

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Meditation for the Baptism of the Lord

At the Jordan River, God told Joshua: “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know I am with you”. Then Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River into the land of promise. Once in the promised land, the Israelites “ate their fill; when filled, they became proud of heart and forgot” God.

In the same Jordan River, Jesus, the new Joshua, was baptized. When Jesus rose out of the waters of the Jordan, God exalted Him in the sight of all by testifying that Jesus is His beloved Son. Jesus left the Jordan and walked into the same promised land as Joshua had earlier, inviting us to a fresh start and a new baptismal fullness.

In this land of promise, Jesus tells us: “I send down upon you the promise of My Father”, life in the Holy Spirit. Jesus baptizes us into God’s family that we “might become sharers of the divine nature”. He lavishes the Spirit on us to give us abundant life.

On this last day of the Christmas season, promise the Lord that you won’t become proud and forget Him as did the Israelites. Keep your promise by letting Jesus “baptize you in the Holy Spirit”. Each day, “seek the Lord” and “listen to” Jesus. Live the “radical newness” of your baptismal life (*Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful People*, Pope St. John Paul II, 10).

Prayer: “God indeed is my Savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord”.



Food Pantry January: Ketchup
Mary Mother of God Offering: \$6,784
Epiphany Jan 3rd Offering: \$3,696
Thank you!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

No Mass Mon & Tuesday this week *Fr. Bill’s away*
Wed. Jan. 13, 8:00 am †Keith Lesmeister [Rdr: Audrey]
Thu. Jan. 14, 8:00 am (L)Carol Day [Rdr: Jeff]
Fri. Jan. 15, 8:00 am †Helen Reiss [Rdr: Ida]
Sat. Jan. 16, 4:00 pm †Joan Rath
Sun. Jan. 17, 8:00 am †Dick Leonard
Sun. Jan. 17, 10:00am *People of the Parish*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Rick Christman, Marge Knodel, Pat Boehmer, Dan Sherrill, 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, Fr. Dana Christensen, 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.

Prayers and Sympathy: We express our condolences to Marc (Audrey) Lesmeister, who lost his sister Mary Helen Starks, and to Marilyn (Jeff) Anderson in the loss of her uncle Hubert Clement. *May they rest in peace.*

Help is needed to clear snow from sidewalks on church property whenever it snows.

Family Rosary will be held this Thursday, January 14 at 5:00 pm in the church. Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen states that world wars are the net result of many individual wars waging in the hearts of sinners, that spread out to towns, cities, countries and continents, and then boom—the huge war explodes. Sin produces war; prayer produces peace of heart, mind and soul and harmony among peoples!

A Day of Eucharistic Adoration: This Friday, January 8th 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. To those who are heavily burdened and find life difficult, Jesus said, “Come to me” and “I will refresh you.” Jesus knows the many trials and heartaches we encounter in family life or at work in the world. Jesus dwells with us in the Blessed Sacrament to fulfill His mission of “healing the brokenhearted.”

Scam Warning: For your information, parish priests will not solicit their parishioners for gift cards via email or text so if you receive a request please do not respond.

A Message from Bishop DeGrood: Regarding the vaccines available for COVID-19 Bishop Donald DeGrood along with Bishop Peter Muhich of the Diocese of Rapid City, have put together some documentation on whether or not the current COVID vaccinations meet a standard of obligation or morality as a faithful Catholic. Click the links below to view the documents.

- [Joint Statement on COVID Vaccinations from the South Dakota Catholic Conference](#)
- [FAQ Documentation on the COVID Vaccines](#)

This week on FORMED!

New Show: *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*, 6 pm CST Tuesdays, is an exciting new, weekly Catholic talk show that brings the truth and beauty of the Gospel to Catholics all over the world. This engaging new show will encourage you to grow in your faith. You'll be invited to submit questions and comments in real time, while you learn about everything from mental health to fasting, from a Catholic perspective.

For Adults: *Mendel: The Father of Modern Genetics*—This beautiful documentary tells the story of Gregor Mendel, a Catholic priest, a scientist, and a scholar renowned as the founder of genetics.

For Children: *Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism*—In this happy presentation, Brother Francis invites us to share in the realities of the Sacrament of Baptism and the union it provides us with God's big family!



9 Days for Life: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21—Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day: You may interact with victims of modern slavery without even knowing it. Learn to spot the signs at hopeforjustice.org/signs

SEEK 21 – FOCUS Conference: The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) hosts an annual discipleship conference. This year they are partnering with the diocese to bring the conference to you. Join us February 5-7, 2021, at the downtown Hilton Garden Inn in Sioux Falls for a weekend that just might change everything. There will be live Mass and adoration, livestreamed keynotes from world renowned Catholic speakers, and a live closing keynote from Bishop DeGrood. Tickets are \$75 for all three days. Find all the details at our SEEK webpage.

Undone: A Healing Retreat—March 12-14, 2021 Directed by Fr. Scott Traynor. Jesus desires to bring healing and restored wholeness to every person. Healing is central to Jesus' life and mission. By our own sin or the sufferings of the human experience, our hearts can easily become wounded or distant from God, who alone can offer true restoration. Under the patronage of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, this retreat will assist participants in becoming aware of Jesus' desire to bring restoration in their lives and will offer opportunities to encounter His healing grace.

Conferences for the retreat will focus on the power of Jesus to heal in mind, body and spirit, and will offer participants practical ways to invite that grace into their own lives. A collaboration of Broom Tree Retreat Center and Catholic Family Services, this retreat will offer time for individual spiritual direction as well as one-on-one discussion with licensed Counselors from Catholic Family Services.

Couples Retreats: February 26-28, 2021- Directed by Sean and Jen Dalton. During this retreat couples will have the blessed opportunity to spend time together receiving from the very heart of God. The environment at Broom Tree makes for a perfect couples get-away...no TV, no radio, no phones or computers, just beautiful, peaceful surroundings, good food, and all the time and good direction you need to experience renewal in your marriage. Register early.

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