

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

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**Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm****Meditation for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday****“Since he has turned away from all the sins which he committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.” —Ez. 18:28**

In track competition, sometimes a sprinter is described as “strong out of the blocks but weak to the finish.” We can picture an explosive start followed by running out of gas. Often, the natural world provides relevant metaphors for our spiritual life. “When a virtuous man turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die”. This is not the route we want to follow. The Lord teaches us that he who perseveres to the end will be saved.

Since the Lord is abundantly merciful, it is never too late. Jesus, in today’s Gospel, paints a picture of family life. It is a scene repeated throughout history: One son speaks disrespectfully to his father but does the right thing; the other son pays lip service, while dissenting in his heart. “What do you think of this case?” Jesus poses this question to the chief priests and elders, leaders of the people in his day. But we must challenge ourselves in the same way. Have we become disobedient? “When John came preaching a way of holiness, you put no faith in him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did believe in him. Yet even when you saw that, you did not repent and believe in him”.

Possibly a dose of humility would do us good. Don’t limp to the finish line! Repent and get back on track. Run to Confession.

**Prayer: Father, enlighten our minds to know your truth and guide our footsteps in the ways of righteousness.****MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**Mon. Sep. 28, *Fr. Bill's Sabbath day away*

Tue. Sep. 29, 5:30 pm †Ken &amp; Margie Beckel [Rdr: Barb]

Wed. Sep. 30, 8:00 am †Dick Leonard [Rdr: Loretta]

Thu. Oct. 1, 8:00 am †Paul &amp; Clara Clement [Rdr: Jeff]

Fri. Oct. 2, 8:00 am †Helen Reiss [Ida]

**Sat. Oct. 3, 4:00 pm** †Lila Nelson

Sat. Oct. 3, 5:30 pm (L)Adam Overland

Sun. Oct. 4, 8:00 am †Quintine Mertz

Sun. Oct. 4, 10:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. Oct. 4, 2:00 pm †Bernice Cotman

**Additional weekend Mass: Saturdays at 4:00 pm.**  
**Volunteers are needed. Please call the office to sign up.****September 20<sup>th</sup> Church Support \$2,525****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, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Carson Keller, Bob Zerr, Leo Holzer, Marchell Phillips, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Jim Krause, Chad Uchtyl, 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.

**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 8:00 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 this 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.

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

**First Holy Communion Sunday- Next Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm:** First Communicants are: Kaleb Aberle, Bentley Bauer, Claire Keller, Sophie Keller, Payton Schneider and Sophie Ziegler. Please make these children and their parents feel welcome every time you see them at Mass. Keep them in your prayers.

**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.



## **2020 Vision for Life – the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual South Dakota Right to Life Convention**

This Friday, Oct. 2 beginning at 7:00 pm and Saturday, Oct. 3, 9:00 am-5:00 pm at Sioux Falls First Church. Middle and high school students and adults are welcome. An empowering weekend of education, motivation and celebration for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. To register, contact Sioux Falls Area Right to Life at [www.siouxfallsarearighttolife.org](http://www.siouxfallsarearighttolife.org), email [righttolifesf@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifesf@gmail.com), visit our Facebook page or call 605-743-0777.

**Congratulations** to Bill & Mary Bachmeier, who will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage on October 11, to Brian & Patty Feist, marking 30 years on October 19, and to all married couples with October anniversaries. God bless your marriages and keep you always in his care. “Love between man and woman cannot be built without sacrifices and self-denial.” *St. John Paul II*

### **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.

**A Big Thank You** to all who helped served at one of the three funerals this past week and for all who donated food items or helped with expenses. May the Lord bless you for being a servant in imitation of Christ as St. Paul reminds us in the second chapter of his Epistle to the Thessalonians where he writes:

“If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, ....”



**Voter education videos at Election videos.com**    **www.EndAbortion.TV**    **https://www.ewtn.com/vote/**

**Mobridge October Rosary Rally:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual rally will be held at Noon on Saturday, October 10, 2020 in the City Park. All are invited to participate that day. Meet at the west gazebo. The intention for our Rosary Crusade is to beg God and Our Lady for the conversion of America and to save our country from the pandemic, rioting, looting and murder, as well as moral and societal collapse. This rosary rally is offered as a special public commemoration of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima. Visit the website at <https://americaneedsfatima.org/Rally-News/rosary-rally-central-2.html>

**The Holy Guardian Angels** (Memorial this Friday): “For to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.” Ps. 91:11

Our lives are so precious to God that he has created and assigned an angel specifically for each one of us. “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 336). The Lord says: “My angel is with you, and he is the custodian of your lives”. For anyone who thinks they're in charge of their own life, it's important to know that a guardian angel has been authorized by God to take full custody of that life.

Your guardian angel is: 1) focused constantly on Jesus. “Christ is the center of the angelic world” (*Catechism*, 331). Your angel's life revolves around Jesus. 2) devoted to your personal welfare and care. God specifically declares: “I am sending an angel before you”. Jesus reveals that your angel is constantly beholding the “heavenly Father's face”. This gives your angel a privileged position to instantly hear, receive, and carry out orders specifically related to you. Your angel is attentive to you at all times. Therefore, obey God's command to “be attentive to” your angel and “heed his voice”.

