

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 Ascension of the Lord****“He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight.”** Acts 1:9

Because we can grow in love when we are in someone’s presence, we treasure the time we spend with those we love. A birth is such a wonderful event because the baby is present to the world and not only to the mother. A death is so difficult because we can no longer in the same way be in the presence of the one who has died. Therefore, Jesus’ ascension would seem to have presented a major problem. Jesus could no longer be seen, heard, or touched. This would seem to make our relationship with Him impossible. However, Jesus said that He would not leave us orphans and that He would be with us forever. He even said that it was better for us that He go.

After Jesus’ ascension, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit so that we could be much deeper in love with Him than when He walked the earth. In the Spirit, we have the faith to be baptized into Jesus. He lives in us; we live in Him. We even receive His body and blood. Nothing like this was possible when Jesus lived on the earth. Jesus’ ascension is an astounding opportunity to be in deep love with Him, if we receive the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Otherwise, Jesus’ ascension is a tragic loss. Come, Holy Spirit!

Prayer: *Father, on this third day of the Pentecost Novena, make me see the inadequacies of my love for You and make me desire new and greater life and love.*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. June 3, 8:00 am †Madelyn Mulloy [Rdr: Loretta]

Tues. June 4, 5:30 pm †Ruth Goetz [Rdr:Ida]

Wed. June 5, 8:00 am Members of the Parish [Rdr: Audrey]

No Thursday Mass *Fr Bill’s Sabbath rest away*

Fri. June 7, 5:30 pm Donald Bleyle, Sr. Family [Rdr: Theresa]

Sat. June 8, 5:30 pm †Jack Dady

Sun. June 9, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. June 10, 10:00am (L) Dick & Loretta Leonard

Food Pantry June: Canned Corn**Sunday, May 26 Offering = \$3,311****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Steve Erdmann, Terry Lundberg, Marge Mertz, 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, Heath Huberg, Richard Ducheneaux, Harry Day, Lisa Anderson.

Steubenville Youth Conference Informational Meeting:

All participants and a parent should attend this meeting to be held in the parish hall this Wednesday, June 5 at 7:30 pm.

A meeting for all Chaperones will be held at 7:00 pm. Please come on time. Sorry for the late notice.

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. “Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit.” (Pope Francis) Confessions 4:15-5:00 pm.

The 23rd Annual “Bishop’s Charity Fishing Tournaments”: Monday June 10, at Pierre - Oahe Downstream Recreation Area. Proceeds go toward seminarian education. To register or purchase a raffle ticket, call the Catholic Community Foundation at 988-3765.

You may also: purchase an outdoor prime rib dinner ticket and join us for dinner, attend an outdoor mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Swain, and/or bid on one of the silent auction items.

New Parish App Coming Soon! In the coming weeks St. Joseph will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Joseph and better engaging the New Evangelization. Please watch in the coming weeks for our official launch announcement.



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 to register!

Holy Spirit Novena: To celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, you are invited to pray the Holy Spirit Novena, the original novena. It is a powerful and moving novena that is meant to help us open ourselves up to the third person of the Holy Trinity. So let us pray with great confidence and trust in our God who is all Good and Loving. It began last Friday, but you can still find it at www.praymorenovenas.com

Just a reminder to those who did not turn in a CFSA pledge card to the parish office. You may receive a phone call from the Bishop's office this month asking for your support. If you give at that time your gift will not be credited to the parish assessment.

Congratulations! *Milestone Wedding Anniversaries* for June include Kerry & Barb Droog, 35 years June 1, Donald & Marge Mertz, 50 years on the 7th, Leo & Sheri Vojta, 35 years on the 9th, Dick & Loretta Leonard, 68 years on the 11th, Marcus & Audrey Lesmeister, 60 years June 18, Ed & Jacki Ries, 40 years on the 23rd, and Todd & Melinda Wagner, 25 years on the 25th. May God continue to guide and bless you.

The forming of a Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council is an advisory and consultative council of lay persons who aid the Pastor in his pastoral care of the Parish. More information forthcoming.

Baptized: Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Trinity Lynn, daughter of Abigail Sandstrom.

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. The fifty days of Easter draw to a close next Sunday as we celebrate the risen Lord's gift of the Holy Spirit. As Christ ascends to the Father, he has not left us orphaned, but through the Holy Spirit continues to live in the hearts of all who believe. After Pentecost people of all ages from all areas of life gathered together in powerful communities by the Spirit (Acts). Where once there was an overwhelming and staggering variety of unanswered needs, now those needs can be met by multiple gifts of the Spirit working through the unique talents of each community member (1 Cor). Where once there was alienation and resentment, now there is the possibility of forgiveness and peace because of the ever present and ever compelling Spirit of Jesus Christ (John).

Dress UP and not down: We would like to remind everyone about appropriate attire for Mass. Remember, you are in the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Clothes with holes, short shorts, spaghetti straps or halter tops are considered immodest clothing and should not be worn to church. If you are serving for Mass, please do not wear flip flops. Remember the 1 hour fast before receiving Holy Communion. No gum, candy or pop before or during Mass.

Gender and Sexual Identity Awareness Workshop: Society is influencing gender understanding across the country, and South Dakota is not immune to the pressure. Dr. Sodergren and DJ Hueneman will speak on the psychology of gender dysphoria and sexual identity through the lens of St John Paul II's Theology of the Body. This workshop is for Priests, DREs, YMs, Principals, and teachers! For more info go to www.sfcatholic.org/catholic-schools/gender-identity/.

My Marriage and the Church:

Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a "dispensation from canonical form," Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love.

Why Marry Catholic?

Catholic Marriage is unique among other marital relationships because it is a sacrament that makes Christ present in our world. The relationship between husband and wife mirrors the relationship of Jesus Christ for his people. In the Catholic tradition, husband and wife accept a role in God's plan for humanity. They are ambassadors of God's love, and they collaborate with God to keep humanity alive.

The vows exchanged by the couple are a sacred pact through which the spouses embrace each other, and together, embrace Jesus as their partner. Through their union with Christ they participate in the unbreakable pact between God and humanity: the covenant that was sealed in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Benefits of Catholic Marriage

One of the many benefits of a sacramental marriage is the power of God's grace, which helps couples keep their commitment and find happiness together. Social scientists are finding that couples who recognize God's presence in their relationship experience more satisfaction and are more likely to achieve lifelong marriage.

All in all, couples who choose to bring their marriage into the Church receive many gifts – peace of heart, oneness with the Church, the fullness of the sacraments, and God's special blessing upon their marriage.

Three Things that Make Marriage Valid in the Church

Three things need to be in place for a true (valid) marriage: capacity, consent, and canonical form. A valid Catholic marriage comes into existence when a man and woman who are capable, give consent to a true marriage, including all the essential properties of marriage, and exchange this consent in the proper form for Catholic weddings.