Andy Weber, Victor Weber  
**MONEY** Kevin Janssen, B/L Schleich  
**Sunday, December 14**

**ROSARY** Jack & Theresa Catron  
**SERVERS** Ty Ernster, Sadie Ernster,  
 Leighton VanLear  
**LECTOR** Victor Weber  
**E. MIN.** Carson Weber  
**MUSIC** Bonnie Arend  
**USHERS** Andy Weber, Jeff Arend  
**MONEY** Pam Janssen, Nikki VanLear

**HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN**

**Monday, December 8-Immaculate Conception**

**SERVERS** Maelee Krempges, Miles Even,  
 Weston Grace  
**LECTOR** Nicolle Shumaker  
**E. MIN.** Charles & Paula Jarding  
**SACRISTAN** Susan Shumaker  
**USHERS** Billy Kapperman, Lee Decker  
**MONEY** John & Jackie Jarding, Diane Struck  
**Sunday, December 14**

**ROSARY** Darin Krempges  
**SERVERS** Abigail Even, Brylee Garry,  
 Kane Grace  
**LECTOR** Tom Puthoff  
**OFFER.** John & Jackie Jarding  
**E. MIN.** Rebecca Kaffar, Colleen Puthoff  
**SACRISTAN** Jackie Lofswold  
**USHERS** Jerry Grace, Steve Bannwarth  
**MONEY** Tom & Colleen Puthoff, Ann Schartz

**MONTRORSE-ST. PATRICK**  
**Monday, December 8-Immaculate Conception**

**SERVERS** Aliya Skyberg, Jaida Skyberg,  
 Kyla Skyberg  
**LECTOR** Denise Erickson  
**OFFER.** Jason & Sarah McAreavey  
**E. MIN.** Dustin Edwards  
**USHERS** Jason Klinkhammer, Andrew Raap  
**SACRISTAN** Denny Vogel  
**MONEY** Beth Odenbach, Sarah McAreavey  
**Saturday, December 13**

**SERVERS** Ayla Struck, Kennedy Struck,  
 Claire Vogel  
**LECTOR** Dennis VanOverschelde  
**OFFER.** Jeremy & Charlotte Thompson  
**E. MIN.** Jeremy Wiebersick  
**USHERS** Leo Hoiten, Paul Klaudt  
**SACRISTAN** Denny Vogel  
**MONEY** Robert Hoiten,  
 Jeremy & Charlotte Thompson

**SALEM-ST. MARY**

**Monday, December 8-Immaculate Conception**

**ROSARY** Dave & Barb Hoiten  
**SERVERS** Drew & Luke Endorf,  
 Will Oyen  
**LECTOR** Laura Gottlob  
**E. MIN.** Laura Gottlob, Randy Sabers  
**USHERS** Kevin Ernster, Dave Fendrich,  
 Jim Gottlob, Pat Gottlob  
**Sunday, December 14**

**ROSARY** Brian Krempges  
**SERVERS** Thomas, Stella, & Teddy Oyen  
**LECTOR** Josh Horstman  
**E. MIN.** Geralyn Sherman, Todd Snyders  
**H. BD.** Dan & Luann McKillop  
**USHERS** Jason Jaeger, Tom Kolbeck,  
 Chad Krempges, Wayne Krempges  
**MONEY** Marlene Aden,

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Eve, Wed., December 24th

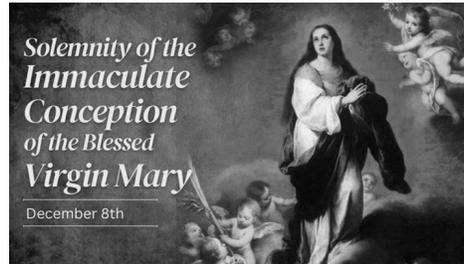
O 4:00 pm St. Ann's, Humboldt  
 O 4:30 pm St. Marys, Alexandria  
 O 6:00 pm St. Patrick's, Montrose  
 O 6:30 pm St. Martin's, Emery  
 O 8:00 pm St. Mary's, Salem

Christmas Day, Thurs., December 25th

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

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: DECEMBER 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** *While some* Holy Days of Obligation are dispensed when they fall on a Saturday or Monday, the Immaculate Conception is not because of its significance in the Church and in salvation history. *This year*, December 8th falls on a Monday and it is a day of obligation. I like to make Mass as available as possible on Holy Days since it is harder for people to get to Mass on a weekday. However, our diocese (as I understand it) does not permit Vigil Masses on Sundays during Advent. Therefore, all Masses this year, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, will be on Monday, Dec. 8 -- i.e., no Vigil Masses. The Mass schedule for December 8th, is as follows:

- 7:00 am St. Mary's, Salem
  - 7:00 am St. Martin's, Emery
  - 5:30 pm St. Patrick's, Montrose
  - 6:30 pm St. Mary's, Alexandria
  - 7:30 pm St. Ann's, Humboldt
- God bless you, Fr. Kuhn.



