

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 5th Sunday of Lent****“I have come to rate all as loss in the light of the surpassing knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ.” —Phil 3:8**

Have you had a good Lent so far? If your values, treasures, and life-style were changed by the Lord, then you've had a great Lent. Where your treasure is, there is your heart. If your heart is right with God, you are living for the Lord. Only God can change our values. They become quickly entrenched, and we even build a whole lifestyle around them. Only Love can change our lives. Only the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ can surpass a selfish lifestyle.

Lent can be the time when we let the true God destroy and dethrone the false gods of our modern lifestyle. Lent can be our engagement with the risen Lord so as to disengage us from our homage to the world. It can be the time of attachment to Jesus and detachment from the world. If we let the Lord have His way, our fascination with the gods of this world will be “snuffed out and quenched like a wick,” “never to rise”. This Lent we can make a clean break with the world, forfeit everything, and account all else rubbish so that Christ can be our wealth. This “comes through faith in Christ”. “Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.”

Prayer: Lord, this Lent set me free, whatever it takes.**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Mon. Apr. 8, 8:00 am †Fr. Larry Barnett [Rdr:Audrey]

Tues. Apr. 9, 5:30 pm †Richard Blankartz [Rdr:Theresa]

Wed. Apr. 10, 8:00 am †Joe & Ida Schatz [Rdr:Ida]

Thursday *Fr. Bill's Sabbath Rest away*

Fri. Apr. 12, 5:30 pm †Don & Edna Maher [Rdr:Loretta]

Sat. Apr. 13, 5:30 pm †Connie Griffith

Sun. Apr. 14, 8:00 am †Ralph Butler

Sun. Apr. 14, 10:00am *People of the Parish***Choir this Wednesday 5:00 pm****Food Pantry April: Canned Fruit****Sunday, March 31st Offering = \$3,969****Parish CFSA Assessment: \$38,800****Total Amount Paid: \$36,297**

Our Condolences go out to the Donald (Don) Bleyle, Sr. family. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, April 12 at 10:00 am. Scriptural Wake Service will be held at Oster's Funeral Home chapel Thursday at 6:00 pm. Our Prayers & sympathy also go out to Dan Roesler whose aunt Regina Herricks died. We pray for the repose of their souls.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sis Hepper, Marge Mertz, Marge Knodel, Lolis Linde, Nick Lausterer, Sharon Joyce Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Gordie & Rachel Hoisington, Jerry Poe, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, 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.

Lenten Confession Times:**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]**

Stations of the Cross: Tuesday at 5:00 pm - before the 5:30 daily Mass. Come join us in reflecting on the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. Bring the whole family.

Holy Week Schedule: *Easter Triduum**Corrections from volunteer 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**

Fish Fry: Come to the fish fry this 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 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.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Monday, April 15, 7:00 pm. Men, consider joining this service group.

First Communicants & Parents Retreat – Sunday, April 28, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm - in the Hall.

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.

How can St. Joseph Parish be all that God wants it to be?

On Saturday, May 4th beginning at 8:45 am and ending at about 4:30 pm St. Joseph Parish will be a satellite location for the New Evangelization Summit. This means we will stream in on our TV screens the talks from the gathering taking place in Ottawa. We will hear a message that will inspire us, encourage us and give us practical wisdom and resources on effective evangelization to help us fulfill the mission of the our parish. Come and learn about the fundamental mission of the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to come Saturday, May 4th. Lunch will be provided.

To register, please visit www.newevangelization.ca/

Speakers for the New Evangelization Summit

Cardinal Lacroix, Archdiocese of Quebec. Will address how to share the Good News when the Church is engulfed in bad news.

Fr. James Mallon is the part-time Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal and Leadership Support for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada. Fr. James will show us that through a team effort there is hope for change in the way we run our parishes.

Michael Dopp is the founder of the New Evangelization Summit, and Mission of the Redeemer Ministries.

Fr. Jon Bielawski has the combined roles of Episcopal Vicar for Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools with running a busy parish.

Michele Thompson developed the Genesis Mission as a program for parish renewal. Fr. Jon and Michele in their talk will witness to how relational evangelizing leads to thriving parishes.

Michelle Moran and her husband are founder members of Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has personally appointed Michelle to work on establishing new structures for the service of Renewal and Mission in the Church. Michelle will talk on the need for the Holy Spirit in the parish mission of Evangelization.

Altar Society Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm. All women of the parish are members and are encouraged to attend.

April Anniversaries: We give our best wishes to George & Phyllis Frazier and honor them for 66 years of marriage on April 27. Congratulations to all who will mark wedding anniversaries in this month.

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.

The effects of the Sacrament of Penance are: reconciliation with God and with the Church; recovery, if it has been lost, of the state of grace; remission of the eternal punishment merited by mortal sins, and remission, at least in part, of the temporal punishment which is the consequence of sin; peace, serenity of conscience and spiritual consolation; and an increase of spiritual strength for the struggle of Christian living.