

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 4th Sunday of Lent

“But we had to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead, and has come back to life.

He was lost, and is found.” —Luke 15:32

If someone raped and murdered your daughter and then repented, would you attend the party given by God in honor of the repentant rapist-murderer? If you are a normal human being, you would grow “angry at this and would not go in”.

By God’s grace, there are many repentant rapists, murderers, blasphemers, persecutors, and men and women formerly filled with arrogance. God the Father is constantly throwing parties for all His returned prodigal children, and He invites all their victims and their families to come to the celebration. However, those who see themselves as victimized, rather than prodigal, naturally don’t feel like going to the party.

Only by accepting God’s grace to forgive the prodigals will the victims be able to come to the party. There they may realize that the prodigals are victims and the victims prodigals. There they will see even more clearly not only the horror of sin but also the miraculous glory of repentance and forgiveness. There they will see the Victim Who is not a prodigal. There they will see God.

Prayer: Father, by Your grace, may I forgive everyone for everything.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Apr. 1, 8:00 am Healing Steve Erdmann [Rdr:Loretta]

Tues. Apr. 2, 5:30 pm Healing Steve Dady [Rdr:Ida]

Wed. Apr. 3, 8:00 am †Richard Blankartz[Rdr:Audrey]

Thursday *Fr. Bill’s Sabbath Rest away*

Fri. Apr. 5, 5:30 pm Sp.Int. Mary Biegler [Rdr:Theresa]

Sat. Apr. 6, 5:30 pm †Lud & Bernardine Thomas & Dennis Fritz

Sun. Apr. 7, 8:00 am †Sig Stavnes

Sun. Apr. 7, 10:00am *People of the Parish*

Choir this Wednesday **5:00 pm**

Food Pantry April: Canned Fruit

Sunday, March 24th Offering = \$3,769

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sis Hepper, Marge Mertz, Marge Knodel, Lolis Linde, 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.

Youth Conference forms are due.
Please submit them today.

Lenten Confession Times:

Just a reminder to all parents that your children will not have an opportunity to go to Confession during Wednesday CRE class. So, please take advantage of these times and bring your whole family.

Sunday, April 7th 4:00 pm [2 priests]

Monday, April 8th 7:00 pm [2 priests]

Tuesday, April 9th 4:00 to 5:00 pm [4 or 5 Priests]

Note: No 4:15 pm Confessions on Friday, April 12th

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. Bring the whole family.

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.*

Easter Triduum Schedule:

Holy Thursday-7:00 pm - The Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Good Friday-3:00 pm - The celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Easter Vigil- 8:30 pm *Correction from Volunter Schedule*

Easter flower contributions can be submitted in an envelope with a memo “Easter flowers” with names of those in whose memory or honor you are giving the flower.

A great long held devotion in the church is to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration of our Eucharistic Lord. Come and discover the blessings that flow from abiding in God’s loving presence during Eucharistic Adoration. This Friday 4:00 to 5:15 pm. Confessions 4:15 to 5:00 pm. Mass at 5:30 pm.

Telephone Prayer Chain Contacts: If you have requests for the Prayer Chain, please call one of the following individuals: Mary Biegler, 701-535-0581, cell; Bev Coragiulo, 845-2401; Ida Holzer, 845-7003; Audrey Lesmeister, 845-3035. They are happy to take your requests.

Thank you for your support of CFSA.
Parish Goal **\$38,800**
Total Amount Paid: **\$34,712**

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.

*Jesus died so we may live.
Are you living?*

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 .

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 listen to 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/

“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.

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.

Dinner & Raffle at United Congregational Church, Mobridge on Sunday, April 7, 5:30-7:30 pm. Loaded baked potato dinner (free will offering) to raise funds for office remodeling. For raffle tickets call 845-2931.

Examination of Conscience

- Am I a believer who is somewhat worldly and only somewhat believing?
What am I doing to grow spiritually? Sloth is spiritual laziness.
Have I failed to educate myself on the true teachings of the Church?
Did I despair of or presume on God’s mercy?
Did I take God’s name in vain, curse or break an oath or vow?
Did I miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation?
Was I inattentive at Mass? Did I come late or leave early?
Did I do unnecessary servile work on Sunday?
Did I neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children or parents?
Have I forgiven those who offend me and resisted every kind of resentment? Do I harbor resentments?
Did I fail to actively take an interest in the religious education and formation of my children?
Did I give scandal by what I said or did, especially to the young? Was I the cause of anyone leaving the faith?
Was I impatient, angry, envious, unkind, proud, jealous, greedy?
Did I give bad example, abuse drugs, drink alcohol to excess, fight or quarrel?
Did I physically injure, had an abortion or advised one?
Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts and desires? Have I dressed immodestly?
Did I watch impure movies or use pornography?
Have I performed impure actions by myself or with others? Which ones? How many times?
Do I love and safeguard purity in my heart, thoughts and deeds?
Did I marry or advise another to marry outside the Church?
Have I told those who live in sin about the need for conversion?
Did I practice artificial birth control or was I or my spouse sterilized? Have I rejected a newly conceived life?
Did I steal, cheat, help or encourage others to steal or keep stolen goods? Have I made restitution?
Did I tell lies? Deliberately deceive, or injure others by lies? Did I commit perjury?
Was I uncharitable in word or deed, gossip or reveal others’ faults and sins? Fail to keep secrets I should have?
Do I over-indulge in eating, drinking, smoking and being entertained?
Have I set aside time and had the courage to visit the sick and the imprisoned?
Did I go to Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?

ACT OF CONTRITION: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life.