

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm**Meditation for the 24th Sunday**

If we don't accept the grace to forgive those who have sinned against us: *the Lord remembers our sins in detail*; we should not expect to be healed by the Lord; *we will not be forgiven*; and we will be handed over to torturers, such as compulsiveness, fear, depression, self-hatred, anxiety, and other evils.

Therefore, we must accept the grace to forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ immediately, repeatedly, and from the heart. This applies even to our enemies.

Obviously, it is humanly impossible to forgive. "To err is human; to forgive is divine" (quoted from Alexander Pope). Our only hope is to turn to the Lord, who is divine. He always provides the grace to obey his commands. He raises us above our human limitations to empower us to choose to forgive immediately all who have sinned against us. Jesus gives us the privilege to live in the new world of grace and mercy. Thank You, Jesus, for your command that we forgive from the heart 70 x 7 times! Thank you for grace and mercy beyond measure! Alleluia!

The LORD is
KIND and MERCIFUL,
SLOW to ANGER, and
RICH in COMPASSION.

September 6th Church Support \$3,618
Food Pantry September: Crackers

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Sep. 14, 8:00 am †Dick Leonard [Rdr: Loretta]

Tue. Sep. 15, 8:00 am (L)Elizabeth Krause [Rdr: JoAnn]

No Mass Wednesday & Thursday this week *Fr. Bill away*

Fri. Sep. 18, 8:00 am †Helen Reiss [Rdr: Ida]

Sat. Sep. 19, 4:00 pm *People of the Parish*

Sat. Sep. 19, 5:30 pm †Keith Lesmeister

Sun. Sep. 20, 8:00 am †DeVere & Virginia Pearson

Sun. Sep. 20, 10:00am †Tyler Goldade

Additional weekend Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Elizabeth Krause, 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.

Prayers and Sympathy to Arlyce Wientjes in the loss of her sister Sharon Keller and to Barb Zerr in the death of her sister Becky. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Finance Council Meeting Notes: Present at the meeting on September 8 were Mark Dady, Ken Heil, Diane Mayer, Leo Vojta, Carol Zimoski, and Fr. Bill. Annual financial reports were reviewed and approved. The purchase of snow removal equipment was discussed and approval was given to research options. ***Parish Financial Statements*** are available at the doors of the church. If there are questions, please call Andree.

A Day of Eucharistic Adoration: This Friday, September 18th, 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.

Coming Soon: 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

Altar Society Meeting: This 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!

St. Joseph Parish is looking for a person who can coordinate liturgies and provide music for weekend, holy day and special liturgies. If interested, please call Fr. Bill at 845-5212

Men, this is for you!

Inviting all men to the Catholic Men's Conference in Aberdeen, this 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. 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 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).

Responsibility to Vote

- Active participation in our community is a fundamental element of the Catholic faith. Catholics must make registering to vote a priority rather than considering it a secondary concern.
- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states that active citizenship is a moral imperative. "We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable" (US Bishops, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 1998, n. 34).
- While there is never an ideal **candidate**, one can try to determine which candidate who will best advance respect for life.
- If neither candidate respects life, a vote to prevent the candidate who will promote the greater evil is morally permissible as a means of limiting evil.

Life is the foundation upon which all other rights exist. Therefore, support for other rights is irrelevant if support for life does not serve as its foundation.

Bishop's Charity Hunt: The 25th Annual "Bishop's Charity Hunt" Monday and Tuesday, September 21-22 at Horseshoe K Ranch, Kimball, SD. All proceeds benefit the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry in our diocese. To register, call 605-988-3765 or visit www.ccfesd.org.

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!

Catholics Must Form Their Consciences by Church Teaching

Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. It is not a matter of personal decision about what is good or evil, but upon the objective moral order willed by God, binding on human beings and known through reason (natural law) and divine revelation (Scripture, Tradition & Magisterial teaching).

The obligation to the Church's teaching flows from the supernatural virtue of Faith, since belief in Christ is also belief in the Church and in Christ's promises to the Church. This teaching can be found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, which includes the formal teaching of Popes and Councils regarding what has been revealed.

It also includes what has been commonly taught in the Church, as the entire Church cannot err. In moral matters the place where you can find this teaching is in the accounts of the moral tradition by authors of noted orthodoxy and acceptance by the Magisterium. It is NOT found in individual authors whose theological opinions are outside of that common moral tradition of the Church. For example, historically the Church has condemned both laxity and rigidity in moral decision making, and in our time consequentialism and proportionalism.

[Voter education videos at Election videos.com](http://www.priestsforlife.org/elections)

www.EndAbortion.TV

<https://www.ewtn.com/vote/>