



St. Mary's Church

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My Dear Friends,

As you may know I have been away from the parish, for almost three months, for some time of rest and refreshment. This time away has given me some time for reflection upon my priesthood and the past 22 years of priestly ministry to the diocese of Sioux Falls and the many parishes I have been entrusted with. I can see that God has truly blessed me in my priesthood. I cannot deny there have been some challenging times as well. God has provided me with so many graces that I am unable to count them all. I am truly blessed indeed.

With all of this time to reflect upon the many things that have occurred in my life and my priesthood, it is with great sadness and a heavy heart, I have decided to step down as your pastor. With consultation from Bishop DeGrood and others we feel this is a great time to take on a less stressful assignment. While I have been away from the parish it has come to my attention that I have been dealing with a great deal of stress for many years and need even more time to deal with the past in a healthy way. I therefore will not be returning to the parish. I know I promised many of you that I would be back renewed and refreshed to take on some of the challenges that need to be addressed, however that will not be me. I have every confidence the bishop will entrust you with a more than capable priest to help you journey toward holiness. Do not be discouraged by this news but be hopeful that God knows what He is doing in your life and in mine. As St. Paul says several times in his Gospel writings "When you put your hope in God, Hope does not disappoint." So please know this is the will of God in my life and in the life of the parish. It is not about the individual priest; it is about the priesthood that brings the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist that matters most. We are a Eucharistic people, and it is about Christ alive within us. "Hope never disappoints." Believe that and live that and Christ will be there for you and with you.

May our loving Lord guide you all to a place of holiness and of love in each of your lives. Please continue to pray for me and I will most certainly pray for you. God bless each of you.

Love in JM&J,
Fr. DeWayne Kayser

From Archbishop Gullickson . . .

The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Incarnation of the Word

For the life of me, I cannot remember just what I was thinking when I set this as one of the topics for my Lenten series. It sounds more like a Christmas topic than like Lenten preparation for Holy Week/Easter. To be honest, though, I certainly wanted to include the Mother of God, the Patroness of the parish here in Salem in my list of topics and do so on the eve of the feast of the Annunciation.

Happily, the Church in our day in America has lived long enough to see Mary and her Holy Rosary recover to a great extent the prestige, the confidence which good Catholic people placed in her up until the 1960's. Granted, there are adults who still do not have much time for the Blessed Virgin, but thanks be to God these prejudices are not so rabidly imposed on children and youth as happened back in the 1970's and '80's, almost up to the end of the 20th Century. The great crucifixion scene with Mary the Mother of Jesus and St. John the Evangelist at the foot of the Cross has recovered pride of place in Catholic imagery. I am not talking about the primacy of this image in Catholic devotional art, but about the centrality of the crucifixion scene for a proper understanding of who we are as members of the Church. Mary is the Mother of the Church, but just as important, we cannot understand the Mystical Body of Christ, anymore than we can understand the physical body of Jesus, without her.

This is indeed a Lenten topic: The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Incarnation of the Word. On March 25, this coming Thursday is the feast of the Annunciation, when Mary said yes to the message from God conveyed to her by St. Gabriel the Archangel, and the Word became flesh in her virginal womb. Through Mary our salvation was assured in and through the God-Man, Who by her consent came to dwell among us. Twice a year, on 25 December and nine months earlier on 25 March, when we recite the Creed and say the words "and the Word was made flesh", we bend the knee. In the mystery of the Incarnation, we come together with Mary to experience our being chosen before all the hosts of angels to bring about the reconciliation of earth and heaven.

Archbishop Thomas E. Gullickson
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THE WEEK AHEAD AT ST. MARY'S

3/21, Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Mass ††Elmer & Verda Hofer

9:30-11:00 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast

* **2:00 pm 3/28 Bulletin items due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group

3/22, Monday, Lenten Weekday

No Mass

3/23, Tuesday, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

No Mass

* **9:00 am 3/28 Bulletin due to LPi—Easter holiday schedule**

St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup

3/24, Wednesday, Lenten Weekday

No Mass

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

3/25, Thursday, The Annunciation of the Lord

8:10 Mass †Frank Beck & †Mickey Beck

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross with St. Mary's School

7:00 pm Public rosary for our country in the Church

3/26, Friday, Lenten Weekday

No Mass

8:00 am-12:00 pm Right to Life Bake Sale, Legion Hall

5:00-7:00 pm St. Mary's Fish Fry

3/27, Saturday, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am Spring Cleaning of Church & Hall Kitchen

10:00 am Foresters Easter Egg Hunt

* **2:00 pm 4/4 Bulletin items due to mavhuls@triotel.net**

(4/4/ Bulletin due to LPi Monday, 3/29)

3:45 pm Practice for 3/27 altar servers in the Church

4:00 pm Confessions

4:45 pm 3/27 lectors meet 15 min. before Mass w/Archbishop

5:00 pm Mass Pro Populo

3/28, Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:45 am Practice for 3/28 lectors & altar servers in the Church

8:30 am Mass Living & Deceased Knights of Columbus

9:30 am Confessions after Mass

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 surgery or going to the hospital.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Dean Koch-H/425-2466, C/530-3787; Laura Gessner-H/425-3149; Dan & Lu McKillop-H/425-2197; Tim Wegener-H/425-2838.

