

St. Mary of Mercy, St. Martin of Tours & St. Stephen Catholic Community

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Nov. 11– Nov. 18, 2018 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord's Day: Holy Masses ...Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m. (St. Stephen, Bridgewater)
 Sunday: 7:00 a.m. (Carmelite Monastery)
 9:00 a.m. (St. Mary, Alexandria)
 11:00 a.m. (St. Martin, Emery)

Rosary & Benediction of the Bl. Sacrament...Sunday: 3:15 p.m. (Carmelite Monastery)
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment or see schedule below for wkday confess.
Sacrament of Baptism-Call Fr. office for class & to set date; **Marriage**-Call 6 mo. ahead



The Widow's Mite

Mark 12: 44

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Nov. 12, Monday	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Gene & Pat Speelman + (Fr. Venner)
Nov. 13, Tuesday	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Michael Jarding + (Fr. C.)
	8:30 am	St. Stephen, Bridgewater	John Leitheiser + (Fr. Venner)
Nov. 14, Wed.	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Special Int. (Carmel) (Fr. C.)
Nov. 15, Thursday	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	All Deceased Carmelites + (Fr. C.)
	6:00 pm	St. Mary, Alexandria	Confessions (Fr. C.)
Nov. 16, Friday	7:30 am	Carmelite Monastery	Clarence & Delia Steilen + (Fr. Venner)
	8:30 am	St. Martin, Emery	Sacred Heart League Lvg. & Dcd. (Fr. Venner)
Nov. 17, Saturday	8:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	Judy McIntyre Int. (Fr. Venner)
	5:00 pm	St. Stephen, Bridgewater	Bill, Cindy & Jerry Geppert + (Fr. C.) Confess 4:15-4:45pm
Nov. 18, Sunday	7:00 am	Carmelite Monastery	Special Int. (Carmel) (Fr. Venner)
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Alexandria	Darlene & Jim Peterson + (Fr. Venner)
	11:00 am	St. Martin, Emery	For the People of the Parishes (Fr. C.) Conf 10:20
	3:15 pm	Carmelite Monastery	Rosary & Benediction (Fr. Christensen)

Weekly Catechesis Theme: Giving From Our Need

Adult: What are you willing to give out of love for God that would be a hardship for you?

Children: What would you be willing to give up for someone else?



"The jar of flour did not go empty..."

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's gospel invested "everything she had." We are called to totally invest our trust, love and forgiveness in our family because this is the currency which glues a family together. Marriage and parenting are not for part-timers; they are full time careers demanding total investment.

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Reflections from Scott Hahn -We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see [Galatians 5:6](#)). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy. The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family. The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)). And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength. Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see [2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#))? Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jars of oil run dry.

The Banquet – On Sat. Nov. 17th, St. Stephen, Zion Lutheran & Zion Mennonite will be serving the noon meal at The Banquet in Sioux Falls. The 3 congregations prepare, serve and pay for the meal. The cost is usually around \$750. Sign-up sheets are out. Please be generous with your time. The number needed to serve is 30-40. If you are unable to help but would like to make a monetary contribution please put it in the collection and mark it “The Banquet”.

Last Sunday Mass Collection: St. Mary of Mercy \$1802, St. Martin of Tours \$1709, St. Stephen \$937.

St. Mary’s Choir will have practice Sun. Nov. 18th after the 9 am Mass. New members welcome.



St. Martin’s CRE News- All CRE students grades K-8 are invited to sing on December 9 during the Jill Budahl meal/raffle at our parish hall. Liz Weber has put together some traditional Christmas songs to sing. They will practice Wed. November 14, Nov 28 & Dec. 5 from 3:45-5:00 at the parish hall. If anyone is in need of a ride, please let her know. Liz will provide a snack for the kids on these dates as well. A note will be sent home with the kids on the 14th with further details. If you have any questions, please contact Liz at lweber452@hotmail.com or 605-770-1251.

Mustard Seed Catholic Store in Sioux Falls will have an Open House on Sat. Nov. 3 from 9-5. Bishop Paul Swain will have a blessing at 10 am located at 709 S. Grange; 605-271-4055. Follow on Facebook [mustardseedsiouxfalls](https://www.facebook.com/mustardseedsiouxfalls).



November 11th is Veteran’s Day, and also the Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours, our Patron Saint. It is fitting St. Martin was a Veteran in the Roman army. His most famous story comes before his baptism: The soldier who cut his military cloak in two, giving half to a shivering beggar, which he then sees in a dream that night, was actually worn by Jesus Himself. He converted and became a great bishop in Tours, France. He also fought the Arian heresy. He founded monasteries, worked for peace; known as a miracle worker, even raising several people from the dead. As our parish patron bring him your needs: “St. Martin of Tours, pray for us!”

Veterans Day Programs for the Bridgewater Emery School will be on Mon. Nov. 12 at 10:00am at the Bridgewater site and at 2:00 pm at the Emery site; for the Hanson School it is also on Nov. 12 at 1:00 pm at the gym. Public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Knights of Columbus News – 1st Degree on Wed. Nov. 14 at 6:00 at St. Mary’s then meeting and social afterwards. Thank you for supporting the Brunch Fundraiser; a cash donation was given to the Smith family after their fire in Alexandria.



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Our Lady of Fatima Council

“Gosnell” Movie at Mitchell’s Logan Luxury 5 Theater started Nov. 9 and is promoted by the Knights of Columbus. It is the shocking true story of the investigation and **trial** of Dr. Kermit Gosnell - his 30 year killing spree and the political and media establishment that tried to cover it up. Who can the investigators really trust when a routine drug investigation uncovers an abortion scandal that goes all the way to the top of the state government? This film is rated PG-13 for mature content but does not contain a lot of graphic images.

St. Mary’s Traveling Fatima Shrine is at the Lee Schroeder home Oct. 21–Nov. 4; next to the Ray Slaba home.

	St. Stephen, Bridgewater	St. Mary, Alexandria	St. Martin, Emery
	Sat. Nov. 17 @ 5 pm	Sun. Nov. 18 @ 9 am	Sun. Nov. 18 @ 11 am
Lector	Alyssa Weber	Gary Jarding	John Janssen
Eucharistic Minister	---	Sharon Jarding	Theresa Catron
Altar Servers	Nick & Taylor Schallenkamp	Will & Weston Kayser Sam Schleich	Carson, Ben & Max Weber
Gifts	Lloyd & Mary Schallenkamp	Dave Kayser Family	George & Bea Leitheiser
Ushers	Leon Weber Brian Weber	Dave Beyer Dave Kayser	Mike Wethor Seth Wethor
Musician	Janice Heiberger	Sandy Kayser	Synthia
Rosary Leader	Don S. Sacristan: Mary S.	Dave K. Sacristan: Dave & Cindy B.	volunteer