

# The Year of Saint Joseph St. Mary of Mercy, St. Martin of Tours & St. Stephen Parishes

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KNOW YOU ARE WELCOME...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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....August 8, 2021

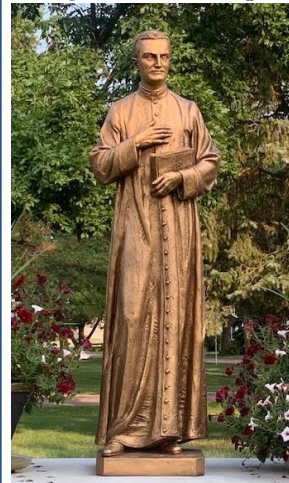
### Mass Times, Mass Intentions, Holy Rosary, Confessions

Parish references will be: A-St Mary's, E- St. Martin's, B-St. Stephen's

Monday, Aug. 9	<b>8:30 a.m. B</b>	<b>Fr. Dana Christensen</b>
Tuesday, Aug. 10	<b>8:30 a.m. E</b>	<b>Margie &amp; Virgil Schulte</b>
Wednesday, Aug. 11	<b>6:15 p.m. B</b>	<b>Favorable Weather</b>
Thursday, Aug. 12	<b>8:30 a.m. A</b>	<b>Mick Bettmeng</b>
Friday Aug. 13	<b>6:30 p.m. A</b>	<b>BL McGivney Dedication</b>
Saturday Aug. 14	<b>4:00-4:40 p.m. A</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m. A</b>	<b>Our Parish Families</b>
Sunday, Aug. 15	<b>9:00—9:40 a.m. E</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. E</b>	<b>L&amp;D Sacred Heart League</b>

### **Blessed Fr Michael McGivney.... Statue Dedication in Honor of Priests that Served our Parish**

Dedication for our parish priests will be Friday August 13, at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Shrine. There



will be a blessing of the statue, the celebration of Mass, followed by other Knights business and a brats supper. This event is open to the members of all the parishes. Blessed Michael McGivney's liturgical memorial will be observed annually on Aug. 13, the day in-between his birth (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14). *Please bring a lawn chair.*

**Friendly Reminder**.... are you current on your pledges for the bell tower? I was encouraged to put out a reminder. The person said it helps them to remember.

**Instructions in the Catholic Faith....** I will be delighted to provide classes in the Catholic Faith for anyone interested in learning/joining the Catholic church or wishing a review of their Catholic Faith. If interested, please call Fr. Bob at 770-1652 in the next two weeks.

**Should You Be Registered in our Parishes?????** Anyone who is Catholic and has graduated from high school and not continuing their education or is not in active military service is considered an adult and should be registered on their own. Just call Fr. Bob and I will be happy to meet you and help you register.

### **TEACHERS/HELPERS AND PARENTS OF YOUTH Grades 1-12: Mark Your Calendars!**

*I do ask that all parents (both Mom & Dad) and all teachers/helpers attend an orientation regarding our **Faith Formation** of our Youth Grades 1-12. You may attend either session; not necessary to come twice.*

#### **The dates are:**

*Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>., 7p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall*

*Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. at 7p.m. at St. Martin's Parish Hall*

**A Request of You....** please mark the date on your calendar: also, send an email indicating you are aware of the session; that way we do not need to send all a mailing.



### **Policies Regarding Counting Money.....**

thank you to our ushers last weekend for following the guidelines for handling money...together you placed all monies, envelopes in the security bag and sealed it and then brought it to the altar. Both ushers should sign the bag.

FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PARISH...

\*\*\*\*anytime you have money to be counted/deposited, 2 people must count and prepare the deposit and then sign the sheet with all info regarding the money to be deposited

\*\*\*\* our money counters do this also.

\*\*\*\*our secretary honors these guidelines also; PLEASE DO NOT EXPECT the secretary to accept monies from you other than when she is in the office. ALSO, PLEASE respect the secretaries time when not on the job.... when off work, only serious/emergency calls should be made to Emily.



