

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Family Rosary: 5:00 pm on Thursdays



Meditation for the First Sunday of Advent

“What I say to you, I say to all: Be on guard!” —Mark 13:37

Welcome to Advent. Christmas is near! Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. We begin a new liturgical year with anticipation and hope. This sounds encouraging, but “we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags”. It hurts to look in the mirror! Fortunately, God refuses to abandon his wounded children. “Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands”. If we are repentant and open to his grace, interior renovation follows. In this reconstruction project, we also have heavenly helpers. St. Paul prays, “I continually thank my God for you because of the favor he has bestowed on you in Christ Jesus”.

Therefore, our duty isn’t to agonize over sin or become self-loathing. Rather, God directs us to focus on our “own task”. This allows us to take a deep breath and fulfill our unique role — and stop trying to be something we are not. The Body of Christ functions best when each member exercises his or her own God-given gifts. We then allow the Holy Spirit to mold us into virtuous disciples. Now we’re better prepared for Christ’s coming: both his coming as a Babe in Bethlehem and his return at the end of time. “Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come”.

Prayer: Father, make Advent my season of transformation.

Finance Council Meeting: Tues., Dec. 1st
7:00 pm
Food Pantry December: Peanut Butter

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Nov. 30, *Fr. Bill’s Sabbath day away*
Tue. Dec. 1, 5:30 pm †Helen Reiss [Rdr: Ida]
Wed. Dec. 2, 8:00 am †Lila Nelson [Rdr: Jeff]
Thu. Dec. 3, 8:00 am †John Schaeffbauer [Rdr:Audrey]
Fri. Dec. 4, 8:00 am †Lolis Linde [Rdr: JoAnn]
Sat. Dec. 5, 4:00 pm †Lud & Bernardine Thomas & Dennis Fritz
Sat. Dec. 5, 5:30 pm †*People of the Parish*
Sun. Dec. 6, 8:00 am †Quintine Mertz
Sun. Dec. 6, 10:00am †Emily Holzer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Nehemiah Bauer, Carol Day, Rose Barton, Catherine Luckhurst, Mary Thares, Ava Gill, Darlene Raba, Kara Riley, Verna Ehnes, Alice Clausen, Judy Holzer, Mary Lou Scherer, Carol Collignon, Steve Schatz, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Bill Klucas, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Jr. Neumiller and family, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Bob Zerr, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Bobby Zerr, Colleen Froseth, Sharon Neuharth, Laura Goldade, Mark Nordstrom, Lisa Anderson, Jeff Pfeifle.

A Day of Eucharistic Adoration First Friday: Dec. 4th
“Four weeks to slow down in the hustle and bustle, The Advent of Christmas is here!” (*Matt Maher*) This Friday, December 4th with 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.

**The Immaculate Conception of Mary
Holy Day of Obligation**

Tuesday, December 8th - 8:00 am & 5:30 pm
Volunteer Sign-up sheets will be available next weekend for Christmas Masses.

Immaculate Conception of Mary is Tuesday, December 8th: This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mary was conceived in the state of perfect justice, free from Original Sin and its consequences, in virtue of the redemption achieved by Christ on the cross. In this sense, the privilege of the Immaculate Conception was the anticipated fruit of Christ’s saving passion, death, and resurrection. It was only fitting that she who was to bear the Savior of the world should herself be preserved by him from sin and its consequences and so be the first to benefit from what he would obtain for the whole human race. Masses will be **Tuesday, Dec. 8, 8:00 am & 5:30 pm.**

The Advent Season: Today the season of Advent begins. During these next few weeks before Christmas we focus on preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This coming of Jesus is not to a stable but into our lives in a new and real way. We are invited to seek the Lord Jesus with all our heart and invite him once again into our lives. The Lord Jesus desires to share with us the fullness of his love and mercy. But unless we make a clear decision and a conscious effort every day to turn from sin and follow him, we will know very little of his love and the life he offers us. This Advent let us like never before make seeking Jesus a high priority every day. If we do this we can truly anticipate knowing and experiencing the real reason for celebrating Christmas.

Best Advent Ever: The first day of Advent is November 29, and sign-ups for BEST ADVENT EVER 2020 with Matthew Kelly are now open! Each day, Matthew Kelly will be giving powerful daily video reflections on the Gospel readings. We’re calling it *Let Your Soul Shine*.

