

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD**

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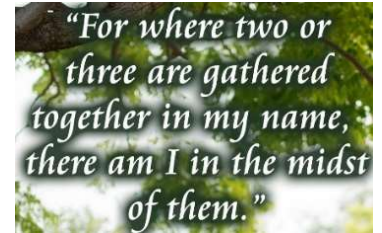
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**Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm****Meditation for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday****“If your brother should sin against you, go and point out his sin.” Matt 18:15** (our translation)

Jesus prays that his Church would be one as he and his Father are one. He insists on his Church reflecting the unity of the Trinity.

To prevent disunity, dispel disunity, and build unity, the Holy Spirit works in the following ways. He gives us: the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the responsibility and wisdom to correct our brothers and sisters in Christ, and the charity and discipline to keep our differences with another brother or sister private. In addition, he also provides: the deeper presence of Jesus and the power of prayer when Christians gather in unity in Jesus' name, submission to the authority of the leaders of our church, and redemptive suffering.

The Holy Spirit enables us never to have to settle for less than the best unity in the Church. However, we must be docile to the Holy Spirit and follow his ways of reconciliation and unity exactly and sacrificially. Come, Holy Spirit of unity! Come and give us a new Pentecost of unity!

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**Mon. Sep. 7, *Fr Bill's Sabbath day away*

Tue. Sep. 8, 5:30 pm †Dick Leonard [Rdr: Loretta]

Wed. Sep. 9, 8:00 am (L)Dave &amp; Barb Overland (anniv) [Rdr: Ida]

Thu. Sep. 10, **8:00 am** †Agnes Salverson [Rdr: Jeff]

Fri. Sep. 11, 8:00 am †Keith Lesmeister [Audrey]

Sat. Sep. 12, **4:00 pm** †Jeanne Mindt & Family

Sat. Sep. 12, 5:30 pm †Helen Reiss

No 7:30 pm Saturday Mass

Sun. Sep. 13, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. Sep. 13, 10:00am †Gregg Simon

**Deepest sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Kraft, aunt of Jane Leibel; and Annie Olson, mother of of Jon (Jill) Olson, and sister of Bob (Ilene) Lipp and Louis (Sharon) Lipp. Please pray for their family and friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

**Sabbath Rest:** Priests are to take a day of rest every week. Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>, Mondays will be my day away rather than Thursdays. Mass on Thursdays will be at 8:00 am and no Mass on Mondays. *Fr Bill*

**August 30<sup>th</sup> Church Support \$3,227**

**Food Pantry September: Crackers**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Kenny Holzer, Garret Selzler, Donna Sherwood, Carol Collignon, Tom Holzer, Steve Schatz, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Bill Klucas, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Dan Sherrill, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Carson Keller, Bob Zerr, Leo Holzer, Marchell Phillips, Lolis Linde, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Jim Krause, Chad Uchytel, Colleen Froseth, Sharon Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Marilyn Bohlander, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Mark Nordstrom, Doug Orth, Bobby Zerr, Lisa Anderson, Mark Weigel, Jeff Pfeifle.

**Changes to Saturday Masses:** After September 5, the 7:30 pm Saturday Mass will **no longer** be held. Until further notice, these are the times for **Saturday Masses, beginning September 12:**

**4:00 pm** & **5:30 pm**

**Catechism of the Catholic Church 1706.** By his reason, man recognizes the voice of God which urges him "to do what is good and avoid what is evil." Everyone is obliged to follow this law, which makes itself heard in conscience and is fulfilled in the love of God and of neighbor. Living a moral life bears witness to the dignity of the person.

**Parish Finance Council Meeting,** this Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 pm in the multipurpose room.

**A Day of Eucharistic Adoration:** This Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am to Benediction at 8:15 pm. Mass at 8:00 am. Please sign up at the main entrance to the Church. Confessions at 7:45 to 8:00 pm.

