



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

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Mass (Extraordinary Form) at Carmelite Monastery 7:30am Fr. Lance Oser

Rosary & Benediction Sun. at 3:15pm, Adoration every First Fri. 9:00am-5pm



### Palm Sunday..... April 10, 2022



**The Cross** A young man was at the end of his rope, seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish." The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other room, he saw many crosses; some so large, the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered. The Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."



### Holy Week... 2022

Our Lenten season now enters the week we call **holy**. Please afford yourself time to make the week special and holy. Make a priority for the week your participation in:



#### Holy Thursday (The Last Supper) ...Good Friday...& Easter Vigil Schedule

**Holy Thursday:** 6pm E...7pm B...8pm A...Adoration follows E and A Masses

**Good Friday Services:** 1pm A... 3pm E...7pm B...

(a day of fast & abstinence)

**Good Friday Holy Land Collection:** To help preserve our rich heritage in the Holy Land.



**Rice Bowls:** A Catholic Relief Services' Program to assist the needy. Please bring on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.



#### Easter Vigil: Saturday....

8pm A

#### Easter Sunday:

8:30am E...

9am B...

10:30am A

### Confession

**SUNDAY:** Communal Penance (2 priests): 5pm A....7pm E

**MONDAY:** 4pm B....6pm E....7pm A....

**TUESDAY:** 3:30pm E....5pm B....7pm A

**WEDNESDAY:** After 6:15 Mass A...**THURSDAY:** during Adoration at St. Mary's

**FRIDAY:** after 1pm and 7pm Good Friday Services....

**SATURDAY:** 10am B.....11:30am E....2pm A

1 Cross



+ 3 Nails



4 Given



#### Mass Times...



A-St Mary, E- St. Martin, B-St. Stephen

Mon B 8:30am Gary Gaspar

Tues E 8:30am Harold Leitheiser

Wed B 9:00am Anita Degen

Wed A 6:15pm George/Margaret Smith

Please refer to schedule above for  
Holy Thursday-Last Supper,  
Good Friday,  
Easter Vigil, & Easter Sunday

#### Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus Breakfast

St. Mary's, Alexandria

**THIS Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> after 10am Mass**

**MENU: Pancakes...Eggs...Sausage...Coffee...Juice**

**Free Will Offering All are Welcome...Come and Enjoy**



#### Easter Cantata

**Palm Sunday, 7:30pm at the Zion Bible**  
(Mennonite)

**Good Friday, 7:30pm, Emery First Baptist**



#### **Easter Flower**

Donations due today

**St. Martin Sacred Heart**  
**Mtg. THIS Sunday, 6:30pm.**

#### CFSA Report & Breakdown of Giving...thank you to those who already returned their pledge card. God Bless

**St. Mary:** \$10-1..\$20-1..\$25-2..\$35-00-1..\$50-9.. \$75-2..\$100-13..\$135-1.. \$140-1.. \$150-3..\$175-1.. \$200-10.. \$250-4..\$300-3..  
\$350-1..\$400-1..\$500-7..\$600-2..\$700-1..\$800-1..\$1000-3..\$1200-1..\$1300-1.. \$1800-1.....**\$21,065.00 received of Goal \$20,900;**  
72 pledge cards out of 150..... **St. Martin:** \$35-2..\$40-1..\$50-3.. \$75-3.. \$100-8..\$120-1.. \$125-1.. \$150-3.. \$180-1..\$200-7.. \$250-5..  
\$300-3.. \$325-1.. \$350-2..\$400-1..\$500-4..\$600-2..\$1200-1..\$1500-3..\$2500-1.....**\$18,535.00 received of Goal \$14,100;** 51 pledge  
cards out of 99.....**St. Stephen** \$20-1.. \$50-2.. \$100-2..125-1 \$175-1..\$200-3..\$250-3..\$300-1..\$350-1..\$400-1..\$500-1..\$800-  
1..\$1000-1...\$5000-1..**\$10,320.00 received for Goal \$9,700;** 20 pledge cards out of 46.

**NOTICE: Please return your pledge card this week even if your gift is Prayer. Reminders will be sent to all cards not returned.**





### Special Collection:

Still can give your support.  
Thanks to those who have given.  
Totals shown in church report.



**April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

**St. Martin: Church Support \$620.00; CFSA \$550.00;**  
**Ukraine KC Fund \$20.00**

**St. Stephen: Church Support \$1,730.00; Children: \$2.00;**  
**Loose: \$194.00 CFSA: \$1,300.00; Ukraine KC Fund: \$350.00,**

**St. Mary: Church Support, \$1,175.00; Loose: \$54.00;**  
**Children: \$35.25; Votives: \$13.00, CFSA: \$50.00; Bell Tower \$5,200.00**



“I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (Luke 22:34)



+++ How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? +++How did you react?

+++Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance?

+++Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? +++Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a

respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.



**Sunday May 15, 2-4pm** St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings will be hosting a reception for **Fr. Rod Farke** and **Fr. Ed Pierce** at the Church observing their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Priesthood. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Highlights of St. Martin's Finance Council Meeting: 4-5-2022....**

Finance/Pastoral Council/SH reps met Tuesday evening.

Agenda centered on review of all options and some quotes gathered to resolve the heating/cooling issues in our church. Both cooling/heating have serious concerns.

+++several options were studied over these past 6 months. A review of all options was given.

+++those present agreed to submit to the diocese permission to move ahead with these improvements for the church.

+++all paper work and a letter from the pastor was sent to Bishop DeGrood Wednesday. Some quotes do have timely deadline considering the economy at this time.

+++CFSA...grateful for making our goal. Anything over will go toward the heating/cooling project.

Will meet Sunday  
evening 8:00

**JOURNEY  
OF  
Faith**

**Confirmation Class...**  
Please journal Holy Week Services



### **Highlights of St. Mary Finance Council Meeting: 4-3-2022**

++++reviewed the results of the Church Basement Restoration Fundraiser. Grateful for the success.

++++Fr. Bob expressed about the apparent moisture in the entrance leading into the new room being restored. When checked, it appears there is need for repair of that entrance roof. That will be resolved prior to installing the carpet.

++++drainage concerns for the lawn area to the west of the church is and has been a concern. That also makes concern for protection for the church basement walls. We are waiting a quote to remedy the situation. Recommendation from the city has been done.

++++CFSA...pleased that we had made our goal. Any over the goal will be used toward the drainage costs.