**Stewardship Reflections:** God knows that committing to a stewardship way of life is not easy. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples. As we practice stewardship in the way we live, we can be confident that when we put our faith in God, He will provide for our physical & also provide spiritual nourishment for our journey. The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest, and encouragement—were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. Let us praise and glorify Him in all that we do for His goodness to us! \*\*Nicole Fuhrer, Gift Planning Officer- Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern SD (Mitchell) 605-999-9127 or [nfuhrer@ccfesd.org](mailto:nfuhrer@ccfesd.org)

### **Offerings for July 31<sup>st</sup> and Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>:**

St. Martin of Tours—\$869.96;  
St. Mary of Mercy—\$2,175.00. Votives \$16.00  
St. Stephen---\$3,681.75. Votive: \$18.50;  
Fatima Family Shrine: \$95.25;



### **Be Missionary Faith in Action**



If you know of someone new to our area... just moved in... and Catholic... Reach out and invite them to one of our parish churches...

### **St. Martin Councils Meet**

7pm Pastoral Council  
7:30pm Finance Council joins  
Pastoral Council  
Following Finance Council meets

	<b>St. Mary, Alexandria</b>	<b>St. Martin, Emery</b>
	<b>Sat., Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sun., Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Marlene Warnke	Darin Kayser
<b>Sacristans</b>	Joe Jarding	Jack & Theresa Catron
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Cadence Jarding, Radek Jarding, Madalynn Ruden	Quinton & Landon Berg
<b>Musician</b>	Sandy Kayser	Bonnie Arend
<b>Most Holy Rosary</b>	Dave & Sandy Kayser	Jack & Theresa Catron
<b>Ushers</b>	Bernie Schroeder & Matt Schroeder	Andy Weber, Victor Weber
<b>Money Counters</b>	Ed Henningsen, Peggy Weber	-----
<b>Eucharist Minister</b>	Cindy Beyer	Mary Wilcox

### **Catholic Family Services**

---**Surviving Divorce Program** starts Sept. 14. held Tuesday evenings 6-8pm for 6 wks  
---**St Joseph Cathedral's GreifShare Program** starts Sept 14 6-8pm. For information contact 605-988-3775 or [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org)

Volunteer needed **VOLUNTEER**  
....do you do any sewing?? Would like 3 simple strap that goes over the shoulder with a pocket to hold the microphone transmitter. Contact Fr. Bob 605-770-1652.

### **Ushers:**

\*\*\*\*Hospitality is the theme of your ministry. If needed, help guests to find a place to sit.... should there be an emergency, be available for assistance.... route them to the restrooms if a family seems to be looking around.

\*\*\*\*Please be early...check to see that the bulletins are available.... that the security bag is on the table...and anything else that may need attention.

\*\*\*\*The Collection: little ones will bring their gifts to the priest.... when most have returned, ushers take up the adult collection. When you have finished taking the collection...THEN, HAVE PLACED a security bag on the table in the back and the **TWO** USHERS TOGETHER put all that is in the collection baskets in the bag...then: seal the bag; and then bring the bag to the front and lay it beside the kid's collection basket. This is really important for the protection of all who deal with money. Any questions, please talk to Fr. Bob.

\*\*\*\*see that doors are opened or closed depending on the activity.... lights, etc. are in order.

### **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**

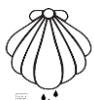
Faithful attendance at Religious Education classes in Grade & High School; honor all Confirmation classes and retreats, guidelines of the diocese; an interview with the pastor.

#### **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.



### **Catholic Community Foundation Upcoming Events.....**

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

**Bishop's Cup....** benefitting Broom Tree is Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Country Clubs (Register Online [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org) or call 605-988-3765)

### **Feed Your Faith: Sept-April Spiritual Enrichment Program...**

open to men and women who desire to deepen their relationship with God through monthly gatherings (by Zoom). Participants will meet once a month at the Benedictine Peace Center, Yankton, SD, on Saturday 9:30-11:30 am. Registration deadline is August 24.  
<https://yanktonbenedictines.org/spiritual-enrichment-program/> or contact us:  
[benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org](mailto:benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org)/ 605-668-6292.

