

St. James Parish, Chamberlain

St. Margaret Parish, Kimball

Pastor Bill Hamak

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MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Margaret: (May)

• Saturday 5:00 PM • Sunday 8:00 AM

St. James: (April)

• Sunday 10:30 AM

For scheduling Baptism or Weddings please call 778-6420

(SM) St. Margaret, Kimball (SJ) St. James, Chamberlain

NO WEEKDAY MASS

Fri. May 7: (SJ) 3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed followed by Adoration until 6PM

Saturday Mass at St. Margaret for Month of May

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 8 and 9, 2021

Sat. May 8: (SM) 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM Confession

(SM) 5:00 PM: +Garnet and +Marie Chmela

Sun. May 9: (SM) 8:00 AM: +Earnest and +Jen Leiferman

+Zach Leighton and +Chet Nedved Family

(SJ) 10:30 AM: +Beatrice Hixon

St James & St Margaret: We will be going back to the every other month rotation **May 1** with 5PM Mass at **St Margaret**. Sunday Mass and times will stay the same. Father DeWayne Kayser, will pray the Masses.

CONFESSION: Will be on Saturdays before the 5PM Mass. 4:15 till 4:45

Summer Youth Retreat

St Margaret’s parish and CDA Ct. St. Patrick will again host a summer camp for our youth the week of June 27- July 1. Formerly known as *Totus Tuus*, it is now called *Lumen Christi*.

Contact Mary Mairose

Congratulations to the First Communicants

from St. James: Tristan Hopkins, Edward Meyer and Beckett Swenson.

Attention St. James Altar Servers!

You are being called back to duty. For those veteran servers and those who went through the training last year we would like to begin scheduling you for masses soon.

In the meantime feel free to volunteer to help serve at mass we need you! Please contact the parish office or one of the Deacons so we can compile a list. For those who are interested in becoming altar servers please do the same and Deacon Mo will arrange time for training

To place a name on the prayer list, please call the parish offices 778-6420 or 734-6122 ext. 3. Please contact the office to request continued prayers. Thank You. **Please pray for the following people and all who need our prayers:**

Rollin Smith, Andy Steckelberg, Msgr. Ed Burian, Emma Bohon, Russ Engler, Becky Rybak, Jan DeSloover, Aubrey Koch, Edward Swietochowski, Kamil Swietochowski, Tessa Pazour, Donna Knopick, Charles Houska, Tracy Rogers, Holly Gusso, Judy Kuntz, Ann & Boyd Thiel, Agnes Piskule, Shelly Janish, Arlene Thyberg, Greg Miller, Oliver Bruck, Geralda Tramp, David Leheska, Mary Stanek, James Shea, Gary Thayer, Cathy Borah, Dawn Gross-Rix, Paul Willrodt, Mike Maser, Bill Martin, Verla Hoing, Cindy Lutter, Rosemary Rasmussen, Bob Koranda, Amy Larson, Elaine Stanek, Dennis Toupal, Mae Donovan, Pam McManus Hallman, Danita Allen, Francis Pazour, Marie Scott, Jim Rybak, Lucy Steilen, Roger Weber, Jeanette Bravek, Linda Potter, Jeremy Thomas and Fr. Andrew

Please pray for our military personnel: Philip Lenz, Philip Soulek, Emily Soulek, Aaron Toupal, Will Race, Anthony Hanzlik, Bryce Jensen, Shane Thomas, John Samnes and Andy Dellman

To place someone on St. James Prayer chain please call Peggy Hanzlik at 234-4137 or hanzlikp@midstatesd.net

St. Margaret Church Collection - April 25, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 2,044.00

Loose: \$ 70.00

St. James Church Collection - April 24 and 25, 2021

Envelopes: \$ 1,631.71

Loose: \$143.26

Home Mission: \$ 44.00

Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2021

St James Goal: \$ 31,200.00 collected thus far \$ 30,861.79 **still needed \$ 338.21**

St Margaret Goal: \$ 34,400.00 collected thus far \$ 34,840.00 **OVER \$ 440.00** Please make **checks**

payable to your Parish and include your pledge card along also. You may put your pledge in the collection basket, mail or drop of at parish office

St. James Altar Society is asking for donations of jewelry, purses and scarves for a spring fling sale

coming the first weekend of June. You can drop off donations at the Parish office or with Sally in the CCD center. Proceeds from the sale will go toward rectory updates.