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IN SYMPATHY

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

Shirley Barker, 85, mother of Karla (late Jerry) Blindert, and grandmother to Josh (Mary) Blindert who passed away Sunday, March 7th.

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



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR



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 Krempeges, Darlene Lauck, Tony Laetsch, Hope Mohlenoff (granddaughter of Joann Schneider), Mariann Oyen, Randy Sabers, Jean Schnider, Beth Skaff, Jean Stiefvater, 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



March 17

March 24

March 31

Louie & Darla Atsma

Marianne Oyen

Squeak Kolbeck

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

14 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS

March 22 thru April 4

SANCTUARY CANDLE AT THE MAIN ALTAR:

For the repose of the souls of Frank & Mickey Beck by D'Ette Beck.

BLUE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

(RS) For the repose of the soul of John Stiefvater by his family.

(LS) For the repose of the soul of Darlyne Gottlob by Jim & Lynn Gottlob.

RED CANDLES ON THE ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS:

(RS) Special intentions for the D'Ette Beck Family by D'Ette Beck.

(LS) Special intentions for our Church by D'Ette Beck.

✂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 —

March 22

March 29

April 5

Janet Karel & Joann Koch

Jean Skaff & Shirley Weber

Karen Martin & Dean Koch

Effective March 27th Bishop DeGrood is removing the COVID dispensation: the Church's obligation of Catholics to attend Sunday Mass weekly and Holy Days of Obligation is being reinstated for all Catholics of the Diocese of Sioux Falls.



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will host a **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 21st from 9:30-11:30 am** at St. Mary's hall. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, fruit cup, coffee, and orange juice. A free will offering will be accepted. Tables will be spaced for extra distancing and carry out will be available. Please join us and THANK YOU for your past generosity.

IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:

Frank & Mickey Beck, & Jim & Gwen Delger by D'Ette Beck.
 Lyle & Helene Eichacker & Kathy Deters by Mike & Michele Eichacker.
 Rob, Mary, & Britany Hansen by Clete & Shirley Heumiller.
 Ray Kolbeck by Squeak Kolbeck.
 Family members by GERALYN SHERMAN.
 Bob Reif, John & Alvina Bies, Ernie & Isabella Reif by Darlene Reif.
 Allen Wegener, Lloyd & Julia Roling by Pat Wegener.



**SPRING CLEANING IN THE CHURCH & HALL KITCHEN
 SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 9:00 AM**

Deep cleaning in the Church & hall kitchen will be done Saturday, March 27th at 9:00 am. Thank you to the following ladies helping: Kim Bertram, Tami Bies, Karla Blindert, Carla Eichacker, Michelle Ecklein, Kim Ernster, Anita Feterl, Laura Gessner, Darlene Gross, Kate Harris, Vicky Huls, Brenda Johnson, Teresa Kerkhove, Jess Klinkhammer, Alison, Klinkhammer, Kay Koch, Joann Koch, Lisa Lauck, Sharon Lauck, Susan Leber, Dawn McGregor, Diane McGregor, LuAnn McKillop, Kim Menning, Barb Mentele, Joyce Meyer, Lauren Peterson, Charlotte Roesler, Sadye Roesler, Vivian Sabers, Dawn Scheier, Peg Schoon, GERALYN SHERMAN, Kathy Stiefvater, Sherry Stoffel, Joni Wagner, Kelly Weber, & Crystal Wilkinson.

Also a big Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for helping with the dusting of all high statues, stations, main & side altars and to fix anything that need repair.

Right to Life Bake Sale — Friday, March 26th — 8:00 am-12 noon — Salem Legion Hall

FROM THE FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Thank You to Amy Tuschen, monthly chair, for getting bars for Florence Stroud's funeral lunch; and thank you to the ladies who donated the bars. The next group to furnish will be the March group, Mary Blindert is the monthly chair.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**Needed for Budget: \$5,500.00
 March 13th & 14th**

Adult:	\$1,675.00
Loose Offerings:	\$ 137.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 200.00
Direct Deposit:	\$ 795.00
TOTAL:	\$2,807.00
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LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

3/27 altar servers, practice in the Church on 3/27 @ 3:45 pm
 3/27 lectors, meet with Archbishop 15 min. before 3/27 Mass
 3/28 lectors & altar servers, practice in the Church on 3/28 @ 7:45 am

(Palm Sunday Vigil) Saturday, March 27, 5:00 pm

Rosary Dave & Barb Hoiten
Altar Servers Will, Thomas, & Stella Oyen
 Jace, Brooke, & Adam Heumiller
 Laura Gottlob & Dave Hoiten
Lectors Carol McCormick
Euch. Minister Carol McCormick
Homebound Carol McCormick
Ushers Ken Lauck, Jim Tuschen,
 George Eichacker, Blake Gessner

Palm Sunday, March 28, 8:30 am

Rosary Knights of Columbus
Altar Servers Knights of Columbus
Lectors Knights of Columbus
Euch. Minister Knights of Columbus
Homebound Anita Feterl
Ushers Knights of Columbus

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm

Altar Servers Aliza & Maria Addy
 Allison Leber
Lector GERALYN SHERMAN
Euch. Minister Kelly Weber
Ushers Marty Gessner, Terry Kremppges,
 Chad Kremppges, Wayne Kremppges

Good Friday, April 2, 3:00 pm

Altar Servers Landon, Lauren, & Alyssa Roling
Lectors Jerry & Barb Gottlob
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