

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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**Christmas Eve Mass:
Tues, Dec 24 - 4:30 pm**
**Christmas Day Mass
Wed, Dec 25 - 9:00 am**

Baptisms are scheduled after pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Call for 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 by appointment.
Prayer Chain Requests: Call Bev C., 845-2401; Ida H., 845-7003; or Audrey L., 845-3035.

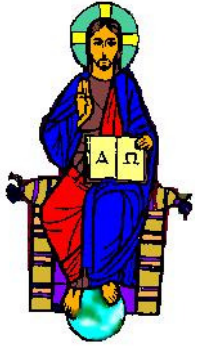
Meditation for Christ the King Sunday

“There was an inscription over His head: ‘THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.’” (Luke 23:3)

On the last Sunday of the Church’s year, the Lord is calling us to harvest all the graces of this past year and express their life-changing power by making the greatest act of faith we have ever made. The Lord Jesus is calling us to acknowledge Him as King of kings and Lord of lords even in the worst circumstances. Religious leaders continue jeering at Jesus as they compromise with the ways of the world. Soldiers still make fun of Jesus and of those who refuse to join them. Criminals persist in blaspheming Jesus. Most people, even Christians, just stand there watching. They know if they speak up for Jesus, they may be crucified too.

However, we must be like the good thief and speak up for Jesus. Maybe we’ll be the only ones to acknowledge Jesus as our King. We may even be crucified because we aren’t “going along with the crowd.” Nonetheless, we will speak up for Jesus even if that means repentance, the daily cross, rejection, and persecution. We will rejoice to live as subjects of King Jesus. Later, we will live with King Jesus forever in paradise.

Prayer: King Jesus, may I live no longer for myself but for You.



Choir this Wednesday 6:30 pm
Food Pantry Nov: Canned Dinner

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Nov. 25, 8:00 am †Dick Leonard [Rdr: Loretta]
Tue. Nov. 26, 5:30 pm Dec. Family of Mary Rabenberg [Rdr: Ida]
Wed. Nov. 27, 8:00 am †Lila Nelson [Rdr: Audrey]
No Mass Thurs. & Friday *Fr. Bill away*
Sat. Nov. 30, 5:30 pm †Sig Stavnes
Sun. Dec. 1, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*
Sun. Dec. 1, 10:00am †Sam Netterville

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Bill Zacher, Marchell Phillips, Jim Volk, Kenny Holzer, Lolis Linde, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, Jan Scherr, LaVonne Dietrich, Jim Krause, Colleen Froseth, Terry Lundberg, Ron Leibel, Maria Van Vliet, Sharon Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Rachel Hoisington, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Doug Orth, Bobby Zerr, Lisa Anderson.

Advent Confession Times
Fridays 4:15 – 5:00 pm
Saturdays 4:15 – 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 15 - 4:00 pm [2 priests]
Sunday, December 22 - 4:00 pm [4 priests]

Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday through Friday.

No Eucharistic Adoration this week.

Happy Thanksgiving

Immaculate Conception of Mary is Monday, December 8th: 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. Mass will be at **5:30 pm.**
Not a Holyday of obligation this year.



Heartfelt Thanks to parishioners who stepped forward to assist with Confirmation. It was an awesome and moving ceremony. We are grateful for the beautiful music led by Marge and the choir, and also offer thanks to Theresa Hazel for preparation, and to Lisa Merkel, Evie Pleinis, and Marilyn Anderson for decorating. The meal was a wonderful feast, and thanks are expressed to the KC’s, to Rick Christman, and to the ladies of the Altar Society for providing and serving food and for cleaning the church prior to the event. If you have some spare time, the Hall could use a good vacuum. Holy Spirit, we are thankful to you, for your manifested presence in our lives.

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.

Free - Advent Devotions – a small booklet with short daily reflections and a CD with inspiring music and reflections is now available to help you have a fruitful Advent.

