

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm**Meditation for the 28th Sunday****“Invite to the wedding anyone you come upon.”** (Matt 22:9)

God wants his house to be full for his heavenly banquet. His strategy for filling his house is to send his servants all over his kingdom, especially to the byroads, alleys, and other unlikely places. Thus, God’s banquet will only be filled if his servants “come upon” people that are hard to locate.

Jesus understands this dilemma. That’s why he specifically calls his servants “fishers of men”. Any fisherman who wants to bring home a catch knows that he will probably not easily “come upon” large numbers of fish; rather, he must learn “how to cope with every circumstance”. He knows that he must study the habits of the fish and spend much time, effort, and frustration learning their favorite feeding places and times. A leisurely midday fishing trip might be convenient for the fisherman, but he will likely bring home an empty boat. His best catch might come before dawn, in freezing weather, in dangerous waters, or after many unsuccessful attempts. The main question is: Will the fisherman take the trouble to “come upon” the fish?

Politicians, salespeople, telemarketers, and researchers understand this concept clearly. Their daring boldness in reaching the unreachable leads to success in their ventures. Followers of Jesus, “open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest!” There’s a house to be filled. Bring them in.

Prayer: Father, I will take the appropriate initiative to reach the people you want me to come upon.**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**Mon. Oct. 12, *Fr. Bill's Sabbath day away*

Tue. Oct. 13, 5:30 pm †Dick Leonard [Rdr: Loretta]

Wed. Oct. 14, 8:00 am †Helen Reiss [Rdr: Ida]

Thu. Oct. 15, 8:00 am †Louetta Ondahl [Rdr: Audrey]

Fri. Oct. 16, 8:00 am †John Schaeffbauer [Rdr: JoAnn]

Sat. Oct. 17, 4:00 pm †Gregg Simon

Sat. Oct. 17, 5:30 pm †Will Schmaltz

Sun. Oct. 18, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. Oct. 18, 10:00am †Tyler Goldade

**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, October 16th 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.

World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 18: We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. Envelopes are in the pews. *Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church, with “World Missions” on the memo line.*

Knights of Columbus Meeting on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Brother Knights, if you are able to attend, you are most welcome. You may wear a mask.

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.

October 4th Church Support \$2,844**Food Pantry October: Dish Soap****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Elizabeth Krause, Garret Selzler, Carol Collignon, Tom Holzer, Steve Schatz, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Bill Klucas, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Jr. Neumiller and family, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Carson Keller, Bob Zerr, 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.

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.

Our Little Future Citizens: Soon we can exercise our right to vote in the Presidential election. We may have different political opinions but as mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and grandparents we should all be united as one in the effort to protect life. This is the most important issue there is. Without life, nothing else matters!! Don't let big business such as Planned Parenthood pull the wool over your eyes any longer. As for their “rabbit ads,” I find them highly offensive to women. Babies are being killed by the millions while still in their mother's womb through the crime of abortion. The earliest and the most deadly form of child abuse is abortion. We should all be outraged by this heinous crime - and it is a crime of the worst magnitude. The blood of these innocent ones cry out for our help. Please search your hearts, your consciences and your faith and vote for our little future citizens. Vote for Life.

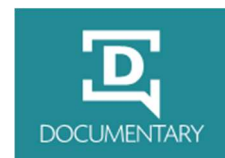
Holy Spirit Men's Retreat: The 9th Annual Holy Spirit Men's Retreat is set for Oct. 23, 24 and 25. The theme this year is “The Rosary, the Path of Discipleship”. The retreat will be held at Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene, SD. Any man looking to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church is invited to attend. Begins Friday at 7 pm and ends Sunday at 11 am. Visit www.holyspiritsf.org or contact Pat McCabe at 612-807-4095 or holyspiritmen@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Free Viewing of EWTN Original Documentary “A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing”

As we prepare for the upcoming election, every Catholic and every American needs to know:

1. Why is our political discourse so bad right now?
2. How Christian beliefs, particularly Catholic beliefs, and those who hold to them have come to be reviled by so many in the secular culture?
3. Where did political correctness, gender conflict, gender confusion — and so many other aspects of the Culture of Death — come from?

The answer to these questions, and many others, can be found in the Documentary “A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing”. We so strongly believe that *every Catholic* needs to watch the documentary that we have made OnDemand viewing free of charge during the next 20 days. Go to ewtn.com/wolf and select the OnDemand option. Free viewing of the documentary is also available from the EWTN app on your internet connected TV, and your tablet and smart phone.



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

Voter education videos at Election videos.com

www.EndAbortion.TV

www.priestsforlife.org/elections

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



What Every Catholic needs to Know about Halloween

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!