

St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate

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MARCH 22, 2026 ☩ FIFTH 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



**Congratulations to St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate
Confirmation Class 2026, Sunday, March 8th at St. Joseph Cathedral.
May they always walk with the Lord and find strength in His presence.**

Front Row (L-R): Sawyer Hovdestad, Abby Gordon, Serenity Haag, Aliza Addy, Claire Vogel, Abigail Even, Kiera Bartmann, Tessa Burke, Jayden Jasper, Ava Arend, Adam Heumiller.

Second Row (L-R): Elizabeth Stofferahn, Khloie Klinkhammer, Addysen Raethz, Brynlee Ideker, JoLynn Deters, Jaida Skyberg, Leah Feterl, Ellie Kampshoff, Brenna Bartlett, Maddie Welter, Earl Heumiller.

Third Row (L-R): Joseph Haag, Dawson Huber, Mason Casilli, Alyssa Roling, Annalynn Mentele, Tavaya Haag, Isabella Weber, Tacey Weber, Brooklyn Schroeder, Alexandra Mendoza.

Last Row (L-R): Caleb Hoffman, Taylan Sichmeller, Kane Grace, Carter Ruden, Sam Jarding, Hunter Thompson, Channing Bartlett, Isaac Chase, Fr. Melvin Kuhn, Daniel Schwader, Bishop Donald DeGroot, Maximus Weber, Jaxon Scheff, Noah Durfee, Landon Zens, Thomas Oyen, Connor Heiberger, Jackson Muth, Mason Iery, Jackson Weber.

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

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



With joy
St. Mary Magdalene Pastorate
welcomes

Sawyer Owen Garcia,
son of Jorge & Maritza;
newly baptized in Christ at
Alexandria, St. Mary of Mercy,
Saturday, March 14.

God's Blessings to the parents.

PASTORATE COLLECTIONS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OF 3/15

ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY

\$912.00; CFSA: \$3,545.00

BRIDGEWATER-ST. STEPHEN

\$170.00; CFSA: \$1,000.00

EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

\$987.26; CFSA: \$4,000.00

EPIPHANY-CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

\$70.00; CFSA: \$1,050.00

HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN

\$1,723.00; CFSA: \$4,475.00

MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK

CFSA: \$850.00

SALEM-ST. MARY

\$1,572.00; CFSA: \$6,370.00

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

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 they 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.

With the Lord there is
mercy and fullness of
redemption. (Ps130)

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
LITURGICAL SCHEDULES**

ALEXANDRIA-ST. MARY OF MERCY

Sunday, March 29

ROSARY Chris & Emily Ruden
SERVERS Carter Ruden, Madalynn Ruden,
Allie Ruden
LECTOR Marlene Warnke
E. MIN. Ray & Brandi Slaba
MUSIC Sandy Kayser
USHERS Joe Jarding, Dave Jarding
MONEY Heidi Jarding, Peggy Weber

EMERY-ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Saturday, March 28

ROSARY Christi Schnabel
SERVERS Emma Schleich, Olivia Schleich,
Grace Eckerman
LECTOR Landon Berg
E. MIN. Kellie Weber
MUSIC Rosalie Weber
USHERS Dave Jansen, Steve Ernster
MONEY Miranda Kayser

HUMBOLDT-ST. ANN

Saturday, March 28

ROSARY Jackie Lofswold
SERVERS Landon Even, Miles Even,
Ella Harden
LECTOR Heather Harden
OFFER. Mark & Heather Harden
E. MIN. Jackie Lofswold
SACRISTAN Susan Shumaker
USHERS Billy Kapperman, Tom Kaffar
MONEY John & Jackie Jarding, Diane Struck

MONTROSE-ST. PATRICK

Sunday, March 29

SERVERS Cody Hanisch, Lane Hanisch,
Blake Hanisch
LECTOR Charlotte Thompson
OFFER. Barb Spicer, Deanna Ollerich
E. MIN. Sarah McAreavey
SACRISTAN Denny Vogel
USHERS Jason Klinkhammer, Leo Huiten
MONEY Paul Klaudt, Ken Krouse

SALEM-ST. MARY

Sunday, March 29

ROSARY Tim Wegener
SERVERS Aliza & Felicia Addy,
Allison Leber
LECTOR(S) Tim Wegener, Andrew Streff
E. MIN. Anita Feterl, Carol McCormick
H. BD. Laura Gottlob
USHERS Dan McKillop, John Scheier,
Pat Scheier, Kurt Bies
MONEY Barb Gottlob, Janet Karel

WITH PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY
SALEM, ST. MARY'S
EXTENDS CONDOLENCES
to the family and friends of:
Robert Martin, 90, who passed away
on Friday, March 13.

ALEXANDRIA, ST. MARY OF MERCY
EXTENDS CONDOLENCES
to the family and friends of:
William Bennett, 78, who passed
away Thursday, March 5.

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

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.

**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 18-Elaine Eichacker,
March 25-Liz Stiefvater,
April 1-TBA.

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 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 ques-
tions, call Luann McKillop at 605-530
-4041.



