

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

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**Baptisms** are scheduled after pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Call for an appointment.

**Marriage Preparation:** Contact Fr. Bill at least six months prior to setting wedding date.

**Reconciliation:** Fridays 4:15 to 5:00 pm & Saturdays 4:15 to 5:00 pm, or anytime by appointment.

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



People can become so complacent, hard, and insensitive that they don't even notice beggars at their doors. Beggars may be laying there on the ground and covered with sores, but still they're not noticed. Beggars may only be asking for the garbage which has fallen from our tables, but still we refuse to acknowledge these people as human beings. Even dogs may be more sensitive to beggars than we are.

How can a human being become less sensitive than a dog? How can we refuse even to give our garbage to the poor? How can we deny the personhood of the poor, refugees, and babies in the womb? The rich man in today's Gospel reading became hard and insensitive through the influence of money, clothes, and food. The complacent and insensitive people of Amos' time hardened their hearts by living lives focused on creature-comforts, pleasure-seeking, and selfishness. Furniture, food, music, drinks, and cosmetics were their downfall.

If our lifestyle has become a death-style, if selfishness is destroying our sensitivity to others' needs, what can we do? Even if someone would be raised from the dead, we are too hardened for that to affect us. Hearing "Moses and the prophets", that is, the Bible, is our best chance for coming back to life out of the death of selfishness and sensuality. Then we can care and love again, and recognize people as images of God. Read, hear, pray, and live God's word "for dear life."

**Prayer: Father, may Your word be a hammer to break my hardened heart.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

No Mass Mon.-Thurs. Fr. Bill attending Clergy Days

Fri. Oct. 4, **8:00 am** Special Intention [Rdr: Audrey]

Sat. Oct. 5, 5:30 pm Special Intention

Sun. Oct. 6, 8:00 am Family Members Luella Bosch

Sun. Oct. 6, 10:00 am *People of the Parish*

**Choir** this Wednesday 6:30 pm

**Food Pantry Sept.:** Crackers

**Sun., Sept. 22nd Offering:** \$3,627

*"No one has ever become poor by giving." (Anne Frank)*

**Clergy Days:** I will be away for Clergy Days in Chamberlain until this Thursday, October 3. Please keep Bishop and us priests in your prayers. *Fr. Bill*

**First Friday Day of Eucharistic Adoration:** This Friday, October 4 following **Mass at 8:00 am** to Benediction at **8:15 pm**. Recorded praise and worship songs will be played between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. **Confessions** will be heard at 7:00 pm.

**Please sign up** for an hour at the entrance to the Church.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Lolis Linde, David Hunter, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Susie Johnson, Terry Lundberg, Nick Lausterer, Sharon Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Rachel Hoisington, Steve Erdmann, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Tim Ondahl, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Brayden Goehring, Doug Orth, Kenny Holzer, Bobby Zerr, Heath Huberg, Harry Day, Lisa Anderson.

**Parish Potluck!** Next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 am Mass, and all are invited. Plan now to attend, bring a dish to pass. **Don't worry, if it is not convenient to bring a dish, come anyway.**

**Notice to parents of Confirmation Class:** Your child has been and will be sent home each week with discussion questions to help them engage in conversation with you about the faith. Keep your eyes open for this homework assignment. Thanks.

**Coming Next week:**  
New book titles at the main entrance.

**SEARCH** will help youth on their journey to discover God, and the Church community. This retreat program features talks, skits, music, Confession, and Holy Mass and make new friendships. October 25-27, held at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls. SEARCH is led by youth and young adults. For more information, or to register call (605) 371-1478 or go online to <http://www.siouxfallssearch.org/>. Filling up fast.

**Mobridge October Rosary Rally:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual rally will be held at Noon on Saturday, October 12, 2019 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 to save America from today's immorality and secularism. An estimated one million Catholics will attend rallies across the country and pray for the conversion of America in a public place—in honor of the Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. Visit the website at <https://americanneedsfatima.org/Rally-News/rosary-rally-central-2.html>

**Memorial of the Guardian Angels October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** "From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their (the angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united to God." (CCC 336)

**Prayer to Your Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day, be at my side,  
To light and guard, Rule and guide.  
Amen.

**Diocesan Youth Conference** at the Swiftel Center in Brookings Nov 9, 2019. Inspiring speakers, music, and of course lots of fun! More info can be found on the Diocesan Website: [www.sfatholic.org/youth/](http://www.sfatholic.org/youth/).

