

# St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate

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MARCH 15, 2026 ☩ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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## TO USE ANY OF THE 7 PARISH HALLS:

contact St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate Office in Salem

### 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

Extraordinary Form Mass: 1:00 pm

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;  
confessions before and after the  
1:00 pm Extraordinary Form Mass.



**HOLY DAYS:** as announced



**BAPTISM/CARE OF THE SICK/**

**MARRIAGE/OCIA:** Contact parish priest



**DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION:**

**Maggan Krempges:** 605.425.2600  
[mkrempges@salemcatholic.org](mailto:mkrempges@salemcatholic.org)

“ I FEAR NOTHING,  
BECAUSE OF  
THE PROMISES  
OF HEAVEN.”

-ST. PATRICK



## 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.

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.



**PrayerChains**  
Healing and Hope for those suffering  
with cancer and other illness.



**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.

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

**Finished** bulletin due to LPi Wednesdays at 9:00 am (deadlines change during holidays)

**BULLETIN ONLINE:** <https://www.salemcatholic.org>

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

MARCH 16 - MARCH 29

**THE MAIN ALTAR SANCTUARY CANDLE**

For St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate Parishioners with health concerns, may you find strength and comfort surrounded in God's love.

**ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY-BLUE CANDLES**

(LS) For the happy repose of the soul of John Kayser.

(RS) For Joey (Joanna) Matthies.

**ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS-RED CANDLES**

(LS) For Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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

**PASTORATE COLLECTIONS**

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OF 3/8

**ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY**

\$1,652.00; CFSA: \$4,395.00

**BRIDGEWATER-ST. STEPHEN**

\$610.00; CFSA: \$2,400.00

**EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

\$704.50; CFSA: \$2,730.00

**EPIPHANY-CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

\$520.00; CFSA: \$1,725.00

**HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN**

Not Available; CFSA: \$11,410.00

**MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK**

Not Available

**SALEM-ST. MARY**

\$1,856.00

2026 Catholic Family Sharing Appeal

Alexandria	\$28,000
Bridgewater	\$8,500
Emery	\$17,500
Epiphany	\$9,500
Humboldt	\$26,000
Montrose	\$30,500
Salem	\$47,500



**PASTORATE PRAYER REQUESTS**

Lord hear our prayers

✠For information call the pastorate office.

**SALEM, ST. MARY'S**

Joey (Joanna) Matthies, Jim McCormick, Charlie Eich, Lori Erikson, Pat Grady, Dianne Kampshoff, Kay 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

**EPIPHANY PARISH MEETING**

A number of Epiphany parishioners have been asking for a parish meeting to discuss the future of the parish so we will have a meeting: Sunday, March 15, at 1:30 pm in the Epiphany parish hall. Fr. Kuhn

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
LITURGICAL SCHEDULES**

**ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY  
Sunday, March 22**

**ROSARY** Camille Davies  
**SERVERS** Paige Kayser, Skylar Kayser, Gavin Kayser  
**LECTOR** Kenny Kayser  
**E. MIN.** Gary & Sharon Jarding  
**MUSIC** Sandy Kayser  
**USHERS** Matt Kayser, Mel Mowry  
**MONEY** Tate Schoenfelder, Peggy Weber

**EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS  
Saturday, March 21**

**ROSARY** Jack & Theresa Catron  
**SERVERS** Landon Berg, Rachel Brown, Dominic Budahl  
**LECTOR** Victor Weber  
**E. MIN.** Jason Weber  
**MUSIC** Rosalie Weber  
**USHERS** Andy Weber, Jeff Arend  
**MONEY** B/L Schleich, Jen Eckerman

**HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN  
Saturday, March 21**

**ROSARY** Elsie Baye  
**SERVERS** Maelee Kremppges, Abigail Even, Ellie Stofferahn  
**LECTOR** Tom Puthoff  
**OFFER.** John & Jackie Jarding  
**E. MIN.** Charles & Paula Jarding  
**SACRISTAN** Elsie Baye  
**USHERS** Lee Decker, Steve Bannwarth  
**MONEY** Charles & Paula Jarding, Elsie Baye

**MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK  
Sunday, March 22**

**SERVERS** Claire Vogel, Caleb Vogel, Chase Vogel  
**LECTOR** Dennis VanOverschelde  
**OFFER.** Luke & Emily Hanisch  
**E. MIN.** Dustin Edwards  
**SACRISTAN** Denny Vogel  
**USHERS** Paul Klaudt, Robert Hoiton  
**MONEY** Marlys Bartman, Barb Spicer, Deanna Ollerich

**SALEM-ST. MARY  
Sunday, March 22**

**ROSARY** Chad Kremppges  
**SERVERS** Lizzie Hodne, Luke & Levi Horstman  
**LECTOR** Kurt Stiefvater  
**E. MIN.** Volunteer, Crystal Wilkinson  
**H. BD.** GERALYN SHERMAN  
**USHERS** Jason Jaeger, Tom Kolbeck, Chad Kremppges, Wayne Kremppges  
**MONEY** Luann McKillop, Carla Eichacker

**WEDDING Banns:**



Salem—April 18

Stephanie Heumiller

@

Tyler Cleveland



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

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



March 11-Janet Reif,

March 18-Elaine Eichacker,

March 25-Liz Stiefvater.