Catholic Daughters, St. James Court will meet

Monday, May 10th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center

For decades, Congress has protected your money from paying for abortions. Now some powerful government officials are trying to change that. For more information go to www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

Fifth Easter Sunday **May 2, 2021**

Dear Brothers and Sisters and member of St. James and St. Margaret Parishes,

The Scripture selections for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing the fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord.

We hear how the Lord pruned the former fanatical Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch named Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicating his life to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period, exemplifies God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely his mission to proclaim Jesus as the messiah to the Gentiles.

Today's Gospel from John uses the imagery of a vine to express the kind of abiding relationship between God and humanity that Jesus came to bring among us. The grafting of the vine onto the rootstock, cause the two plants to become one. The term "abide" infers a relational aspect, that Jesus abides in us and we in him. Even a well-pruned branch cannot bear grapes unless it abides in the vine, drawing water and minerals from the main trunk and transporting food prepared in the leaves to the main trunk and to the roots. Jesus reminds us that we cannot bear fruit unless we abide in him, and he in us. Abiding in Christ means that God must reside inside us, and we must reside inside God.

We maintain this life of intimate union with Christ in the Church by spiritual helps common to all the faithful, chiefly by active participation in Holy Mass and the Sacraments. Those of us who do not abide in Jesus will wither and die just as withered branches falling off the vine.

Each of us needs pruning in our lives. We need to cut out of our lives everything contrary to the spirit of Jesus and to renew our commitment to Christian ideals. We also need to practice self-control over our sinful inclinations and desires, not allowing the desires of the flesh to draw us away from our intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

In July of 1981, my mother underwent quadruple bypass surgery at what was then known as Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. During her recuperation time Lady Diana was married to Prince Charles and the wedding televised on all the major networks. Several of the nurses befriended my mom so they could come to her room and catch little glimpses of the wedding. The reporter of a newspaper in describing the arrival of the entourage to the Cathedral said that most of the royal family transported in royal coaches while Lady Diana arrived in the coach of a

commoner. The sentence in the newspaper account after the wedding that caught people's attention stated that Lady Diana came to the Church as a commoner but departed as royalty.

Ponder this awesome truth. We have not chosen God; God has chosen us. In His extravagant grace, He has given us His love, and confronted us with His call. We arrive in his presence as commoners; we leave as royalty.

Let us pray for the grace to abide deeply in Christ and he in us on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, and let those graces freely given by God transform our lives into the people he created us to become.

Have a Blessed Week, **Deacon Jim**

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Stewardship reflection: Christian stewardship is a conversion of mind and heart, a new way of life in the Holy Spirit. Do we gratefully accept as stewards, God's gifts of love and goodness in our lives? As the Good Shepherd, Jesus offers us an abundant life. As Christian stewards, are we open to His offering? Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gifts of life and joyfully share their abundance with others. The mission of our foundation is to help you share your gifts in gratitude to God, by providing the tools and resources you need to do so. I am here to walk with you on your stewardship journey and create a legacy of faith. I would love to have a conversation with you. Feel free to call (605-999-9127), email (nfuhrer@ccfesd.org) or stop by my office (Holy Family in Mitchell) anytime! Peace be with you.

~ Nicole Fuhrer, Gift Planning Officer - Catholic Community Foundation / Mitchell regional office

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Imagine a gift that gives forever. Your donations of cash, stock, real estate and life insurance entrusted to our parish fund through The Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern SD can grow to provide multiplied support for a ministry that transforms lives, now and for eternity. Thank you for your generous support of your parish through thoughtful gifts to The Catholic Community Foundation. Contact Nicole Fuhrer, Planned Giving Officer in the Mitchell office at, 605.999.9127, to learn how your gift can leave a lasting legacy of faith.

