

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Confessions Saturdays 3:15 to 3:45 pm

Meditation for All Saints' Day

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that is what we are.” 1 John 3:1

[A parent tells the following story of her son's surgery.] When my son was a seminarian, he had major knee surgery on All Saints Day morning. As we returned to his dorm room from the hospital, I was privileged to see the “communion of saints” in action. A group of seminarians visited him for the purpose of making him laugh. Two others stopped by to pray the Divine Office with him in the evening. Another seminarian dropped in to pray a rosary with him. Yet another kept him supplied with food and drink. Several left him their phone numbers with instructions to call at any hour of the night. One of the priests brought him Holy Communion. The living saints in his seminary community took care of his every spiritual, social, and physical need.

As powerful as is this earthly “communion of saints...we who live...in no way have an advantage over those who have” died. This is because, as Jesus so clearly stated to those who disputed the resurrection of the body, “all are alive for” God. In the Mass and in our prayers, we saints who are living in Christ share an unbroken fellowship with the saints who have died — “through him, with him, and in him.” Thus the seminarians who prayed with my son invoked the prayers of several canonized saints in heaven. These young men requested prayer support from these saints with just as much confidence as they would have talked to a living seminarian standing in the room. We are all connected in the Body of Christ. “Neither death nor life...will be able to separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord”.



Food Pantry Nov: Canned Dinner

October 25th Church Support \$1,296

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Nov. 2, 8:00am †All the Faithful Departed

No Mass Tuesday & Wednesday

Thu. Nov. 5, 8:00 am †Shorty Bader [Rdr: Ida]

Fri. Nov. 6, 8:00 am †Lolis Linde [Rdr: Loretta]

Sat. Nov. 7, 4:00 pm †Vern Schneider

Sat. Nov. 7, 5:30 pm †Helen Reiss

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

Sun. Nov. 8, 10:00am (L)Loretta Leonard

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Kara Riley, Verna Ehnes, Alice Clausen, Eleanor Mitzel, Mary Lou Scherer, Carol Collignon, Tom Holzer, Steve Schatz, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Bill Klucas, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Marilyn Bohlander, Keith & Darcy Gill, Dan Schweitzer, Isabel Townley, Jr. Neumiller and family, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Bob Zerr, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Bobby Zerr, Chad Uchtyl, Colleen Froseth, Sharon Neuhaith, Laura Goldade, Mark Nordstrom, Lisa Anderson, Jeff Pfeifle.

Deepest Sympathy: We offer our heartfelt condolences to Patrick (Kristin) Feiock in the loss of his father, Dean Feiock. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May he rest in peace.*

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, November 6th 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.

Celebrate All Saints' Day today, 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. 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 this 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.

Praying for the Faithful Departed: Prayer for the dead is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform. Through our prayers, we can help the faithful departed during their time in Purgatory, so that they can enter more quickly into the fullness of Heaven. One form of prayer is to have a Mass prayed for deceased loved ones.

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!

This is National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated from November 1 to 7. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation. Check out National Vocations Awareness Week 2020 at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations>

Good News! St. Joseph parish has purchased a subscription to FORMED.

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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.

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 Vocations

Lord Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, give to our young people the generosity necessary to follow your call and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to your service and to rejoice whenever one of their children is called to the priesthood or religious life. May your example and that of your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph encourage both young people and parents and let your grace sustain them. Amen.

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.

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.