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 Guadalupe 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.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lilly in memory of a loved one for the altar at St. Patrick's please call or text Debbie Raap at 605-360-5824.



There will be an ALTAR SOCIETY BREAKFAST March 29th after 8:30 am Mass at ST. PATRICK'S.

**Humboldt Food Pantry**

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*we declare a PENNY WAR!*

Who: St. Ann Religious Ed  
When: Wed. 2/25 - Wed. 3/25  
This year, the winning class each week will receive a treat and the overall winners will receive a pizza party!

The SALEM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE is asking for donations of non-perishable food items. The donation baskets will be in the church entry through April 5th. Thank You! Salem St. Mary's Knights of Columbus.

### "Witness to the Gospel of Life"

Lisa Ulmer, Regional Director of the South Dakota Right to Life from Hartford, will be speaking to the HS class about pro-life issues at:

**Alexandria: March 18th at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Hall**

She will be emphasizing and expanding on many of the topics our kids in high school have been discussing in their religious ed classes with the "YOU" program. We extend an invitation to parents and any other adults from the parish to be a part of this mission.

**T**here will be a closing **Mass** for the Novena to St. Joseph at the **Monastery of Our Mother of Mercy and St. Joseph** on **March 19th** with Fr. Mark Axtmann as the celebrant. The Rosary begins at 6:30 pm followed by a chanted Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 7 pm. All are welcome to come to honor the Spouse of Our Blessed Lady, the Virginal Father of our Savior and Protector of Holy Mother Church.

Salem, **St. Mary's** will be having **spring church cleaning** on **March 21** at 9:00 AM in Salem. Thank you to all of the ladies who have volunteered already: Tami Addy, Bev Bartling, Tami Bies, Victoria Buchanan, Tammy Duxbury, Laura Gessner, Ruth Grady, Wanda Heumiller, Kristy Hodne, Patricia Kelly, Theresa Kerkhove, Holly Klinkhammer, Jess Klinkhammer, Colleen Kolbeck, Maggan Kremppes, Melissa Kremppes, Joyce McCormick, Luann McKillop, Sandy Petree, Sheila Remmers, Jackie Schwader, Laurie Schwans, Beth Skaff, Carla Snyders, Hannah Streff, Marnie Weier, Shaina Westhoff, Pat Wilkins, and Crystal Wilkinson. Please bring a rag and a bucket and we will get the church all shined up for Easter! Thank you again for your gift of time and talents!



**CHRISM MASS** is Wednesday, **March 18** at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls. This Mass with Bishop DeGrood and our priests and deacons is open to the public and a beautiful Mass to attend.



**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church Hall  
Montrose, SD

Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, bun, salad bar, dessert and drink

**Free Will Donation**

Free Valet Parking  
Carry-Outs Available

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE PASTORATE**

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

(during the holidays LPi, the bulletin's printer, requests early transmission which means early deadlines)

**3/29** bulletin **items** due to mavhuls@triotel.net

Friday, 3/20 at 2 pm; **finished** bulletin due to LPi Tuesday, 3/24 at 9 am

**4/5** bulletin **items** due to mavhuls@triotel.net

Friday, 3/27 at 2 pm; **finished** bulletin due to LPi Monday, 3/30 at 9 am.

**NOTICES OF WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATION:** A year or so ago we put out a sign-up for those who would like to be notified of weekday Mass cancellations through email. But I have noticed that not everyone who comes to weekday Mass is on the list. So if you come to weekday Mass and you didn't sign up but would like to receive these notices, you can contact either me ([frmelvinkuhn@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frmelvinkuhn@sfcatholic.org)) or Emily ([salem.stmary@sfcatholic.org](mailto:salem.stmary@sfcatholic.org)) and let us know and we will get you added. **There is, however, a separate list for each parish so you will need to let us know which parish notification list(s) (it can be more than one) you want to be on.** God bless you, Fr. Kuhn.

**EMAIL AND TEXT NOTIFICATIONS:** The diocese provides a database manager for parishioner contact information that all parishes have to use. The diocese switched databases/companies last year. The one used now allows us to send emails directly from the database manager itself. So if we need to send out an email to all parishioners, we can do it easily from there. The reason for mentioning this is because an email sent from the database might look slightly different than it would from (say) my personal email. For example, if it comes from me, it will say Rev. Melvin Kuhn, but the sender will still be my personal email ([frmelvinkuhn@sfcatholic.org](mailto:frmelvinkuhn@sfcatholic.org)). **This database** also allows text messages to be easily sent, including texts to a large number of people all at once, which I'm sure we will utilize at times. Texts, that either I or the staff send, will not be listed as coming from the parish phone number but rather an '888' number. Fr. Kuhn.

