

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Mary of Mercy, Saint Martin of Tours and Saint Stephen Parishes

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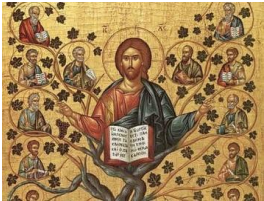
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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity May 30, 2021

Confessions, Masses, Mass Intentions, Holy Rosaries, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, May 31	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
Tuesday, June 1	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
Wednesday, June 2	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
	9:00 a.m.	Saint Stephen, Bridgewater	For Favorable Weather
	5:45—6:15 p.m.	Saint Mary, Alexandria	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Fatima Family Shrine	Our Most Holy Rosary
Thursday, June 3	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
First Friday, June 4	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
First Saturday, June 5	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
	4:00—4:40 p.m.	Saint Mary, Alexandria	Confessions
	5:00 p.m.	Saint Mary, Alexandria	+Anita Degen
Sunday, June 6	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
	9:15—9:40 a.m.	Saint Stephen, Bridgewater	Confessions
	10:00 a.m.	Saint Stephen, Bridgewater	For the People
	3:15 p.m.	Carmelite Monastery	The Most Holy Rosary and the Benediction



+J.M.J.+ Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, “Then Jesus approached and said to them, ‘All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’” The third verse of “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” explains well the dogma of the Most Blessed Trinity: “Holy

Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee; While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim Thee; And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery.”

*Please pray for: Adaline Schmit, Eli Kortan, +Rhonda Smith, +Mick Lee Bettmeng, +Deborah Zikmund, +Monsignor James Michael Doyle, Floyd Hoerner, Dennis Maiers, Kathy Engerbrecht and the COVID-19 patients.

*Let us thank Almighty God for **the gift of rain!** V. Our Lady of Prompt Succor. R. Pray for us.

*On this Memorial Day—Monday, May 31st, as we pray for and mourn the military personnel who have died while performing their duties in the United States Armed Forces, we will have the Blessing of the Graves and the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary in the Cemeteries as follows: Bridgewater: 9:30 a.m.; Emery: 10:15 a.m.; Alexandria: 11:00 a.m. Please join us.

*Please welcome our new Priests for the Diocese of Sioux Falls: Father Jacob Doty, Father Scott Miller and Father Jeffrey Schulte. We also congratulate our new Deacons: Deacon Nicholas Haiar, Deacon Mitchell McLaughlin and Deacon Zachary Schaeffbauer.

*Thank you to Heidi Berg, Angie Fisk, Dr. Carolyn Geis, Dr. Jake Geis, Bernice Schallenkamp and Michelle Tuschen for their efforts with the High School C.R.E. students from Bridgewater and Emery.

*Please save the date: Farewell for Father Lulf and Monsignor Mangan—Wednesday, June 23rd, 5:30—7:00 p.m. at the Fatima Family Shrine in Alexandria (in case of inclement weather, the Saint Mary of Mercy Parish Hall, Alexandria.) Parishioners from all three Parishes are invited.

*Such beautiful flowers are everywhere at the Fatima Family Shrine. Thanks to all who have purchased and/or planted flowers. We are grateful for any contributions.

*Some of the Saint Mary of Mercy C.R.E. students made a Pilgrimage to Trinity Heights in Sioux City. The Children were happy to participate. May God reward the Teachers, Parents and Grandparents who assisted.

*Let us adore the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus this First Friday, June 4th and venerate the Pure Immaculate Heart of Mary this First Saturday, June 5th.

*Next Sunday, June 6th is **The Feast of Corpus Christi!** Jesus Christ is really, truly and substantially present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. May our words, dress and silence bespeak His Praise.

*On Pentecost Sunday, Father Dana Christensen visited the three Parishes to retrieve some of the Sacred Items that he had left. Please ask Our Lady of Lourdes to intercede for him and for all the sick.

*Father Lance Oser will become the new Chaplain of the Discalced Carmelites in Alexandria as of July 1st. He has asked Bishop DeGrood to allow him to live as a hermit, meaning that his presence will be limited to his celebration of the Mass in the Monastery's Chapel. Please remember Father Oser in your prayers.

"What is Your Question?"

By Father Ben Miriam

Q. Would you please say a word about the Most Blessed Trinity?

A. According to Professor and Jesuit Father George Hayward Joyce (1864-1943): "The Trinity is the term employed to signify the central doctrine of the Christian religion—the truth that in the unity of the Godhead there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, these Three Persons being truly distinct one from another. Thus, in the words of the Athanasian Creed: 'the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.' In this Trinity of Persons the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy Spirit proceeds by an eternal procession from the Father and the Son. Yet, notwithstanding this difference as to origin, the Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent. This, the Church teaches, is the revelation regarding God's nature which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came upon earth to deliver to the world: and which she proposes to man as the foundation of her whole dogmatic system."

Offerings for May 22nd and May 23rd: Saint Martin of Tours—\$610.00; Saint Mary of Mercy—\$2,305.00; Saint Stephen: \$20.00.

Flowers for the Fatima Family Shrine: \$25.00.

The Fatima Family Shrine: \$62.00.

C.F.S.A. Update: Saint Mary of Mercy Parish (Goal: \$18,200.00) has \$25,003.00 with 89 pledges out of 137 households (65% Parish participation); Saint Martin of Tours Parish (Goal: \$12,750.00) has \$16,223.00 with 55 pledges out of 92 households (60% Parish participation); Saint Stephen (Goal: \$10,600.00) has \$14,323.00 with 30 pledges out of 48 households (63% Parish participation). May God reward you!

	Saint Mary of Mercy, Alexandria	Saint Stephen, Bridgewater
	First Saturday, June 5th, 5:00 p.m.	Sunday, June 6th, 10:00 a.m.
Lector	Kelly	Kelly
Sacristans	Joe	Mary and Lloyd
Altar Servers	Paige, Isabel and Skylar	The Glanzer Boys
Musician	Sandy	Rosalie
Most Holy Rosary	Dave and Sandy	Ken and Kelly and Family
Money Counters	Lyle and Pam	Don and Jerry

This Monday, May 31st (The Feast of the Visitation) marks the Thirtieth Sacerdotal Anniversary of Father John S. Rader. Please pray for him.

Saint Stephen Parish Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, June 6th. We will recognize our 8th Grade Graduate (Corbin Glanzer) and our First Holy Communicants (Emma Addy, Clara Glanzer, Ariana Golder and Isaac Weber). All are welcome. There will be a free-will offering.