Best Advent Ever: Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas. Sign up for free at bestadventever.com/invite

Christmas Goodies Bake Sale: Help transform the Hall into a Christmas bakeshop for Sat., Dec. 7, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please make 3 dozen goodies and package one dozen per plate. Drop off at the Hall on Fri., Dec. 6 or early Saturday morning. This is an annual fundraiser for the Altar Society. Plan to pick up some treats, and bring a friend for coffee too. Thank you!



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:

This Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.



Titles for Christ's royalty over men:

- 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him";
- 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His Precious Blood, and made us His property and possession;
- 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy";
- 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

The qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is:

- 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings;
- 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places;
- 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever";
- 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Horizon Conference is a parish-wide training conference. This conference is a great opportunity to train your whole team, whether paid or volunteer. Here's a short list of people we recommend this conference for: Parish Staff Members, Pastors, Youth Ministers, DREs, Catechists and Volunteers, Music Ministers, anyone who wants to be a better leader, no matter what their position entails! This conference has been designed with your entire parish staff and volunteer team in mind, to provide professional development that will enhance your ministry efforts. See list of topics covered to the side. JANUARY 10-12, 2020 MELBOURNE BEACH, FLORIDA
See Fr. Bill if interested.

Topics That will be Covered:

- Casting a Compelling Vision
- Leading When You're Not in Charge
- Managing Conflict and Tension
- Creating a Healthy Culture
- Handling Negativity and Criticism
- Identifying Toxic Leaders and Rising Leaders
- Humility as the Foundation of Leadership
- Empowering and Equipping Those You Lead
- Standards of Leadership
- Establishing Efficient Systems for Your Team
- Giving Guidance and Feedback
- Hiring the Right People for Your Vision
- The Necessity of Mentorship
- Evaluation Methods and Strategies
- Presenting and Launching New Initiatives
- And More!

Advent Baby Shower: You are invited to participate in the Annual Advent Baby Shower beginning with the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 1. Please bring NEW gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the cradle set up in main entrance. See posters at main entrance for further information.

Please pick up pans and bowls from the Hall kitchen: The accumulation is evidence of your helpfulness in providing food for various fall events. Please check to see if you have a dish in the stack.

March for Life: Registration is open for the annual March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC, January 22-26, 2020. The pilgrimage is open to both youth & adults. Registration deadline is December 1st. For more information, please visit the website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife/march-for-life.

Attention Teens - Going Deeper Retreat: This retreat for teens will be held at St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings, SD on February 7-9, 2020. These retreats are designed for youth in grades 9-12 who are desiring to go deeper in their prayer life. **This is not a confirmation retreat.** Registration is open online on the Diocesan website: www.sfcatholic.org/youth/.

Knights of Columbus Newsletter can be found at the main door to the Church in a wire basket above the light switch. All are welcome to take a copy each month.

16th Annual Christmas on the Prairie Concert at St. Anthony's, Hoven: Next Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm with the SD Symphony Orchestra and the Regional All-Faith Choir. General Admission Tickets for \$35 may be purchased by calling 948-2451 Ext. 5.

Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner: Everyone is welcome to join in this meal served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Moose Lodge this Thursday, November 28. To donate salads, desserts, or cranberry sauce, call Carol at 845-3413. You may drop off turkeys at the Moose during business hours. To help with the meal, call Jim at 845-6671. For a ride or delivery, call the Moose at 845-3637 by 11:00 am Thursday.

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp) Early Registration is a four-day camp for Junior High and High School youth held at Broom Tree Youth & Family Camp. Come hear talks to help you grow in your faith, bond with a small group of other teens, compete in epic all-camp Olympic games, have the chance to go to Mass, Confession and Adoration, and meet lots of new friends! The EARLY BIRD registration for D-Camp runs from November 9 to February 1. **To pick up a coupon with a special promo code for \$75 off for registering by November 30, ask at the parish Office.** Register online at www.sfcatholic.org/youth.