



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

4th Sunday of Easter..... May 8, 2022



.... MOTHERHOOD...what a precious gift! To you Moms.... THANK YOU for the gifts of life. This month of May, we honor another special women in our lives.... **Mary**. Please take a moment this weekend to give thanks to our Blessed Mother Mary and our own Mother for saying YES TO LIFE.

I think of my own Mother this weekend. I am the oldest of 7. My youngest sister was born when I was 16. Even way back then...issues existed when Mom was pregnant with Cindy, the youngest. Doctors were very concerned about potential issues that could arise during delivery.

I sensed some of the anxiety within family (aunts & uncles). There were risks to Mom's life. My folk's respect & love for life was edifying. Cindy was gift.... spoiled a bit. And yes, our lives were very simple on the farm, but we had everything.... God and Family.

Mom's in our Parish Families: May the Lord bless you for the sacrifices/ investment you have given your children and their father. A former president of Notre Dame University once said, **"The greatest gift a parent can give their child, is to love and respect their spouse."** That is the ideal!

Single Moms: Over the years, I have found many children blessed by a single parent who works and instills values in their homes, going the extra mile.



Parishes honor High School Seniors the following weekends....

St. Martin's will honor their seniors at 5pm Mass this weekend

Ayriss Andrews...Courtney Kayser...Koby Kayser...Joe Kirby...Carson Weber...Julia Weber.

St. Mary's will honor their seniors at the 10am Mass with coffee/rolls to follow for All

Jonathan Aulner...Vanessa Doyle...Angel Huber...Mercedes Jarding...Jayden Kayser...

Preston Klinkhammer...Isabel Mentele...Noah Price...Logan Shelton...Taylor Schroeder...

Maryn Somerville...Ella Tuschen...Kade Waldera...Miranda Hanson



Young people, please make receiving Holy Communion a special privilege each weekend. Jesus really wants to feed and walk with you throughout your lives. God bless you. Fr. Bob



Mass Times...

A-St Mary, E- St. Martin, B-St. Stephen
Mon B 8:30am Lois/Jack Vondra
Tues E 8:30am Scared Heart League
Wed B 9:00am Bill/Janet McCann
Wed A 6:15pm Special Intention
Thurs E 8:30am Harold Leitheiser
Fri A 8:30am For Peace
Sat. 4pm Confessions
A 5pm Velma (Blondie) Wagner
Sun. 9am Confessions
E 10am Our Parish Families



Feast Day This Friday.....Our Lady of Fatima

Come and join us for Mass at 5:30 Friday afternoon at the Fatima Shrine on this,
the FEAST OF LADY OF FATIMA.

St. Stephen Finance Council Highlights....5-2-2022

Purpose of meeting was to review bid quotes pertaining to considerations discussed at the 3-28-2022 meeting.

Carpet/lighting/window quotes were reviewed. Discussion centered on the cost factors.....being realistic about consideration as to our status with diocesan planning; grateful for the Sunday Mass each month and events that do take place at our church.

Consensus was to request approval from the diocese to pursue the following: +++plan to replace 4 windows @ \$1,900.00 per window with none most likely available until December. +++update to LED lighting in the main (over the pews & sanctuary \$1,032.00. +++replace carpet in the entrance of the church \$2,622.00. +++get a quote for cleaning the carpet in the parish hall.



Confirmation Class... This Wednesday 7pm, St. Mary's

Flower Donations for Shrine/Church....

St. Mary's invites donations for the flowers/plants that enhance the Shrine and Church grounds.

+++**Monetary donations** will be needed/appreciated. Mail or put in collection designated for Flowers.

+++**Pots** can be spoken for and planted (usually a grouping of 2-4 pots so they are the same)

+++**Flower pots** in front of church were professionally planted with costs covered by the parish.

+++**Planted-planters** are welcomed; *please sturdy flower selections and planting consideration are important*



Please make your donations known as soon as you can to help those making plans to know what we will be able to do this year. To donate: mail to Box 158, Alexandria.... or place donation in the collection...or bring to office.

