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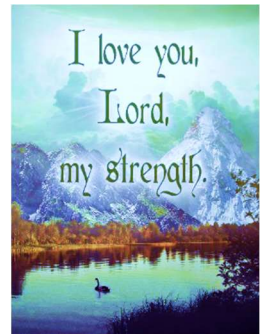
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Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm**Meditation for the 30th Sunday****“When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they assembled in a body; and one of them, a lawyer, in an attempt to trip him up, asked him...” Mt. 22:34-35**

Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment. He answered not only by giving the greatest commandment but also the first one, the second one, and the basis of the whole law and of the prophets. When we ask Jesus a question, we often get much more than we bargained for. That's why we may feel afraid to ask him questions.

Jesus may be “too much” for us. He will give us more than we can ever ask for or imagine. That means we're not in control of everything. The Lord will be Lord of our questions. In fact, he wants to be Lord of everything, including our lives. At the name of Jesus, every knee must bend.

Nonetheless, I challenge you to ask Jesus a question. Be prepared to not be prepared and not be in control. Be prepared to be loved and surprised, to repent and obey. Jesus alone is the Answer. Therefore, when we ask Jesus a question, we can expect something special. Go ahead; dare to ask Jesus a question.

Prayer: Jesus, I will trust You enough to ask and receive.**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS****Mon. Oct. 26, 11:00am Prayer Service for †Aloysius Reiss**

Tue. Oct. 27, 5:30 pm †Edwin Ondahl [Rdr: Barb]

Wed. Oct. 28, 8:00 am †Dick Leonard [Rdr: Loretta]

Thu. Oct. 29, 8:00 am †Lolis Linde [Rdr: Audrey]

Fri. Oct. 30, 8:00 am †Helen Reiss[Rdr: Ida]

Sat. Oct. 31, 4:00 pm †John SchaeffbauerSat. Oct. 31, 5:30 pm *People of the Parish*

Sun. Nov. 1, 8:00 am †Ed & Louetta Ondahl

Sun. Nov. 1, 10:00am †Wilfred Reinbold

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Verna Ehnes, Carol Collignon, Tom Holzer, Steve Schatz, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Bill Klucas, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Dan Schweitzer, Isabel Townley, Jr. Neumiller and family, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Bob Zerr, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Bobby Zerr, Chad Uchytel, Colleen Froseth, Sharon Neuharth, Marilyn Bohlander, Laura Goldade, Mark Nordstrom, Lisa Anderson, Jeff Pfeifle.

Thank you: *I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kindness to me during my recent illness. I'm feeling better now. God bless you all.* Elizabeth Krause

Deepest Sympathy to Mike (Leah) Rath, son, and Kersten (Mike) Verhulst, granddaughter, in the loss of Joan Rath, and to Loretta (Herman) Hulm, Leo (Mollie) Reiss, and Barb (Gary) Fiedler whose brother and brother-in-law Aloysius Reiss has died. *May they and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

A public Prayer Service for Al Reiss will be held here this Monday at 11:00 am; a luncheon will follow.

A Day of Eucharistic Adoration: We are living in challenging times, and we need to keep our eyes on Jesus. Spending time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament helps us to do this. So, come this Friday, October 30th 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.

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.

Last weekend, those attending the weekend Masses viewed the short talk, “Discerning How to Vote” by Dr. Mary Healy. If you missed it or would like to review it, you're encouraged to go to Renewal Ministries YouTube channel. You can also find there an excellent talk by Ralph Martin entitled: “The American Election and its Global Consequences”.

Check this out: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA give a thorough explanation of Church teaching on voting. Go to <https://youtu.be/mzWOUIFz444> to watch.

US bishops launch novena for Election Day: The bishops of the United States are encouraging Catholics to pray a novena to help form their consciences ahead of Election Day on Nov. 3. “For nine consecutive days, Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, Nov. 3, you are encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the day's intention.” You can go to the USCCB's webpage for each days' intention.

Set Clocks back one hour: Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 1. Here's a reminder to set your clocks back one hour this Saturday night. Pass the word.

Celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 1st. 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 we celebrate these holy individuals, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

A big thank you to all who are giving of their time to keep our church and hall clean. May God reward you.

All Souls' Day: The commemoration of all the faithful departed is celebrated by the Church on Monday, November 2. Mass will be at 8:00 am. 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!

Election Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States, and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give You what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org today for a Catholic voters guide.

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.