**The Catholic Church, Why Does It Matter?**

“Catholic Conversations” Presented by Dr. Chris Burgwald will be held in person in our Parish Hall. We are living in uncertain and difficult times. Now, more than ever, we need the Gospel and the grace of Jesus Christ to carry us. Come see where Jesus is most present to us, and rediscover the power of Jesus in the Eucharist. Join us in person or via livestream Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm, St. Joseph, Mobridge. [www.sfcatholic.org/conversations](http://www.sfcatholic.org/conversations)

**Many Gracious Thanks** to a couple of people who have stepped forward to help clean particular areas of the church in addition to our regular volunteers. We appreciate any and all help. Still seeking help as the Lord's house is large. If you would like to help, please call Evie Pleinis at 845-7618.

**Altar Society Meeting:** Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in the hall with social distancing. All women of the parish are most welcome.

**Family Rosary:** Please join us at 5:00 pm on Thursdays to pray the Rosary in the church. The rosary is a powerful prayer in this time of pandemic. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

**Thank you:** I am so thankful for all the prayers, cards, well wishes, and phone calls. I look forward to returning to home but need to remain here for now as my recuperation continues. *Luella Bosch* (If you wish to write to Luella, her address is Avera Eureka Health Care Center, 202 J Ave., Eureka, SD 57437)

**Please pick up pots and pans,** which have accumulated in the kitchen when it wasn't accessible. If you may have a bowl or dish there, you are welcome now to go back and check the counter in the kitchen. Thank you!

[www.priestsforlife.org/elections](http://www.priestsforlife.org/elections)

### **Men, this is for you!**

Inviting all men to the Catholic Men's Conference in Aberdeen, on Saturday September 19. "Be Transformed" by the renewal of your mind and become the man God created you to be. Men are the key to healthy and holy families. This conference will help men understand not only their responsibility but their ability to influence and lead their family on the path of salvation. Tickets can be purchased at [mission-blueprint.org/mission-id](http://mission-blueprint.org/mission-id). Sponsored by Mission Blueprint.

### **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**

"We proclaim that human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." - USCCB

**The destruction of innocent human life, nowhere occurring more frequently than in abortion, are sins against God. To re-define marriage, abandon law and order, erase borders, allow violent criminals to run free in our communities, and make the US Court system unrecognizable, will harm all of us and our posterity. Prayers of reparation are urgently needed. Please join people across our nation in doing so.**

## **National Day of Prayer and Fasting, September 24, 2020**

**The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** *It was of her that Jesus who is called the Messiah was born. (Matt. 1:16)* We are Christians. We love Jesus. We love everything about Jesus. We love what he loves and treasure what he treasures. We love his mother Mary, his foster-father Joseph, his grandparents, and all his ancestors. We love all Jesus' adopted brothers and sisters, because Jesus loves them.

Because we are Christians, we are born again, "begotten from above". We received a new birth through the waters of baptism. We are "born of the Spirit". We've been reborn through the Word of God.

This love for birth and for what Jesus treasures leads us to joyfully celebrate the birth of Mary (this Tuesday, September 8), Jesus' mother and our mother. Her birth is "a birth unto hope" for all of us. "And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us".

Nine months ago we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Today, we recall the joy of her birth. Happy Birthday, Mary, mother of Hope!

**The Gospel of Life must be proclaimed, and human life defended, in all places and all times. The arena for moral responsibility includes not only the halls of government, but the voting booth as well. Laws that permit abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are profoundly unjust, and we should work peacefully and tirelessly to oppose and change them. Because they are unjust they cannot bind citizens in conscience, be supported, acquiesced in, or recognized as valid" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 33).**

### **Pope Francis: Church Cannot Abandon Human Life**

"Reason alone is sufficient to recognize the inviolable value of each single human life, but if we also look at the issue from the standpoint of faith, "every violation of the personal dignity of the human being cries out in vengeance to God and is an offence against the creator of the individual" (John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 37). Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or 'modernizations'"—Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel," November 24, 2013.