**Thirst 2019—A Eucharistic Conference** presented by the Diocese of Bismarck at the Bismarck Event Center on October 25-27, 2019: Speakers include Curtis Martin, Founder of FOCUS; Dr. Edward Sri, well-known Catholic speaker who appears on EWTN; Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, author of the book, “Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality”; and Kendra Tierney, Catholic author and speaker who writes the popular blog “Catholic All Year”; and more. Free admission. All are welcome! Registration now open. For more information, visit [bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2019](http://bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2019).

**Men’s conference in Brookings:** Mission Blueprint presents “Mission I.D. Freedom” Catholic Men’s Conference at St. Thomas Parish in Brookings, October 11-12. Keynote speakers include Dr. Margaret Schlientz, founder of The Pope Leo XIII Institute for the education of priests in exorcism and deliverance; Sean Dalton with the Augustine Institute implementing Formed; and Glen Gauer, Founder of Mission Blueprint in the Sioux Falls Diocese. For tickets, go to [www.mission-blueprint.org](http://www.mission-blueprint.org) or find Mission Blueprint on Facebook. Set yourself free to be the man God has created you to be.

*“If you don’t have time to pray and read the scriptures, you are busier than God ever intended you to be.”*  
*(Dynamic Catholic’s Decision Point)*

**Catholic Women’s Conference:** Sponsored by WINE: Women In the New Evangelization, a national Catholic women’s ministry. Each year has a specific theme designed to emphasize one of the many aspects of life as a Catholic woman. In addition to Mass, keynote presentations, and breakout sessions, women will have the opportunity to go to confession, pray with prayer teams, visit the various exhibit tables, and meet other Catholic women from throughout the area and beyond. Leaving this event, women will be renewed in their unique dignity and mission as Catholic women and be better equipped to bring the light and joy of the Gospel to their families, communities, friendships, and the world. Speakers this year are: Kelly Wahlquist, Teresa Tomeo & Kitty Cleveland. Held at the Church of St. Mary, Alexandria, MN on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm. Register online at [anchorofhopeALEX.eventbrites.com](http://anchorofhopeALEX.eventbrites.com) or call 347-676-1923.

**Stebenville Youth Conference Registration** opens in Nov. Two possible dates are July 10-12 & July 24 -26

**Women’s Study Resource:** The Diocese has copies of *Restore the Beauty*, a four week study in conjunction with four episodes of the *Abiding Together* podcast about the Church’s four female doctors—Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Teresa of Avila, and St. Therese of Lisieux, They are \$5 while supplies last. Contact Audrey at [aanderson@sfcatholic.org](mailto:aanderson@sfcatholic.org) or 605-988-3748.

**Pray the Rosary for Our Nation:** All are invited to recite the Holy Rosary daily as part of the nationwide 54 Day Rosary Novena called the “Novena for Our Nation,” which began on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15 and will conclude on the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, October 7. The special intentions for the Novena are for deeper respect for: the dignity of human life, especially that of preborn children; holy marriage; the family; religious freedom.



**Stewardship:** “My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” (Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

**Women’s Retreat at The Abbey of the Hills,** Marvin, SD: Captivating: Embrace the Power, Freedom, and Beauty of a Woman’s Soul, October 18-20, 2019. Join Mary Jo Gallagher and team as they journey into the deep mysteries of the feminine soul in order to recapture the heart of a woman. Your heart! For more information or to register, visit website at <http://www.abbeyofthehills.org> or call 605-398-9200.

*“It’s time for Christians to astound the world with our generosity, kindness, patience, courage, thoughtfulness, and selfless care for the weak, poor, and forgotten.” (Matthew Kelly)*

**Altar Society News:** Officers of the Altar Society are Evie Pleinis—President, Carmel Powell—Vice President, Mary Bachmeier—Secretary, and Jan Wales—Treasurer. God bless you and thank you for saying “Yes” to serving. Many thanks for a job well done to the outgoing officers—Connie Frailing, Tiffany Roebuck, and Lisa Merkel.

**Fall Flowers:** Do you have any fresh garden flowers to donate? We are looking for blooms to obtain near the weekend(s) to beautify the altar. Please give a call to the Parish Office.

“In a world of selfishness, we are called to be a gift. In a world of egotism, we are called to serve each other.”  
(Dan Dematte)

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**Halloween – All Saints Costume Party:** Thursday, October 31 following the All Saint’s Day Vigil Mass. More info coming soon.