

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 anytime by appointment.**Meditation for the 3rd Sunday of Lent****“Look here! For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down.” —Lk. 13:7**

Maybe you are like the fig tree. You haven't been producing any fruit for the Lord in the last few years. But you're not too concerned about it and you haven't had any big problems for a while. When you read headlines about people murdered or tragic accidents, you thank God nothing like that happens to you.

You may be lulling yourself into complacency. This could be the last year for your mediocre, self-centered existence. It may be you are about to get cut down and thrown into the fire. You may have wasted your last extension, and the Lord must finally let you reap the wages of doing your own thing.

The Lord doesn't want you to be cut down. He even died on the cross to prevent your destruction. You must accept His saving death not just mentally and verbally, but practically. You must live no longer for yourself but for Him Who, for your sake, died and was raised up.

The Bible and today's readings in particular “have been written as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. For all these reasons, let anyone who thinks he is standing upright watch out lest he fall!”

Prayer: Father, may I want to bear fruit for You more than I want earthly treasures.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Mar. 25, 8:00 am †Carol & Harry Day Family [Rdr:Ida]

Tues. Mar. 26, 5:30 pm †Bill Omafray [Rdr:JoAnn]

Wed. Mar. 27, 8:00 am †Dick & Margaret Erdmann [Rdr:Audrey]

Thursday *Fr. Bill's Sabbath Rest away*

Fri. Mar. 29, 5:30 pm (L)Lisa Anderson [Rdr:Theresa]

Sat. Mar. 30, 5:30 pm †Shorty Bader

Sun. Mar. 31, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. Mar. 31, 10:00am †John & Julia Wilhelm

Choir this Wednesday **5:00 pm****Food Pantry March:** Can of Green Beans**Sunday, March 17th Offering = \$3,557**

Altar Society Meeting: Ladies, please note that since there was no meeting last week, there will be a meeting **this Tuesday, March 26** at 7:00 pm in the hall. All ladies are invited to help plan upcoming spring events.

Stations of the Cross: Tuesdays at 5:00 pm - before the 5:30 daily Mass. Come join us in reflection on the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sis Hepper, Marge Mertz, Marge Knodel, Lolis Linde, Jane Leibel, Barb Overland, Nick Lausterer, Dr. Mike Holland, Gordie & Rachel Hoisington, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Terry Lundberg, Nick Bornong, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Jaydlynn Nickels, Sr. Deanna Butler, Tim Ondahl, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Brayden Goehring, Doug Orth, Kenny Holzer, Bobby Zerr, Gwen Collins, Heath Huberg, Nancy Totton, Richard Ducheneaux, Harry Day, Mattie Sieler, Lisa Anderson.

Thank you for your support of CFSA.**Parish Goal** **\$38,800****Total Amount Paid:** **\$31,892**

A big thank you to all who have returned your CFSA pledge card. If you have not done so, please help us by returning your card this week. If you need one, let us know. Thank you and God bless.

Prayer Request for the Alpha Retreat: For all those who have been attending the weekly sessions and will be on retreat beginning today (Sunday) from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please keep us all in your prayers as we see more of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Eucharistic Adoration: This Fridays 4:00 to 5:15 pm. Confessions 4:14 to 5:00 pm.

➔ **Youth Conference forms are due. Please submit them today.**

You are invited: Do you want to be a part of moving our Parish forward to something greater than what we can begin to imagine? Please join the discussion on Saturday, May 4th at the New Evangelization Summit. During the day we will hear from leaders in parish renewal who will inspire us, encourage us and give us practical wisdom and resources on how we can experience more for our parish. We will have small group discussions on the material presented to us in each of the talks. We will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to come Saturday, May 4th beginning at 8:45 am. To learn more about the speakers and to register, please visit www.newevangelization.ca/

Couples Retreat for young or old: Give a gift to your marriage by allowing Deacon James Keating to lead you through a spiritual and joyful retreat experience. This retreat will remind us that we are brought together in Christ to help each other get to heaven. The goal of the weekend is to remind us of our call to be saints in the making...TOGETHER! The retreat will be held at Broom Tree Retreat Center near Irene, SD April 5-7. To register, call 263-1040 or visit broomtree@sfcatholic.org.

Monday is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord: “The Word became flesh”. This is a most shocking revelation. We believe that the almighty, all-holy God, Who created an awesome universe spanning millions of light-years, became a human being smaller than your thumbnail. Our personal relationship with God began with the Incarnation and continues through the Holy Spirit even after the ascension of Christ’s physical body into heaven. The Holy Spirit puts us in touch with the person of Jesus through Christ’s body, the Church, and the sacraments, especially Jesus’ body and blood in the Eucharist. Monday’s feast day, the Annunciation, celebrates the beginning of love that comes only in a personal relationship. Praise Jesus, Who is God, Man, and Love!

“Encounter” School of Healing: APRIL 12-13 AT UNIVERSITY OF MARY IN BISMARCK. The Encounter School of Healing is a short conference to teach and activate Catholics to minister Jesus’s healing in the world. Register at www.encounterministries.us. A Healing Service open to the public will be held Saturday at 7:00 pm.

Fish Fry: Mark your calendars for the next and final fish fry to be held on Friday, April 12 with serving from 5:00-7:00 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome. *Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.*

Treasure Hut 1/2 Price Sale: 219 Main Street, Hoven, benefiting St. Anthony Church. Two big weeks! Each day except Sundays, from Saturday, March 23 through Saturday, April 6, 9:00 am – 4 pm.

Marriage Retreat: Begins Friday, April 5, 7:00 pm to Sunday, April 7, 11:00 am at The Abbey of the Hills. The retreat’s three main components will be Rest, Reignite, and Reconnect. Whether you are newlyweds or have been married for decades, investing time in growing closer to God will help you grow closer to each other. To register please visit our website at <http://www.abbeyofthehills.org> or call 398-9200.