

The Year of Saint Joseph

St. Mary of Mercy, St. Martin of Tours & St. Stephen Parishes

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KNOW YOU ARE WELCOME...Daily Mass (Extraordinary Form) at Carmelite Monastery at 7:30a.m. Fr. Lance Oser
Rosary and Benediction at Carmelite Monastery on each Sun. at 3:15 p.m.
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Carmelite Monastery on every
First Fri. from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m./ Rosary First Saturday 7:30 a.m.;Carmelite Gift Shop Open Daily

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....July 18, 2021

Confessions, Masses, Mass Intentions, Holy Rosaries

Monday, July 19	10:30 a.m.	Funeral; Elaine Heiter	St. Martin
Tuesday, July 20	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Alexandria	For Favorable Weather
Wednesday, July 21	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Alexandria	Art & Irene Jarding
	9:00 a.m.	St Stephen, Bridgewater	John Leitheiser-Fr. Rader
	6:30 p.m.	Fatima Family Shrine	Our Most Holy Rosary
Thursday, July 22	8:30 a.m.	St. Martin, Emery	Harold Leitheiser
Friday July 23	8:30 a.m.	St. Stephen, Bridgewater	Kathy Conklin
Saturday., July 24	4:00—4:40 p.m.	St. Martin, Emery	Confessions
	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Emery	Fr John Maliyekal
Sunday, July 25	9:00—9:40 a.m.	St. Mary, Alexandria	Confessions
	10:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Alexandria	For the People

**The
Church
is
Prayer
Conditioned**

Baptismal blessings....to **Kaia Kay**, daughter of Chad and Paige Wieseler. Kaia will be baptized this Saturday evening at St. Mary Mercy. Kaia joins a brother, Ridgely and a sister Hallie. Welcome.

.....to **Mitzi Elizabeth**, daughter of Jacob and Carolyn Geis. Mitzi was baptized by Msgr. Mangan at St. Martin's last weekend. Welcome.

Our Prayers & Sympathy....go out to the **Elaine Heiter family**. Elaine died Monday afternoon. There will be a visitation Sunday afternoon from 1-3:00 at the St. Martin of Tours church. Funeral Mass is Monday morning at 10:30. Monday would have been **Elaine's 93rd birthday**. Blessings to her children Linda and Ralph.

From Fr. Bob....I experience here some of the same as I left regarding adjustments for Covid concerns. Do have a meeting with Councils and some in leadership roles in all 3 parishes set for this Monday evening at St. Martin's.

The Eucharist/the Mass.....the Cherished Event of our Week!

Clarifications for some practices when we celebrate Mass:



+++**Lector(s)....** will proclaim the 2 readings, (the response all if not being sung). A deacon or priest leads the intercessions.

+++**Ushers....** will take up the collection. **We will have the children's collection.** The little ones may bring their gift to the priest right after the intercessions beginning next weekend. Ushers, please give them a little time before you begin the collection. Once the collection is taken up, ushers, I ask you **together** put all items gathered into a **security bag that can be sealed** and that you then bring to the sanctuary....so important for protection of money; even more important for the paper trail for ushers and money counters against accusations. Your ministry is important to us.



+++**A Sign of Peace.....**as I have these past 2 weekends to acknowledge some sign of awareness & peace to those around you. For some it may be a smile, thumbs up, a handshake, a nod, what is comfortable for each.



++++**Distribution of Holy Communion.....**we will return to a Eucharistic minister and the priest to distribute Holy Communion. Have two lines come up the main aisle now.

++++**Gluten-free hosts.....**I am aware of three who would appreciate the gluten free host. I will make plans for accommodating you. First, I would like to know if there is anyone else who would benefit from this host. Please call me and let me know. I will then supply the hosts and set guidelines as to how you will receive the host.

Pastoral and Finance Councils of all 3 Parishes....will meet this Monday evening the 19th at 7:00 p.m. in St. Martins Parish Hall. Should anyone not be able to make it please call Fr. Bob.

Prayer for Growing Season

Creator of all things, thank you for everything that grows on the earth. Thank you for the people who tend the land and who make it fruitful. May we always have an appreciation for those who till the soil and help bring forth the fruits of the earth. Please grant us suitable weather and abundant yield this season. Gracious God, bring rural America together and may we all be responsible stewards of the earth.

**Lord,
thank you for
the beautiful
rain**

New to the parish as I am and not registered....

Would be happy to visit with you. If your family have children the ages of Religious Education, please let us know for planning Fr. Bob 605-770-1652



Offerings for July 10th and July 11th: St. Martin of Tours—\$569.00; St. Mary of Mercy—\$1,519.00.

St Stephen—\$ The Fatima Family Shrine: \$67.10

St. Mary of Mercy Votive Candles: \$21.00

	St. Martin of Tours, Emery	St. Mary of Mercy, Alexandria
	Sat., July 24th, 5:00 p.m.	Sun., July 25th, 10:00 a.m.
Lector	Christi Schnabel	Ed Henningson
Sacristans	Jack & Theresa	Lyle & Peggy Weber
Altar Servers	Corbyn Glanzer, Max Weber, Quinton Berg	Annalynn Mentele, Tenly Slaba, Will Jarding
Musician	Bonnie Arend	Sandy Kayser
Most Holy Rosary	Jack & Theresa Catron	Gary & Sharon Jarding
Ushers	Jeff Arend & Steve Arend	Rich Waldera, Jim Zens
Money Counters	----	Pam Wenande, Kathy Hoffman
Eucharist Minister	Jan Kayser	Donnie Kayser



Be the Hands of Christ



Sacrament of the Sick.....Should you know that you will be having medical issues or that you will be having surgery and wish to be anointed, please let me know. Please don't take for granted that a priest/chaplain will be at the hospital 24/7. In fact, please always make certain that you make known to the admittance staff that you are Catholic and wish to receive the visits and sacraments during your time there.



Catholic Community Foundation Upcoming Events.....

Taste the Goodness.....benefitting the Bishop Dudley House will be Saturday August 14th Downtown Sioux Falls from 5pm-9pm

Bishop's Cup.....benefitting Broom Tree is Monday August 23rd at the Country Clubs (Register Online www.ccfesd.org or call 605-988-3765)

The Banquet.....is continually welcoming individuals, youth group, parish group etc. to sign up and volunteer. Please contact Brain at 605-335-7066 or go to <https://thebanquetsf.org/serve-a-meal>.

The Teacher in religion class asked the students what their favorite Bible story was. A little boy raised his hand and replied, **"I like the story about the fellow who loafs and fishes."**



St. Stephens.....thank you for proclaiming the precious of life by having the crosses on the grounds representing the tragic numbers of lives taken by abortion. Our Catholic teaching holds to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. It's been a joy to worship with so many little ones in the pews. Please be courageous and support human life.

Expectations for the Celebration of a Sacrament:

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact pastor to schedule class and time.

Sacraments of Penance & Holy Eucharist

Religious Education classes required for the Second-Grade students and an interview with the Pastor before celebrating each sacrament. Parent will participate in a class for each sacrament.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Faithful attendance at Religious Education classes in Grade & High School; honor all Confirmation classes and retreats, guidelines of the diocese; an interview with the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact pastor at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date to begin Instructions. .

Sacrament of the Sick

Should you know you will be having surgery, etc. or know you will be hospitalized, or have health concerns, contact the pastor to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick.