

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

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**Family Rosary:** 5:00 pm on Thursdays



**Meditation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**“In his arms he gathers the lambs.” —Isaiah 40:11**

The Lord plans to comfort his people. However, it’s hard to comfort a person on the move. When my children were small, they often fell and hurt themselves. I would gather the screaming child in my arms and attempt to “give comfort” to them. Sometimes they would get stiff as a board and refuse to be comforted. Other times, they would squirm relentlessly and would not accept comfort. When they allowed me to comfort them, I placed their head against my chest, and they rested, becoming still enough to hear my heart beat.

This is God’s plan for us. He commands us: “Quiet! Be still!” If we let him, he will gather us in his arms and attempt to comfort us. Like the child, we can squirm away from him or become stiff and make “no room for” Jesus. Conversely, we can decide to become still enough to hear what the Lord says. We will then rejoice to hear the beating of his Sacred Heart as he speaks to us. When we are still, we are in position to be able to hear him as he patiently tells us to repent and change our hearts.

Are you feverishly preparing for the “holidays,” or are you daily setting aside “still time” with Jesus? “You have only to keep still”. Be still and know he is God. Then repent and confess your sins.

**Jesus, help me to still and quiet my soul. “When cares abound within me, your comfort gladdens my soul”.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

**Mon. Dec. 7, 10:00 am** Funeral Mass †Rose Barton

**Tue. Dec. 8, 8:00 am** *People of the Parish* [Rdr: Loretta]

**Tue. Dec. 8, 5:30 pm** (L)Carol Day [Rdr: Audrey]

Wed. Dec. 9, 8:00 am †Helen Reiss [Rdr: Ida]

**NO Mass Thursday** *Fr. Bill’s Sabbath rest away*

Fri. Dec. 11, 8:00 am (L)Marge Mertz [Rdr: Jeff]

Sat. Dec. 12, 4:00 pm †Don Erdmann

Sat. Dec. 12, 5:30 pm †Lolis Linde

Sun. Dec. 13, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. Dec. 13, 10:00am †Joan Rath

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Nehemiah Bauer, Carol Day, Catherine Luckhurst, Mary Thares, Ava Gill, Darlene Raba, Kara Riley, Verna Ehnes, Alice Clausen, 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.

**November 29<sup>th</sup> Church Support \$2,865**

**Christmas Mass Times:**

Thursday, Dec 24, 2:30 & 4:30 pm

Friday, Dec 25, 8:00 & 10:00 am

*Sign up to help on side table.*

**Deepest Sympathy:** Our sincere condolences are extended to Judy (Duane) Martin, Myrna (Dan) Holzer, and Amy (Jim) Cerney in the death of their aunt, Rose Barton, and to Marcy (Dan) Roesler in the loss of her brother, Joe Leibel. *May the angels bring them to Paradise.*

**The funeral Mass for Rose Barton** will be held here at St. Joseph’s this Monday at 10:00 am.

**Want to learn how to pray?** The best way to learn to pray is simply to pray. Setting a regular time to pray helps this learning process. Time is needed to pray so you need to spend time often in prayer. I suggest that you come to the church every Friday while Adoration is taking place to learn and grow in your ability to pray. Praying in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist enhances your prayer.

**A Day of Eucharistic Adoration:** This Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 8:00 am - Exposition at 8:30 am and Benediction at **7:15 pm**. Please sign up at the main entrance to the Church.

**Best Advent Ever - Let Your Soul Shine:**

Sign-ups for BEST ADVENT EVER with Matthew Kelly. Each day, Matthew Kelly will be giving powerful daily video reflections on the Gospel readings. We’re calling it *Let Your Soul Shine*.

**The Immaculate Conception of Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am & 5:30 pm**

**Immaculate Conception of Mary**

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.

**Advent Confession Times:**

Tuesday, December 8, 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Friday, December 11, 5:30 – 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 12, 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 – 5:00 pm [2 priests]

Saturday, December 19, 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Sunday, December 20, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

**St. Joseph Parish Christmas Decorating** Sun., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 am Mass. Your help will be needed.

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

**Read the book *The Search*:** You may know someone who has stopped attending Mass. Can you change his/her mind? Call out to him with *The Search*, a new video-based program that removes barriers to the Gospel by engaging life's big questions. Our Church and its people are facing a time of trial. The book entitled *The Search*, written by Chris Stefanick, will help encourage and inspire. Pick up a free copy to read from the books table in the entryway. *The Search* is for everyone, from committed Catholics to adults and teenagers and to those who are outside the Church but are longing for meaning and purpose.

**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)

**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.

**28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Financial Council Meeting Notes:** Present where: Fr. Bill, Leo Vojta, Ken Heil, Mark Dady, Carol Zimoski. The financial statements were reviewed and approved. Potential replacements for Diane Mayer, who has resigned was discussed. Quarterly meeting dates were set for the next year. The discussion on the purchase of snow removal equipment continued. Two small snow blowers will be sold. A discussion to paint and beautify the interior of the church by a professional artist was on the table as new business. Next meeting will be April 13, 2021

**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](http://FORMED.org/Advent)

**The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is this Saturday:** Mary appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God to Blessed Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian, on December 9, 10, and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his cactus fiber cloak, or "tilma", which still exists today for all to see in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Our Lady came to offer faith, hope and consolation to the oppressed natives of Mexico and to reconcile them with their Spanish rulers. She put an end to the bloody human sacrifice of the Aztecs and converted ten million natives in the next 10 years!



**Catholic Family Services Counseling Service:** During this pandemic, an option we are offering with our current in person counseling, is a HIPPA compliant tele-health format. It is user friendly and can be accessed by phone or computer, as long as you have internet availability. Please contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 to schedule an appointment.

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:**

- Have I put God first in my life by saying my prayers and going to Mass?
- Have I misused God's name?
- Have I lied, not being honest in what I say?
- Have I stolen anything, taking and keeping what does not belong to me?
- Have I cheated in any way?
- Have I gossiped, saying bad things about others?
- Have I gotten angry at others, refusing to forgive them?
- Have I been slothful, not striving to grow in my faith?
- Have I been greedy, wanting to get more for myself than others?
- Have I been prideful, thinking I'm better than others?
- Have I been selfish, not sharing with God, the Church, and others?
- Have I failed to love by not being kind and doing good things when I can?
- Have I been jealous, sad because someone has more or is better than myself?

**An Act of Contrition**

Oh 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 sin no more, to amend my life, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.



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| misuse of God's name | being lukewarm     | fornication    | envy                     |
| having false gods    | murder             | adultery       | jealousy                 |
| anger                | mediocrity         | lust           | greed                    |
| un-forgiveness       | spiritual sloth    | masturbation   | materialism              |
| greed                | vanity             | abortion       | gluttony                 |
| pride                | prejudice          | immodesty      | hatred                   |
| selfishness          | missing Mass       | lying          | cheating                 |
| indifference         | harboring a grudge | gossiping      | artificial birth control |
| ingratitude          | giving scandal     | rash judgments |                          |