

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD**

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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2019 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS**

“The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.”

*Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. May God Bless you.*

**Meditation for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**“The disciples could not but be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.”** Acts 13:52

In the missals used by parishes over twenty years ago, the above verse is translated: “The disciples knew only how to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” What a great description this is for a disciple of Jesus Christ!

Disciples shake off the dust of rejection, persecution, failure, prejudice, mistreatment, anger, bitterness, etc. They walk away from it and move on. This is part of the reason Jesus commanded His disciples to travel lightly. You can’t travel very far if you’re carrying a lot of spiritual baggage around.

After we disciples have completely shaken off all such dust, we never look back. We refuse to resurrect old wounds, for love does not remember past injuries. We “give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead”. We “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”.

If, in imitation of our heavenly Father, we’ve forgiven and forgotten so much, what remains on our minds? All that’s left is to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. We have empty memories and full hearts. “Receive the Holy Spirit”. “Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice!”

**Prayer:** *Father, nothing can separate me from Your love except my own free will. Take my will and give me Your will in return.*

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Mon. May 13, 8:00 am †Tim Mulloy [Rdr:Ida]

No Mass this Tuesday, *Fr at priest fraternity mtg*

Wednesday May 15, 8:00 am Members of Parish [Rdr:Loretta]

Fri. May 17, 5:30 pm †James J. Maher [Rdr:Theresa]

Sat. May 18, 5:30 pm †Lauri Hepper

Sun. May 19, 8:00 am †Lorraine Butler

Sun. May 19, 10:00am *People of the Parish*

**St. Joseph Parish, of Mobridge, SD** is looking for a part-time or full-time maintenance and grounds keeping person. This person will perform facility set up, lawn care, simple building and grounds maintenance and some ice/snow removal. Some knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and general HVAC knowledge helpful. Hours are flexible. If interested, please contact Fr. Bill Hamak at 845-5212 or frwilliamhamak@sfcatholic.org.

**Graduation Mass and Reception:** We honor our high school graduates today, Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass. Following Mass we will continue to honor them with our presence and cards as we share a light continental breakfast in the parish hall for all. We congratulate our 2019 graduates: Will Beadle, Hayley Borah, Noah Fried, Genevieve Krause, and Isaac Olson.

**Congratulations** to the recipient of the 2019 Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Isaac Olson, whose plans are to attend Texas A & M University. Thank you to all applicants who were all good candidates.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Fridays 4:00 to 5:15. Spend time in adoration before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to increase the amount of joy and the Holy Spirit in your life. Confessions 4:15 to 5:00 pm.

Parish Office closed this Tuesday

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Steve Erdmann, Terry Lundberg, Bishop Paul Swain, Emma Keller, Marge Mertz, Marge Knodel, Lolis Linde, Steve Russell, Nick Lausterer, Sharon Joyce Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Gordie & Rachel Hoisington, Jerry Poe, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Sr. Deanna Butler, Tim Ondahl, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Brayden Goehring, Doug Orth, Kenny Holzer, Bobby Zerr, Gwen Collins, Heath Huberg, Richard Ducheneaux, Harry Day, Lisa Anderson.

**First Holy Communion Sunday** is next Sunday, May 19, 10:00 am Mass. Please pray for the First Communicants and their families.

**Parish Potluck next Sunday** to honor our First Communicants following Mass. Open to all. Please bring a dish to share.

**Monday, the 13th day of May, is the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.** It was on this day that the Blessed Virgin Mary started her series of apparition to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin and a dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially through praying the Rosary. Mary came to exhort the faithful to change their lives, to avoid grieving Our Lord by sin; and to pray the Rosary for sinners. Daily Mass will be at 8:00 am.

**A big thank you to the Alpha team and guests:** Many individuals teamed together to make it all possible. God's blessings were truly felt by many. A big thank you to each of the team members who gave of their time to make this a fruitful ministry. Thanks to all the guests who participated. Their presence each week brought joy to all the team. We also thank Sarah Fulkerson who coordinated the childcare and to all the volunteers who assisted her each week. Two thumbs up for Rick Christman and his staff for a delicious meal every week. Our next Alpha will begin in the Fall. Team training will take place this summer. If interested in serving on the team, please contact Fr. Bill at 845-5212.

**A Big Thank You** to all who helped with snow removal this past winter whether it was moving a shovel, operating equipment or paying for the parking lot to be cleared. Many thanks to all of you. May the Lord reward your good works.

**Intercessory Prayer Meeting:** Prayer is powerful and changes lives. Please join us for an hour of prayer Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 pm in the Church. We want to offer prayers for the youth who will be attending the youth conference in Denver, our Confirmation candidates, our first communicants, those who are on the journey to full communion with the Church, fallen away Catholics, future Alpha participants, parish volunteers & staff and for all members of the parish.

**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournaments" Monday, June 3** at Big Stone City - Lakeside Park and **Monday June 10**, at Pierre - Oahe Downstream Recreation Area (located 5 miles north of Pierre). A raffle for two chances to win \$2,500 cash. Proceeds go toward seminarian education. To register or purchase a ticket, call the Catholic Community Foundation at 988-3765.

**"Motherhood** means sharing in the life of the child. Since Mary is the mother of us all, her care for the life of man is universal. The care of a mother embraces her child totally. Mary's motherhood has its beginning in her motherly care for Christ." St. John Paul II

**Discipleship Camp:** Spots are filling up for our high school and junior high D-Camps! The 2019 camp dates are June 24-27 (High School Session 1), July 7-10 (High School Session 2), and July 11-14 (Junior High Session). There will be talks about growing in faith, epic all-camp Olympic games and competitions, the chance to go to Mass, Confession and Adoration, and time to bond with new friends! Register online: [www.sfcatholic.org/youth/](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/).

**Beloved: A Women's Conference:** Beloved—A Women's Conference is an opportunity for women to be refreshed and renewed in the Father's Love. Experience Jennifer Fulwiler, Barbara Heil, and local favorite Bobbi Meyer Saturday, June 15, 2019, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Go to [www.sfcatholic.org/womensconference](http://www.sfcatholic.org/womensconference) to register!

**The Temptation of Christ:** Monday and Tuesday, May 20 & 21 at 7:00 pm at the Mac Theatre. Free to the public and sponsored by Cornerstone Church. Go to [Faithworkspictures.org](http://Faithworkspictures.org) for more info.

**Attention, Young Men:** JPPII Vocations Camp at Abbey of the Hills, June 5-7, for Men ages 12-16. Camp is run by Fr. Shaun Haggarty and Fr. Jordan Samson and seminarians. Cost is \$200. Visit [www.sfvocations.org/](http://www.sfvocations.org/).