

# THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

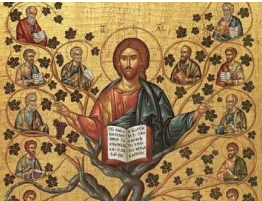
## Saint Mary of Mercy, Saint Martin of Tours and Saint Stephen Parishes

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### Third Sunday in Lent March 7, 2021

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

Monday, March 8	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
Tuesday, March 9	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
Wednesday, March 10	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Saint Stephen, Bridgewater</b>	<b>+Agnes Geppert</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Saint Mary, Alexandria</b>	<b>Our Holy Rosary</b>
Thursday, March 11	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
Friday, March 12	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
Saturday, March 13	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
	<b>4:00—4:40 p.m.</b>	<b>Saint Martin, Emery</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Saint Martin, Emery</b>	<b>+Nick Schleich</b>
Sunday, March 14	7:30 a.m.	Carmelite Monastery	Special Intention
	<b>9:00—9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Saint Mary, Alexandria</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Saint Mary, Alexandria</b>	<b>For the People</b>
	3:15 p.m.	Carmelite Monastery	The Most Holy Rosary and The Benediction



**J.M.J. Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Suffering Christ,** “Take these out of here, and stop making My Father’s House a marketplace.” The House of God deserves respect. Let us be prayerful and quiet whenever we are in our Churches.

\*Please pray for: +Delwin Griffin, Donna Squires, Dennis Maiers, Kathy Engerbrecht, Molly Ann George, COVID-19 patients, Father William A. Osborn and Father Dana R. Christensen.

\*Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for the breakfast last week, which raised about \$500.00, as well as for coordinating the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser. There will be a Fish Fry on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be more information to follow.

\*Please pray for our Carmelites who continue in their Annual Retreat.

\*Thank you to so many helpers who have done a magnificent job in their work on the bathroom and its surroundings in the basement of the Saint Mary of Mercy Church.

\*Many thanks to Matt Kayser for the excellent carpentry work on some frames for pictures to be displayed in the Saint Mary of Mercy Parish Hall and elsewhere.

\*The Saint Mary of Mercy Sacred Heart League will meet this Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. (after C.R.E.).

\*Since the Summer of 2020, the Fatima Family Shrine has been the recipient of \$17,000.00 in gifts as well as in hundreds of dollars of improvements. We can only express our prayerful gratitude. Our Shrine is a treasure.

#### “What is Your Question?”

#### By Father Ben Miriam

Q. 1. How are we to show love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament? 2. What Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary do we recite on Sundays during Lent?

A. 1. Our changed hearts! Our converted souls are then joyful in demonstrating reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by our detestation of sin and our silence before, during and after Mass. No words we speak could ever match the beauty and the splendor of the Most Blessed Sacrament! 2. Traditionally, the Mysteries to be recited are the Sorrowful Mysteries.

	<b>Saint Martin, Emery</b>	<b>Saint Mary of Mercy, Alexandria</b>
	<b>Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Darin	Kelly
<b>Sacristans</b>	Jack and Theresa	Mike and Molly
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Claire and Olivia	Paige, Isabel and Skylar
<b>Musician</b>	Rosalie	Sandy
<b>Most Holy Rosary</b>	Jeff	Camille
<b>Money Counters</b>	Darin	Don and Kathy

Offerings for February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>: Saint Martin of Tours—\$470.00; Saint Mary of Mercy—\$845.00  
C.F.S.A. received: Saint Mary of Mercy—\$4,745.00; Saint Martin of Tours—\$2,775.00  
Saint Stephen—\$5,650.00

**Saint Stephen Parish: The signup sheet** is available for anyone interested in buying an Easter lily or a mum in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10.00. Please write a check or attach your name to money and put in the container or pay Sherril Vondra.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Gift of Hope event, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls, will benefit the Catholic Family Services and be a COVID-friendly affair on Easter Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in front of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Sioux Falls. Bishop Donald E. DeGrood will be present. Please call Jan for more information: (605) 988-3788.

**From the Knights of Columbus:**

**Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser—Mother Teresa Endowment Fund . . . Collect your spare change in the baby bottle at the front of the Church and then return it as soon as possible so that it may be reused.**

The Mother Teresa Endowment Fund, established by the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls and Catholic Family Services, provides financial assistance to pregnant women from East River South Dakota who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and/or considering abortion because of limited financial resources. **Our Lady of Fatima Council will contribute all proceeds to this fund. Thank you.**

**From Nicole Fuhrer, Catholic Family Sharing Appeal:** What we provide together as “One Family of Faith” is more than any parish can do alone. 5% of the overall C.F.S.A. budget supports the vital services provided by Catholic Family Services. Some of the critical services provided: grief support and other loss support groups, Camp Sydney grief camp, family and individual counseling—both in person and via tele-health sessions, pregnancy counseling for birth mothers and families, healing retreats for post abortion (Project Rachel), other educational seminars, retreats and workshops in parishes across the Diocese as needed and requested. If you are in need of any of these services, then please call: (800) 700-7867.

**C.F.S.A. Contributions:** Saint Mary’s Goal is \$18,200.00, currently at \$11,325.00; Saint Martin’s Goal is \$12,750.00, currently at \$11,890; Saint Stephen’s Goal is \$10,600.00, currently at \$6,2700.00. God reward you!

**Prayers Requests from those who gave to the C.F.S.A.—**For: our family’s health and blessings to be received . . . gratitude for the televised Mass and technology . . . the Poor Souls in Purgatory . . . my family’s recovery from illness . . . the preservation of our inalienable rights . . . a change of heart among Catholics in prominent positions . . . my health . . . the health and welfare of my fourteen grandchildren in whose honor I donate \$1,400.00 . . . Kathy’s health.

**This Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> is a day of abstinence (no meat) for those 14 and over.**

**The Stations of the Cross on this Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>:  
5:30 p.m. in Bridgewater; 6:30 p.m. in Emery; 7:30 p.m. in Alexandria**