Canova Firemen will be serving all you can eat **pancakes & sausage** links on **Sunday, December 7 at the Canova Legion Hall from 11:00 - 1:00 pm.** Free will offering. There will be door prizes and **Santa is arriving 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.



**A well trained Mass server** is a comfortable server, who can serve joyfully and with confidence! Our priests are continuing a process for refreshing server training for existing servers, as well as training new servers. **New servers are invited in 4th grade or older.** For existing servers, the refresh training is needed in order to build your confidence in what is expected, and will be required to remain on the server schedule. **Sign up sheets** are in the entrance of St. Mary of Mercy Church. Servers are invited to sign up for whatever time works for you. You only need to attend one of these meetings.



ALEXANDRIA SERVERS (Choose one training on sign-up sheets in back of church)

Tuesday, 12/9	Thursday, 12/11	Saturday, 12/13
7pm new servers	7pm new servers	9am new servers
8:30pm current servers	8:30pm current servers	10:30am current servers

**ADVENT BABY SHOWER: 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, 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.

**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,  
 Laine Raap, Sherry VanderZwaag.

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

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

**PASTORATE COLLECTIONS**  
 FOR THE WEEK ENDING OF 11/23

<b>ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY</b>	\$1,708.00
<b>BRIDGEWATER-ST. STEPHEN</b>	\$110.00
<b>EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS</b>	\$1,648.00
<b>EPIPHANY-CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY</b>	\$335.00
<b>HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN</b>	\$6,298.00
<b>MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK</b>	\$913.00; CFSA: \$200.00
<b>SALEM-ST. MARY</b>	\$2,167.00

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.

**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**

◆**12/14 bulletin** ITEMS were due to mavhuls@triotel.net on Friday, December 5 at 2 pm

FINISHED 12/14 bulletin due & sent to LPi, 9:00 am, Monday, Dec. 8

◆**12/21 bulletin** ITEMS are due to mavhuls@triotel.net on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 2 PM

FINISHED 12/21 bulletin due & sent to LPi, 9:00 am, Friday, Dec. 12

◆**12/28 bulletin** ITEMS are 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 are 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

**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. STEPHEN, BRIDGEWATER**

- Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:15 pm (after Mass)

**ST. MARTIN'S, EMERY**

- Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:30 pm

- Monday, Dec. 22, 6:00 pm

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, EPIPHANY**

- Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:15 pm (after Mass)

**ST. ANN'S, HUMBOLDT**

- Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:15 pm (after Mass)

- 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.

**1/7, Second Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM MASS IN EMERY**

For †Nick Schleich

**8:30 AM MASS IN HUMBOLDT**

For †Joe Schartz

**10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Harlen Gross

**1/8, Monday, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**7:00 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Darla Atsma

**7:00 AM MASS IN EMERY**

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

For Priest Personal Intention

**\*9:00 AM FINISHED 12/14 BULLETIN DUE & SENT TO LPi**

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

**5:30 PM MASS IN MONTROSE**

For †Esther Puthoff

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

**6:30 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA**

For All Parishioners

**7:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT**

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

**1/9, Tuesday, St. Juan Diego**

**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 †Tom Smith

**5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT**

For Rick Muth

**1/10, Wednesday, Our Lady of Loreto**

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

For Priest Personal Intention

**\*2:00 pm ITEMS for the 12/21 bulletin due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

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

For †Theresa Graff

**9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY**

For Scott & Chantelle Kirsch & Family

**9:00 AM MASS IN MONTROSE**

For Patricia Waechter

**1/11, Thursday, St. Damasus**

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

For Priest Personal Intention

**5:30 PM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER**

For †Mother Marie Therese O.C.D.

**5:30 PM MASS IN EPIPHANY**

For †Norbert Eich

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

**1/12, Friday, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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

For Priest Personal Intention

**\*9:00 AM FINISHED 12/21 BULLETIN DUE & SENT TO LPi**

**9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Mary Ann Cross

**9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY**

For †Cyril Haag

**1/13, Saturday, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent**

**5:00 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA**

For the People of our Parishes (Pro Populo)

**5:00 PM MASS IN MONTROSE**

For Lyle & Donna Healy

**1/14, 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