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MASS TIMES:

Saturday.....5:00 pm
 Sunday.....8:30 am
 WeekdaysThurs. 8:10 am
 Holy Days.....as announced

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday.....4:00 pm
 Anytime.....By appointment
BAPTISM: Instruction required,
 contact parish priest.

MARRIAGE: Instruction required,
 contact parish priest at least six
 months in advance. No weddings
 during Advent or Lent at Salem.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE
 SICK:** Contact parish priest to
 receive the Sacraments of Penance
 & the Anointing of the Sick before
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From Archbishop Gullickson . . .

Sunday Mass

If I had to guess the most discussed topic in church circles today, I would vote for one falling under the broader heading of the practice of the faith. My specific choice in that category would be the present crisis in Sunday Mass attendance. It may not affect the Church in every corner of the world, but it certainly troubles Europe and North America.

Years ago, when I was stationed in Germany, I can remember being asked by a parishioner in Mom's parish here at home, a man who traveled internationally for a living, about whether I did not find it tragic that such a small percentage of those in Germany who declared themselves Catholic went to Mass on a given Sunday. That was maybe twenty years ago and most parishes in Germany were registering less than 15% attendance at a time when here in the Midwest urban centers still beat 50% and country parishes exceeded 80% on a given Sunday, no matter what time of year.

Just now as I left Switzerland, regular Sunday Mass goes there had fallen to between 1 and 2% of those on the books as Catholics. What is frightening is, that most places in the United States today, we do not know where we stand in terms of percentages of those practicing the faith. You will hear it said that if it were not for COVID, we could still count on the pre-COVID 20% attendance of a Sunday. That is a gratuitous statement because so many people are no longer coming to Mass regularly in most places in the US and Canada. COVID or no COVID, people in our part of the world seem to have lost their sense of Sunday obligation. Mass attendance is way down and not just for fear of the pandemic.

The Precept of the Church, which binds us under pain of mortal sin to "assist at Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation", still binds. Why? Because the Holy Eucharist defines us. St. Justin Martyr told his judge he would never renounce Sunday Mass. Without Sunday we cannot live, the saint said.

Where do you stand in terms of Sunday Mass? Or regarding Sunday rest? Take time now in Lent to look through your catechism again and to examine your priorities for living in Christ. The teaching of the Second Vatican Council, faithful to Catholic tradition, is that the Eucharist on Sunday is the source and summit of Christian existence. Are you on board, yes or no?

May the Lord bless you and bring you joy in the week ahead.

Archbishop Thomas E. Gullickson

Apostolic Nuncio
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Welcome to St. Mary's Parish. We hope you enjoy being a part of our liturgical celebration. If you are new to our parish and would like to register, contact the parish office or register online at saalematholic.org: click about then parish registration.



Stations of the Cross during Lent Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm

THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST. MARY'S

- 2/21, Sunday, First Sunday of Lent**
8:30 am Mass †Anne Degenstein
- 2/22, Monday, The Chair of St. Peter**
No Mass
2:00 pm Bulletin items due to mavhuls@triotel.net
- 2/23, Tuesday, St. Polycarp**
No Mass
- 2/24, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
9:00 am Bulletin due & sent to LPi
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church
- 2/25, Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
8:10 Mass †Everett Cumbee
7:00 pm Public rosary for our country in the Church
- 2/26, Friday, Lenten Weekday**
No Mass
7:00 pm Christian Mother's Mtg., St. Mary's School
- 2/27, Saturday, Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent**
5:00 pm Mass Pro Populo
- 2/28, Sunday, Second Sunday of Lent**
8:30 am Mass †Jerry Rotert

14 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS

February 22 thru March 7

SANCTUARY CANDLE AT THE MAIN ALTAR:

For the repose of the soul of Larry Tuschen

by Sharon Tuschen.

BLUE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

(RS) *Special Intentions for Pres. Trump & Family*

by D'Ette Beck.

(LS) *For the repose of the soul of Bob Reif*

by the Ron Reif Family.

RED CANDLES ON THE ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS:

(RS) *For the repose of the soul of Jerry Rotert*

by Ruth & Family.

(LS) *For the repose of the souls of John & Denise Chase*

by Bob & Monica Anderson.

✂ If you would like to sponsor a 14 day candle (\$10.00), call the Parish Office.



OFFERTORY COUNTER\$

— Mondays, 9 a.m. at the School —

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| February 22 | Bob Martin & Barb Gottlob |
| March 1 | Shirley Weber & Anita Coplan |
| March 8 | LuAnn McKillop & Karen Martin |

IN SYMPATHY

St. Mary's Parish extends our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Elizabeth Rayman, 71, sister of Tom (Carol) Peterson, who passed away Wednesday, February 10.

Marilyn Burnham, 85, mother of Peg (Jason) Schoon, and grandmother of Danielle (Eric) Dykes, who passed away Thursday, February 11.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR



Remember the Prayer Nora McQueen (Mrs. Remily's daughter), Harlan Gross, Lavern Yost, Shirley Puthoff, Nikki Grasma, all those with COVID in our community, Dave Miller, Clete Heumiller, D'Ette Beck, Natasha Beck (D'Ette Beck's granddaughter), Doris Cumbee, Jarad Deters, Randy Dorale (son-in-law of Pat Heumiller), Lori Erikson, Claire Feterl (daughter-in-law of Randy & Bonnie Sabers), Dave Gassman, Pat Grady, Brian Heiberger, Pat Huls, Shelli Kirby, Kay Koch, Val Krempges, Darlene Lauck, Tony Laetsch, Hope Mohlenoff (granddaughter of Joann Schneider), Mariann Oyen, Randy Sabers, Jean Schnider, Beth Skaff, Jean Stiefvater, Florence Stroud, and Mary Ann Tuschen.