*"God could not be everywhere,
And therefore, He
created mothers."*

**I remember
my mother's
prayers
and they have
always followed
me. They have clung to
me all my life.**

-Abraham Lincoln



Home Missions Appeal... Pope Francis'

reflection....." I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others".

Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports those dioceses here in the US & its territories that face fragile financial situation, vast distances or difficult terrain, and lack of priests & lay ministers that significantly affects their ability to offer the most basic pastoral programs to the faithful. The generosity of your parishioners makes a difference for our brothers and sisters across the US and beyond.



April 30th & May 1st:

St. Martin: Church Support \$750.00; Home Mission: \$25.00

St. Stephen: Church Support: \$3,140.00; Children: \$7.00, Loose: \$94.00

Home Mission: \$25.00; Rice Bowl: \$50.00; Votives: \$133.50

St. Mary: Church Support, \$1,895.00; Loose: \$39.00; Children: \$8.00;

Home Mission: \$50.00; Votives: \$7.00, CFSA: \$95.00;

Shrine: \$12.00; Basement: \$100.00



Anniversary Mass marking special years: 25, 50, 60, 65+

Bishop DeGrood will be hosting a special mass for couples celebrating anniversaries of 25, 50, 60, 65+ during 2022. Please make us aware if you will be celebrating one of these significant years this year. The Mass with the Bishop is certainly a great honor for you to celebrate. Please call the office or Fr. Bob 605-770-1652 and let us know your special date.



THIS Sunday, 2-4pm St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings will be hosting a reception for **Fr. Rod Farke** and **Fr. Ed Pierce** observing their 50th Anniversaries of Priesthood. All are welcome to attend.



"BISHOP'S CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT"

Benefiting Seminarian Education

The 27th Annual "Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournaments" Monday, June 6th

at Big Stone City - Lakeside Park and Monday June 13th, at Pierre - Oahe

Down-stream Recreation Area (located 5 miles north of Pierre). For info contact Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765 or on-line at www.ccfesd.org.

Looking for Invites to 3 Farms, (1 in each parish) to host a Mass. I called them Farm Masses. Call me if you are interested in hosting or have further questions. Weather permitting the Mass can be outdoors; however the possibility of a shelter (not a home) would need to be a backup for consideration of the stewardship of the Eucharist.



Mother's Day Reflection

GOD has given us

Many stars to shine,

Many flowers to bloom,

Many friends to cherish,

But only one **MOTHER** to remember.

The greatest force in the world,
is not an earthquake,
or a thunder bolt,
or nuclear power.

The greatest force in the world
is a newborn baby
in the arms of a loving
MOTHER.

	St. Mary, Alex	St. Martin, Emery
	Sat. May 14, 5pm	Sun May 15, 10am
Lector	Kenny Kayser	Victor Weber
Sacristan		
Altar Servers	Tenly & Jayce Slaba, Daniel Kayser	Max, Ben & Carson Weber
Musician	Sandy Kayser	Rosalie Weber
Rosary	Chris & Emily Ruden	Christi Schnabel
Ushers	Bernie Schroeder, Vince Kayser	Ryan Budahl, Bob Berg
Money Counters	Peggy Weber, Julie Kayser	-----
E. Min.	Ray Slaba	Kellie Weber

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

St. Mary: \$10-1..20-3..\$25-2..\$35.00-1..\$50-12.. \$75-3..\$100-15..\$135-1.. \$140-1.. \$150-4..\$175-2.. \$200-10.. \$250-4..\$300-4..

\$350-1..\$400-1..\$500-7..\$600-2..\$700-1..\$750-1..\$800-1..\$1000-3..\$1200-1..\$1300-1.. \$1800-1.....**\$23,105.00 received of Goal**

\$20,900.00; 82 pledge cards out of 150..... **St. Martin:** \$35-2..\$40-1..\$50-4.. \$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.....**\$18,585.00 received of Goal**

\$14,100; 54 pledge cards out of 99.....**St. Stephen** \$20-1.. \$50-3.. \$100-3..125-1 \$175-1..\$200-3..\$250-3..\$300-1..\$350-1..\$400-

1..\$500-1..\$800-1..\$1000-1...\$5000-1..**\$11,170.00 received for Goal \$9,700;** 24 pledge cards out of 46.