Camp Sydney-Catholic Family Services will be offering a Grief Camp for Youth and their Families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, beginning at 6:00 pm June 18 until 11:00 am June 20, 2021. This 2 day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The Grief Camp is non-denominational and is offered free of charge. Call Catholic Family Services at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-988-3775 for more information

including late morning, afternoon, and early evening hours with some weekends in addition to a competitive wage and discounts on facility rentals.

If you would like to join our dedicated staff, please contact Kris Sees, Administrator, at 605-263-1040 or email ksees@sfcatholic.org for more information. Learn more about us at www.broom-tree.org.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Broom Tree Retreat Center near Irene, SD now has the following openings available:

Housekeeping Supervisor at the Youth & Family Camp - If you have management skills and want a job that keeps you active, this position is for you! We offer flexible scheduling, health, vision, & dental insurance, long-term disability, life insurance, paid holidays, and earned sick and vacation time in addition to a competitive wage and discounts on facility rentals.

Part-time Cook at the Retreat Center – If you love to cook and serve, this job is for you! We offer flexible scheduling

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. James and St. Margaret Parishes,

I am writing to provide some clarity for you during this transition time in our parishes. As of Monday, April 12th Bishop DeGrood has granted Father Andrew a sabbatical, a time for him to rest and await the arrival of his family, who will assist him with his move back to his home country of Poland. He will remain in the rectory at St. Margaret's until that time when they arrive, his health permitting. His sabbatical will end on June 30th, and he will attain retirement status as of July 1, 2021.

Beginning on April 12th also under the direction of Bishop DeGrood, Father Bill Hamak begins as pastor and administrator of both St. James and St. Margaret parishes. Due to his term commitment in Mobridge, he will not begin praying Masses with us until the weekend of July 3rd and 4th. During this interim period, visiting priests will celebrate weekend Masses at both parishes as we return to our normal Mass schedule. Father Joseph Dean, a retired Priest of the Sacred Heart, will be presiding at Masses for the remaining Sundays in April. Father DeWayne Kayser will be presiding at Sunday Masses during May and June. While the parishes are being served by substitute priests, if a parishioner is seeking the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or if someone is nearing death and desires to be visited by a priest, please contact Deacon Jim Bregel at 605-680-2868 or Deacon Mo Barrett at 605-680-9271. We will do our best to find a priest to assist you.

During the month of April, the Saturday 5PM vigil Mass will be at St James, with the regular Sunday Mass schedule of 8AM at St. Margaret's and 10:30AM at St. James'. A reminder that according to our local custom, beginning in May, the vigil Mass will rotate to St. Margaret's at 5PM. The regular Sunday Mass schedule at both parishes remains in effect. This rotating schedule will continue until Father Hamak's arrival, and he can adjust as he sees fit.

As for confessions, the visiting priests will be available to hear confessions beginning 45 minutes before the Saturday vigil Masses. Parishioners can also request for their confession to be heard by Priests of the Sacred Heart residing in Chamberlain or of any visiting priests presiding at Sunday Masses.

For arranging funerals, please contact Deacon Jim Bregel and I along with the help of the Chancellor of the Diocese Matt Althoff, will arrange for a priest to pray the funeral Mass. As for the wake services, Deacon Mo or I will try to cover depending upon our secular work schedules.

For the scheduling of weddings or baptisms please contact the parish office at St. Margaret's 605-778-6420. Since Father Hamak will not be readily available to approve these, I would suggest that we wait until after his arrival to schedule any more weddings due to the couple's preparation time involved.

Finally, please keep Father Andrew, Father Hamak, Deacon Mo, and me in your prayers as we move through this transition. Keep in mind the prayer that St. Faustina prayed, Jesus, I trust in you.

Continued Easter Blessings,
Deacon Jim