

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

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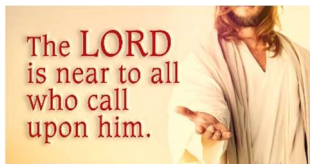
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**Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm****Meditation for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday****"I long to be freed from this life and to be with Christ, for that is the far better thing."** Phil. 1:23

St. Paul faced "death every day". He was on "death row" on more than one occasion. Paul faced death and smiled at it. He even taunted death when he proclaimed: "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" Paul said: "Dying is so much gain". He said that he felt as strongly attracted to dying as living, although he considered dying in Christ "the far better thing".

Paul was freed from slavery to the fear of death because to him, life meant Christ. When we totally give our lives to Christ, we believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, who has put death to death by his death on the cross. When we give our lives to Jesus, we give our deaths to Jesus, who holds "the keys of death and the nether world". In Christ, there is no condemnation. In Christ, slavery to the fear of death is swallowed up in victory. On this and every Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Today, give all to Jesus, smile in the face of death, and live life freely and to the full.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

No Mass Monday this week.

Tue. Sep. 22, 5:30 pm Altar Society [Rdr: Barb]

Wed. Sep. 23, 8:00 am †Helen Reiss [Rdr: Ida]

No Mass Thursday this week.

Fri. Sep. 25, 8:00 am †John Schaeffbauer [JoAnn]

**Sat. Sep. 26, 4:00 pm** †Virgil Binfet

Sat. Sep. 26, 5:30 pm †Jean Mizera

Sun. Sep. 27, 8:00 am Jim† &amp; Mary Rabenberg Family

Sun. Sep. 27, 10:00am *People of the Parish***September 13<sup>th</sup> Church Support \$2,780****Food Pantry September: Crackers****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Elizabeth Krause, 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, 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, Jeff Pfeifle.

**Additional weekend Mass: Saturdays at 4:00 pm.**

**Deepest Sympathy:** We offer our most heartfelt condolences to David & Belinda Holzer, parents, and to Tucker, brother of Emily Holzer, and to Virginia Holzer, wife, and Patty (Brian) Feist, daughter, in the loss of Kenny Holzer. We also offer our prayers, love and support to Leonard Linde, in the loss of his wife, Dolores (Lolis) Linde. Please pray for the repose of their souls. Pray for all family and friends. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.*

There will be a memorial visitation for Kenneth Holzer from 5-7 PM, Monday, September 21, 2020 at Kesling Funeral Home. A private memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held. Inurnment will take place at Black Hills National Cemetery.

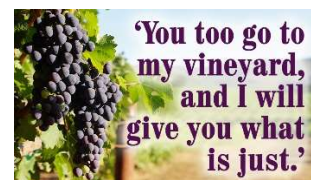
A visitation for Emily Holzer will be on Sunday, September 20, 2020 from 2-4 PM at Kesling Funeral Home. A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Lolis Linde. Visitation times pending.

**Parish Financial Statements** are available at the doors of the church. If there are questions, please call Andree.

**A Day of Eucharistic Adoration:** Make spending time with Jesus, present to us in the Holy Eucharist, a priority. God is warning us that there will be consequences if he is not the center of our lives. So, come this Friday and sit with Jesus. Mass at 8 am - Exposition at 8:30 am and Benediction at 8:15 pm. 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, director of Adult Discipleship & Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls, 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).



**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

## **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

**This November 3, How Will You Vote** is an article in the September issue of the Bishop’s Bulletin. It is written by Chris Motz, of the South Dakota Catholic Conference. You may find it helpful in the upcoming elections.



## **National Day of Prayer and Fasting, *this* Thursday, 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).**

**South Dakota Right-to-Life Convention is October 2-4.** For more information check out their website: <https://www.siouxfallsarearighttolife.org/>

### **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 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.

### **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**

**www.EndAbortion.TV**

**https://www.ewtn.com/vote/**

### **Prayer to Padre Pio for Healing**

Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, obedient father, you loved the sick and infirm more than yourself because in them you saw Jesus.  
In the name of God you performed miracles of healing in body, soul and mind.  
Your intercession with God healed the ills of past and present and strengthened people to respond with confidence to future challenges.  
Those who came to you regained a sense of spiritual integrity as you rekindled hope in their lives, and encouraged them to renew the spirit in their hearts.  
Through the intercession of Our Heavenly Mother, may we experience your powerful assistance and be healed in our bodily and spiritual needs, particularly (name it) and gratefully give praise and thanks to God for all His blessings. Amen. *Feast day September 23*