**SCAM WARNING:** This is a somewhat routine warning about scammers pretending to be Fr. Kuhn. If you are asked for money or gift cards or anything of the sort, assume it's a scammer and not me. I will not ask for such "personal favors" through email or text. We will only use mass emails and texts for things like announcements that need to be made on short notice. I want to reiterate this given our new capacity now to send text messages from our database. Fr. Kuhn.

**K**NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION: As we get closer to Easter, the Knights of Columbus are encouraging families in the parish communities to attend the Good Friday Service on Friday, April 3, 2026. Despite Good Friday's central nature in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low in some regions. Putting their Faith in Action, the Knights are encouraging participation through a promotional campaign that educates their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday. The liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death reminds families of the suffering Jesus endured through his passion and resurrection, thereby opening the gates of heaven for each of us. Christ: Lord and Savior booklet is a free download available at <https://www.kofc.org>. Type **cis358** in the search bar. Also, available in the KofC Kiosk at the entrance of Salem, St. Mary's Church, you will find the booklet and a Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Card that helps bring awareness to persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world and the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.

From Fr. Bob: There will not be 8:30 am Mass on  
March 17, 18, 19, 20  
and no 8:30 am Mass on March 24, 25, 26, 27

**Tuesday & Wednesday Weekday Masses Canceled This Week**

Because of required attendance at events at the Cathedral on Tues., March 17 and Wed., March 18, Fr. Jones & I will have to cancel our weekday Masses for those days. This includes:

- Tues., March 17, 5:30 pm -- both Humboldt & Alexandria
- Wed., March 18, 9:00 am -- both Montrose & Emery

**Court St. Thomas #1533 Catholic Daughters Mtg.**  
**Monday, March 16, 7:15 pm,**  
**St. Ann Hall, Humboldt**

**EXPECTANT MOM'S AND YOUNG MOTHERS:**

You are invited to attend the "Under Mary's Mantle" meetings on topics of mothering during the early years beginning **Tuesday, March 17 – 9:30 am** at **St. Mary's Church Office Building, St. Mary's -Salem.**

**McCOOK COUNTY FOR LIFE BAKE SALE**

McCook County for Life will hold its annual **Bake Sale, Friday, March 27** from **8:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the **American Legion Hall** on Main Street in Salem. Donations of baked goods are appreciated, as well as new members. Renewals of \$5.00 a year will also be collected that day. Our organization supports the pregnancy crisis center in Sioux Falls and also donates baby clothing and diapers to the local food pantry in McCook County. Everyone is welcome to come and have coffee and rolls with us and look over the variety of baked items. Your presence will be greatly appreciated!

**Our Lady of Fatima ALEXANDRIA  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

**Friday, March 27th, at the hall, 5:00pm to 7:00pm**  
Serving: cod, baked potato & coleslaw

**SALEM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRUNCH**

will be held on **Palm Sunday, March 29,** from 10:30 am to 12 pm at 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 Life Causes. To go meals are also available.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

- St. Ann, Humboldt --**  
Thursdays, 7 pm
- St. Mary, Alexandria --**  
Fridays, 5:30 pm
- St. Patrick, Montrose --**  
Fridays, 5:30 pm
- St. Martin, Emery --**  
Fridays, 7 pm
- St. Mary, Salem --**  
Fridays, 7 pm



We won't have Stations on Good Friday. The last day we have Stations is the Friday (or Thursday for Humboldt) before Good Friday.



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**



**3/15, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA**

For †Dylan Mentele

**8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE**

For †Don, †Rose, & †Tom Wheeler

**10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Andrea Roth Boeve

**1:00 PM EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Darla Atsma

**3/16, Monday, Lenten Weekday**

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

For Priest Personal Intention

**\*2:00 pm ITEMS for the 3/22 bulletin due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

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

**5:30 PM MASS IN SALEM**

For Priest Personal Intention

**3/17, Tuesday, St. Patrick**

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

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

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

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

**3/18, Wednesday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

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

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

For †Al & †Jean Mescher

**\*\*NO 9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY TODAY**

**\*\*NO 9:00 AM MASS IN MONTROSE TODAY**

**\*9:00 AM FINISHED 3/22 BULLETIN DUE & SENT TO LPI**

**3/19, Thursday, St. Joseph**

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

**5:30 PM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER**

For All Parishioners

**5:30 PM MASS IN EPIPHANY**

For †Linda Young

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

**3/20, Friday, Lenten Weekday**

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

**9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY**

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

**9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Bill Reif

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**3/21, Saturday, Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**5:00 PM MASS IN EMERY**

For Pro Populo (the People of our Parishes)

**5:00 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT**

For deceased member of the Lofswold Family

**3/22, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA**

For †Art & †Irene Jarding

**8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE**

For †Kay Miles

**10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM**

For †Harold & †Monica Heitgen

**1:00 PM EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS IN SALEM**

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

