

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm**Meditation for the 29th Sunday****“Then the Pharisees went off and began to plot how they might trap Jesus in speech.”**

The disciples of the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus by asking him the question: “Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?” If Jesus would answer: “Pay taxes to Rome,” he would lose his popularity with the masses of simple people who comprised the great majority of his followers. These simple folks were Jews who naturally opposed their conquerors and oppressors, the Romans. The Pharisees encouraged Jesus to disappoint his followers by reminding him that he didn’t court anyone’s favor or act out of human respect. But Jesus did not answer: “Pay taxes to Rome.”

On the other hand, if Jesus answered: “Don’t pay taxes to Rome,” he would keep his popularity with the masses but get in trouble with Rome. Jesus’ opposition to Roman taxation would then be dutifully reported to Roman officials by the Herodian sympathizers present for the occasion. But Jesus did not answer: “Don’t pay your taxes.”

What did Jesus do? Did he evade the question? No. Instead, he became the questioner rather than the questioned. Through his questions, he may have convicted the Pharisees and their disciples of their sinful compromise with the oppressive Roman government. “Taken aback” by Jesus’ reply, “they went off and left him”.

Prayer: Father, on this World Mission Sunday, take me captive to do your will so that I will escape the devil’s trap.

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Tue. Oct. 20, 5:30 pm †Tim & Barb Ondahl [Rdr: Barb]

Wed. Oct. 21, 8:00 am †Lolis Linde [Rdr: JoAnn]

Thu. Oct. 22, 8:00 am Altar Society [Rdr: Audrey]

Fri. Oct. 23, 8:00 am †Clara Perman [Rdr: Jeff]

Sat. Oct. 24, 4:00 pm †Virgil Binfet

Sat. Oct. 24, 5:30 pm †Helen Reiss

Sun. Oct. 25, 8:00 am †Quintine Mertz

Sun. Oct. 25, 10:00am *People of the Parish*

A Day of Eucharistic Adoration: Make spending time with Jesus, present to us in the Holy Eucharist, a priority. God invites us to abide in his love. So, come this Friday, October 23rd 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.

Today is World Mission Sunday: We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! Thank you for your generosity. 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 this 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.

A Big Welcome this weekend to the newest member of our faith community through the waters of Baptism: Watson Ray, son of Eric & Morgan Mergen. God bless and guide your journey of Faith.

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.

Voter education videos at Election videos.com www.EndAbortion.TV

www.priestsforlife.org/elections

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



NO Altar Society Meeting this month

Food Pantry October: Dish Soap

October 11th Church Support \$3,366

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Verna Ehnes, Elizabeth Krause, Garret Selzler, Carol Collignon, Tom Holzer, Steve Schatz, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Bill Klucas, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Dan Schweitzer, Jr. Neumiller and family, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Carson Keller, Bob Zerr, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Jim Krause, Bobby Zerr, Chad Uchytel, Colleen Froseth, Sharon Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Marilyn Bohlander, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Mark Nordstrom, Lisa Anderson, Jeff Pfeifle.

Thank You for participating in the Rosary Rally! There were 19 people attending.

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.

Celebrate All Saints' Day: The Church celebrates holy men and women throughout the year on various saint days, but the Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honors every saint: those officially known and honored on the Church calendar, and saints known only to God. There are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been honored specifically. On All Saints' Day (Sunday, November 1 this year) we celebrate these holy individuals, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.



All Souls' Day: The commemoration of all the faithful departed is celebrated by the Church on Monday, November 2. The Church, after rejoicing on All Saints' Day with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, today prays for all those who, in the purifying suffering of purgatory, await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints. The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, and therefore cannot yet see God, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms, deeds and especially by the sacrifice of the Mass.

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!

Holy Spirit Men's Retreat: The 9th Annual Holy Spirit Men's Retreat is set for this week, on 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.

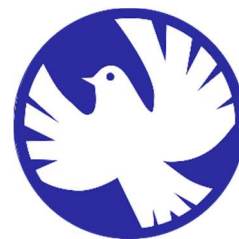
Become a Confirmation Sponsor for St. Joseph Parish Youth.

As the 9th and 10th graders prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation you may be asked to take on the role of a sponsor or a Mentor. *(A mentor is one who serves in place of the sponsor if he/she is not available as in the case of living many miles away.)*

The following information will help you in accepting this role.

The church requires that sponsors:

- must be sixteen years or older.
- may not be the natural or adoptive parents.
- must be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith.
- must be leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith.
- must be free of any canonical impediment.



What is the role of a Confirmation Sponsor?

- To spiritually walk with the candidate during the preparation for the sacrament.
- To assist the young person in being a true witness and disciple of Jesus.
- To represent the community when you present your candidate to the bishop.
- To help the young person fulfill his or her baptismal promises after Confirmation.

Sponsors / Mentors are to have only one candidate. Do not say yes to more than one youth in this class.

If you are asked to be a sponsor and live a long distance from Mobridge, your candidate will be asked to find a local person who will then serve as a Mentor. You, however, will present your candidate to the Bishop during the Confirmation ceremony.

Before saying yes:

- Make sure you meet all the requirements.
- Make sure you are available and willing to be involved with their preparation by meeting and spending time together in order to mentor them in the faith. This will involve an all-day retreat in the parish hall in January 2021.