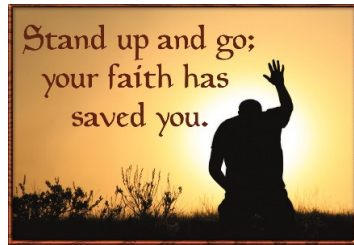


ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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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 by appointment.**Meditation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Naaman and the ten lepers in today’s Gospel reading had a lot to be thankful for. They had been healed from the worst disease of the ancient world, leprosy. We, however, have a debt of gratitude much greater than that of all the lepers combined. We have not only received healing; we have received Jesus, the Source of all healing. God became a man and died on the cross for love of each one of us. We have been loved to the most extreme degree and have the most extreme reason to give thanks.

Imagine a car going out of control and about to run over you. Imagine someone throwing her body as a human shield between you and the oncoming car. You are saved, but the person who threw her body in front of you is severely injured. She is now quadriplegic — having no movement of her hands, arms, and legs. How could you thank her for saving your life? What if you went into her hospital room, said thanks, and gave her a \$20 bill? Wouldn’t that be so inadequate and so wrong? Wouldn’t your \$20 bill be more ingratitude than gratitude?

What if you came before the bloodied, tortured, crucified Jesus and gave Him thanks, a few moments of prayer, and a few good deeds? Wouldn’t that be so inadequate and so wrong? Give your whole life to Jesus. Anything less than everything is so wrong. Give thanks appropriate to crucified love.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Oct. 14, 8:00 am Special Intention [Rdr: Loretta]

Tue. Oct. 15, 5:30 pm †Neil Cahill [Rdr: Theresa]

Wed. Oct. 16, 8:00 am (L)Lisa Hindt [Rdr: Audrey]

No Mass Thursday *Fr. Bill’s Sabbath rest*

Fri. Oct. 18, 5:30 pm †Ruth Goetz [Rdr: Barb]

Sat. Oct. 19, 5:30 pm Dec. Family Memb. of Will Schmaltz

Sun. Oct. 20, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. Oct. 20, 10:00 am †Al & Mary Berger

**Parish Office closed this
Thursday & Friday.**

Choir this Wednesday 6:30 pm

Food Pantry Oct: Dish Soap

Sunday, Oct. 6th Offering: \$3,498 Thank You!

**A New Parish Pictorial Directory is in the
making here at St. Joseph Parish**

Audrey Lesmeister and Lillian Wientjes will be coordinating this project. They will be giving out more information soon but for now you are asked to save the dates for our photo sessions which are scheduled for December 11-16.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lolis Linde, David Hunter, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Susie Johnson, Terry Lundberg, 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.

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus next Sunday, October 20 in the parish Hall from 9:00 am to Noon. Come and enjoy a warm, filling breakfast and wonderful companionship. The beneficiaries of the proceeds will be used for a project the KC’s are working toward this year: seminarian education fund, updating the two highway billboard church signs, and Right to Life.

From the Pastor: I will be on vacation, not this coming week, but the following week Oct 21-25. Fr. Tom Clement, from Herreid, has agreed to cover funerals while I am away. Fr Tom may be reached at 437-2614.

Seminary Visits 2019: This is for men ages 16 and older. Join Fr. Jordan Samson, Vocation Director, to visit Immaculate Heart of Mary, Winona, MN, Nov. 9-11 or St. John Vianney, St. Paul, MN Nov. 14-16. To learn more, send an email to frjordansamson@sfcatholic.org or call 605-988-3772. No cost for these visits.

Altar Society Meeting: This Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 pm. Ladies, please attend and be involved in this ministry of assisting others in their lives and your parish.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Monday, October 21, 7:00 pm in the Parlor. All Brother Knights are encouraged to come to the meetings and offer your support and input to this organization which does much to support the Church.

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.sfcatholic.org/youth/.

All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times Thursday, October 31st - 6:30 pm & Friday, Nov 1st - 8:00 am. Eucharistic Adoration will follow Friday’s Mass until 8:15 pm.

YOUTH RETREAT - 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 offers 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 371-1478 or go online to <http://www.siouxfallssearch.org/>

Donations wanted for our Annual Winter Wear Give Away: You can drop them off in the main entrance of the Church beginning this Sunday, Oct. 13 to Sat., Oct. 19. The Give Away: Sat., Oct. 26, 9 am to noon.



Job Position Opening: Help is needed to shovel sidewalks after each snow fall. Please contact Fr Bill at 845-5212. Position open until filled.

Bridges Against Domestic Violence: Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch, Mon. Oct. 14th, 5 pm to 8 pm. Please join them for their 3rd Annual Walk at 5 pm on Tue., Oct. 15th at the City Park.

Eucharistic Adoration: All are encouraged to make a visit to Jesus on Fridays from 4 to 5:15 pm.

October is respect Life Month “Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God.” (CCC #2319). Visit www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.

Thirst 2019 - A Eucharistic Conference presented by the Diocese of Bismarck at the Bismarck Event Center on October 25-27, 2019: Great line up of speakers. Free admission. Registration now at bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2019.

World Mission Sunday is Sunday, October 20: Envelopes will be provided in the pews for your contributions. Checks made payable to St. Joseph Church, with “World Missions” on the memo line.

Halloween Children’s Costume Party to Honor all the Saints in Heaven. **Thursday, October 31st**

Students: Create a costume of your favorite Saint and win a prize. A prize will be awarded to the first and second best costume in each grade K-12 that illustrate a Saint. Consolation prizes will be given to all who are dressed to look like a Saint. **Costumes will be judged on how well they portray a saint.** Wear your costume to the **6:30 pm Mass Thursday**, October 31. Join the Costume Party in the Parish Hall following Mass. Volunteers are needed to help.

links to help find Saint costume ideas:

https://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php

<http://www.catholicicing.com/all-saints-day-costume-ideas-for-boys/>

<https://www.catalogs.com/info/bestof/popular-catholic-saints-for-kids>

Or go to Pinterest and search Children’s All Saints Day Costumes

Note: **Fri., November 1 is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**
Mass on Thursday, October 31 at 6:30 pm will be an anticipatory Mass.

What Every Catholic needs to Know about Halloween

Most of you as a child took part in Halloween. You painted your faces, made a costume, and went door-to-door collecting enough treats to last you a year. The fun seemed innocent enough.

Sadly, the holiday has degenerated over the years. Costumes are often gruesome, celebrating violence with masks of characters from horror movies. Others reflect occult practices, identifying with the ceremonies of neo-pagan witches and Satanists who hold Halloween in high esteem. Halloween in many places has become an annual occasion for glorifying evil.

Ironically, Halloween is a corruption of an ancient Christian celebration, **All Saints’ Day**. The festival dates back to the early Middle Ages in Europe, when Christians set aside a day and the evening before to honor the **heroes of the faith**.

The best way to treat Halloween is to replace it with activities that recapture this tradition of remembering great men and women of God. For this reason, we ought to make it our custom to take part in alternative Halloween celebrations. Have your children dress up as their **favorite saint** and play games. Celebrating a true All Saints’ Day will turn your attention to God’s faithfulness through the ages and provide your family with role models worthy of our imitation. May God be praised!

Download Our Parish App! Our St. Joseph app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Text **App** to 88202 to download our parish app. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

“Gratitude is the fountain of faith. It has the unique capability of humbling us while elevating our souls.” (Chris Stepien)

“We need a community to help us reach our goal. Faith is not an individual journey; it’s a team sport. We need each other. We are on this journey together.” (Allen Hunt)