Words of Thanks: I would like to thank everyone who has shown their kindness to me in my recent retirement. You may have given me a card, a gift, flowers, or said kind words to me. The Spiritual Bouquet was a very special blessing. I will forever be thankful for all the kind words offered and all the Masses and prayers you are saying for me. My prayers will always be for all the wonderful people of St. Joseph’s Parish. *Marge Mertz*

Memorial for Christmas Wreaths may be given for loved ones. A limited number of 36" indoor wreaths are available. You **must** call the parish office at 845-2100 prior to paying.

The 24th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral goes Virtual! The live productions of the *Annual Christmas at the Cathedral* have been cancelled due to the rising numbers of COVID cases. A special pre-recorded production will air on **KELOLAND Television on December 25th at 6:30 PM**. To view the program *before* Dec 25, call 988-3765 to purchase a virtual code.



Vocation Discernment Retreat: You can sign up at <https://seminarydiscernmentretreat2020.splashthat.com/>. Dec. 10-12, Men 18 & older Broom Tree Retreat Center Irene, Cost: \$80 (Financial Assistance Available)

Church Envelopes for 2021 now ready to pick up: Boxes of household envelopes are now ready in the church entryway for those who use them. Please check and take your box. If you do not find a box for your family among them, call the parish office and one will be issued to you.

Flower Envelope Offering: This year, there will be envelopes in the pews to use for making an offering for Christmas flowers. If you would like to donate towards flowers as a memorial for deceased loved ones or in honor of someone living, please note the name/s clearly on the flap side of the envelope. Thank you.

28th Annual Advent Baby Shower, now through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the designated area in main entrance. These gifts will fill the needs of families in our local community.

Please help Trent Two Hearts in his recovery: Trent, the son of Aubrey & Theresa Two Hearts, has returned home. To help with Trent’s ongoing care, anyone who would like to assist the family by offering gift cards to Paylessfoods, Merkel’s Foods, or with gas cards is encouraged to do so. You may bring or send the gift cards to the parish office, and Val Ford will see that the family receives them.

December Wedding Anniversaries: Congratulations to Quenton & Vivian Heid who will celebrate a very special one on Dec. 27, their 65th! We wish them and all couples marking anniversaries in December much happiness and continued blessings.

FORMED Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent: *The Road to Bethlehem* is a free opt-in digital discipleship program designed to lead all into an encounter with Christ and his love throughout Advent. Sign up at FORMED.org/Advent

SATURDAY, December 5- 4:00 pm
LECTOR: JoAnn Omafray
GREETER: JoAnn Omafray

SATURDAY, December 5 - 5:30 pm
ROSARY: Ida Holzer
LECTOR: Travis Vetch
EEM: Sharon Miklos
USHER: Gary Dietterle
GREETER: Sis Hepper & Kathy Knudson

SUNDAY, December 6 - 8:00 am
ROSARY: Jim Curran
LECTOR: Terry Kraft
EEM: Audrey Lesmeister
USHER: Ron Roesler
GREETERS: Del & Andree Marshall

SUNDAY, December 6 - 10:00 am
ROSARY: Margie Tillman
LECTOR: J.J. Beadle
EEM: Jason Weisbeck
USHER: Joe Beadle
GREETERS: LeRoy & Joanne Trautman



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Tuesday, December 8 – 8:00 am
ROSARY: Margie Tillman
LECTOR: Loretta Leonard
EEM: JoAnn Omafray

Tuesday, December 8 – 5:30 pm
ROSARY: Marilyn Anderson
LECTOR: Audrey Lesmeister
EEM: Jeff Anderson

SATURDAY, December 12 - 4:00 pm
LECTOR: JoAnn Omafray
GREETER: JoAnn Omafray

SATURDAY, December 12- 5:30 pm
ROSARY: Mary Biegler
LECTOR: Sharon Miklos
USHER: Ray Miklos
GREETERS: Gwen Grad & Adzie Schmaltz

SUNDAY, December 13- 8:00 am
ROSARY: Andree Marshall
LECTOR: Leo Vojta
EEM: Andree Marshall
USHER: Del Marshall
GREETERS: JoAnn Omafray

SUNDAY, December 13 - 10:00 am
ROSARY: Marilyn Anderson
LECTORS: Jamie Weisbeck
EEM: Dan Heil
USHER: Kris Mosset
GREETERS: Jill Olson Family