The Feast of the
Annunciation
Fiesta de la Anunciación

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Thursday, April 2

- St. Ann, Humboldt 5:30 pm
- St. Mary, Salem 6:30 pm
- St. Mary, Alexandria 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3

- St. Ann, Humboldt Noon
- St. Mary, Alexandria Noon
- St. Mary, Salem 3pm
- St. Martin, Emery 3 pm
- St. Patrick, Montrose 6 pm

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), April 4

- St. Patrick, Montrose 8:30 pm
- St. Martin, Emery 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

- St. Ann, Humboldt 8:30 am
- St. Martin, Emery 8:30 am
- St. Mary, Salem 10:30 am
- St. Mary, Alexandria 10:30 am
- St. Mary, Salem (EFM) 1 pm

It is unfortunate that we cannot have all of the Triduum and Easter Sunday liturgies at each parish but of course that is just the reality today. We have tried to make sure that everyone at least has fairly close access to each of these magnificent liturgies. We will also be trying to keep track of who got what liturgies and then rotate some of them from year to year. There is one extra Mass on Easter Sunday, relative to the normal Sunday schedule.

There will be no other liturgies these days other than the ones listed. Fr. Bob won't have the morning Masses in Alexandria on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT:

Days of Fasting and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Day; of Abstinence: every Friday during Lent.

Fasting: 1 regular meal, 2 smaller meals at most; no eating between meals. Ages 18-59.

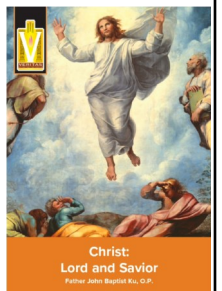
Abstinence: no meat. Ages 14 and up; there is no upper age limit, everyone over the age of 14 is to practice abstinence on the prescribed days.

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) or Emily (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). **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.


KNIGHTS 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.



Extra Confession Times for Lent, 2026

St. Patrick, Montrose	Monday, March 23	7:00 pm
St. Mary, Alexandria	Tuesday, March 24	6:15 pm
(after Mass)		
St. Ann, Humboldt	Tuesday, March 24	6:15 pm
(after Mass)		
St. Martin, Emery	Thursday, March 26	7:00 pm
St. Martin, Emery	Sunday, March 29	2:00 pm
St. Mary, Salem	Monday, March 30	6:15 pm
(after Mass)		
St. Mary, Alexandria	Tuesday, March 31	6:15 pm
(after Mass)		
St. Ann, Humboldt	Tuesday, March 31	6:15 pm
(after Mass)		

For confession times marked "after Mass," they will likely start before 6:15 pm. **The priest** will remain in the confessional for a ½ hour after the starting time, even if no one is coming; if no one is coming, he will leave after a ½ hour. If people are coming, confessions will continue until all are heard. **Of course** you can go to any parish, it doesn't have to be your own parish. **Everyone is** also encouraged to take advantage of Confession time available after Mass.

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. 

ST. MARY MAGDALENE PASTORATE EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

(during the holidays LPi, requests early transmission which means early deadlines)

March 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

April 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.

From Fr. Bob:

There will not be 8:30 am Mass on March 24, 25, 26, 27

ST. PATRICK'S HAM DINNER, SUNDAY, MARCH 22

11:00 am-1:00 pm, St. Patrick's Church Hall
Ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots, bun, salad bar, dessert and drink. Free will donation. Free valet parking. Carry-outs available.

McCOOK COUNTY FOR LIFE BAKE SALE

McCook County for Life will hold its annual **BAKE SALE** on **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

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

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.

Mothers are invited to attend the next "Under Mary's Mantle" meeting of the series on topics of mothering during the early years on Tuesday, March 31, at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Church Office Building in Salem. The series of bi-weekly meetings are based on writings of renowned Catholic authors and Church teachings. The next meeting topic is "Caring for Ourselves and Our Families." If you were unable to attend the first meeting, you may join any of the remaining ones in the series. Come for encouragement, inspiration, sharing & fellowship in the important role of mothering! Young children welcome! For more information or to inquire please call 605-421-1104 or 605-480-3031.



SCHEDULE FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. Ann, Humboldt --	Thursdays,	7:00 pm
St. Mary, Alexandria --	Fridays,	5:30 pm
St. Patrick, Montrose --	Fridays,	5:30 pm
St. Martin, Emery --	Fridays,	7:00 pm
St. Mary, Salem --	Fridays,	7:00 pm

The last day we have Stations is Friday, March 27 or Thursday, March 26 for Humboldt, before Good Friday.



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS



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

3/23, Monday, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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

3/24, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday

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

***9:00 AM FINISHED 3/29 BULLETIN DUE & SENT TO LPI**

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

5:30 PM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA

For †Gertrude Johnston

5:30 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Joe Schartz

3/25, Wednesday, The Annunciation of the Lord

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

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

For †Theresa Graff

9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY

For Deceased members of the Sacred Heart

9:00 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For †Don, †Rose, & †Tom Wheeler

3/26, Thursday, Lenten Weekday

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

5:30 PM MASS IN BRIDGEWATER

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:30 PM MASS IN EPIPHANY

For Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

3/27, Friday, Lenten Weekday

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

9:00 AM MASS IN EMERY

For All Parishioners

9:00 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Joan Mae Stiefvater

***2:00 pm ITEMS for the 4/5 bulletin due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

3/28, Saturday, Vigil: Palm

5:00 PM MASS IN EMERY

For Pro Populo (the People of our Parishes)

5:00 PM MASS IN HUMBOLDT

For †Joe Schartz

3/29, Palm Sunday

8:30 AM MASS IN ALEXANDRIA

For †George & †Margaret Smith

8:30 AM MASS IN MONTROSE

For Tony Armagno & Randy O'Laughlin

10:30 AM MASS IN SALEM

For †Gerald Hanisch

1:00 PM EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS IN SALEM

For †Dale Weber