✂ If you wish to add or be removed from the prayer list, call the Parish Office.

SCHEDULED VISITS FOR THE LEGION OF MARY PILGRIM SHRINE



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| February 17 | Dale & Shirley Weber |
| February 24 | Steve & Carol Gessner |
| March 3 | Kelvin & Heather Gessner |

✂ For information on hosting the Shrine of Our Blessed Lady, call 425-3000.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Needed for Budget: \$5,500.00

February 13th & 14th

Adult:	\$1,932.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 132.00
Maintenance:	\$ 50.00
Direct Deposit:	<u>\$ 825.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,939.00



Pray for those serving in the Military:
Harry Meyers
Lord hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.



St. Mary's Confirmation
Wednesday, March 17th - 7 pm

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being—from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is promoting a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parish, homes and wider community. A 9 Days for Life Novena will begin Saturday, February 20th and end on Sunday February 28th. Prayer cards will be located at the back of the church. As a parish, let's put our Faith into Action!



Salem St. Mary's school is seeking a full-time 7th and 8th grade teacher for the academic year 2021-2022. Please send letter of application and resume to: Peggy Freidel, 205 W. Essex Salem, SD 57058, peggy.freidel@k12.sd.us.

LENT IS A SEASON OF FORTY DAYS, WHICH BEGAN ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND ENDS ON HOLY SATURDAY. LENT COMES FROM THE WORD *LENCTEN*, MEANING "LENGTHEN" AND REFERS TO THE LENGTHENING DAYS OF SPRING. THE FORTY DAYS REPRESENTS THE TIME JESUS SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, ENDURING THE TEMPTATION OF SATAN AND PREPARING TO BEGIN HIS MINISTRY.

LENT IS A TIME OF REPENTANCE, FASTING AND PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF EASTER. IT IS A TIME OF SELF-EXAMINATION AND REFLECTION.

LET US FOCUS ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, GROWING AS DISCIPLES AND EXTENDING OURSELVES, CHOOSING TO GIVE UP SOMETHING OR TO VOLUNTEER AND GIVE OF OURSELVES FOR OTHERS.

Fast from hurting words ...*and say kind words.*
Ast from sadness ...*and be filled with gratitude.*
Sast from anger ...*and be filled with patience.*
Tast from pessimism ...*and be filled with hope.*
Fast from worries ...*and have trust in God.*
Ast from complaints ...*and contemplate simplicity.*
Sast from pressures ...*and be prayerful.*
Tast from bitterness ...*and fill your hearts with joy.*
Fast from selfishness ...*and be compassionate to others.*
Ast from grudges ...*and be reconciled.*
Sast from words ...*and be silent so you can listen.*

St. James Assembly Knights of Columbus (4th Degree) made up of members from Salem and Hartford will be having a breakfast on Sunday, February 28th from 8-12 at St. George Parish Hall in Hartford. This will be to-go only; there will be no dine-in option. The menu includes cheesy potatoes, pancakes, eggs, and sausage. A free will donation will be accepted and donations will be used to help veterans. If you are going by Hartford that morning, please stop by to pick up breakfast on your way to your destination. Thanks for your support.

Spring cleaning of the church and hall will be March 27th. More details to follow.

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 27, 5:00 pm

Rosary Dave & Barb Hoiten
Altar Servers Caleb Hoffman
 Vivian Koepsell
 Maddy Lauck
Lector Laura Gottlob
Euch. Minister Dave Hoiten
Homebound Dave & Barb Hoiten
Ushers George Eichacker, Blake Gessner,
 Marty Gessner, Terry Krempges

Sunday, February 28, 8:30 am

Rosary Geralyn Sherman
Altar Servers Leah Feterl
 Emma Muth
 Quenton Gessner
Lector Josh Horstman
Euch. Minister Anita Feterl
Homebound Anita Feterl
Ushers Jim Gottlob, Pat Gottlob,
 Jason Jaeger, Tom Kolbeck

LENT QUIZ

1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
6. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
7. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
8. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays during Lent?
9. On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
10. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
11. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?
12. What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent?
13. On what Sunday during Lent does the priest bless palms?
14. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us?
15. On what day during Lent does the Bishop bless holy oils for the year?
16. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
17. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations?
18. Who helped Jesus carry his Cross?
19. When does Lent officially end?
20. What is the Triduum?

1. 40
2. "Spring"
3. Ash Wednesday
4. Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras
5. Purple
6. The Gloria
7. Alleluia
8. Meat
9. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
10. Pretzels
11. Hot Cross Buns
12. St. Patrick
13. Palm Sunday
14. The entrance into Jerusalem
15. Tuesday of Holy Week
16. 14
17. 3
18. Simon of Cyrene
19. At sundown on Holy Thursday before the beginning of the Mass of the Last Supper
20. "Triduum" comes from the Latin word for three, and it includes the three holiest days of the Church year from sundown on Holy Thursday, through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to sundown on Easter Sunday.

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