

## 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.

## Jesus Christ is Risen! ALLELUIA!

### Meditation for Easter Sunday

The tomb is empty! Jesus is alive! He will raise from the dead those living and dying in Him!

Most of us have been baptized into Jesus. Therefore, we were baptized into His death, and we share in His resurrection. By being baptized and living our Baptisms, we decide to be “raised up in company with Christ”. This means that we will be raised from the dead and live with the Lord forever in heaven. It also means that before our deaths we will come out of the tomb of sin and live free, pure, and holy. Death has no more power over us because we have died to sin. By Baptism, we apply Jesus’ resurrection to our lives now and forever.

Therefore, on this first day of the fifty-day Easter season, the Church in all her wisdom leads everyone at every Mass in the world to renew his or her baptismal promises. If we do this in “sincerity and truth”, we are living a radically new life and will rise from the dead. By God’s grace, make the greatest decision possible for a human being. Say “I do” to I AM. Surrender your life to your risen Lord.

**Prayer: *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I believe in You and therefore reject Satan totally.***

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Mon. Apr. 22, 8:00 am †Adolph Hepper [Rdr: Theresa]

Tues. Apr. 23, 5:30 pm †Jim Rabenberg [Rdr: Ida]

Wed. Apr. 24, 10:00 am *Funeral for Nancy Totten*

Thursday *Fr. Bill’s Sabbath Rest away*

**No Mass or adoration this Friday**

Sat. Apr. 27, 5:30 pm †Oscar & Anna Marie Roesler

Sun. Apr. 28, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*

Sun. Apr. 28, 10:00 am †Gregg Simon

**Deepest Sympathy** to Nancy Totten’s family. May she rest in peace. Mass of Christian Burial will be this Wednesday at 10:00 am. Wake Service at Kesling Funeral Home Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

**The Octave of Easter** comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday. The first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** The Sunday following Easter is the feast of the Divine Mercy. If we prepare ourselves, we will receive extraordinary graces from our Most Merciful

Savior. We prepare to celebrate this Feast by: sincerely repenting of all our sins, placing our trust in Jesus, going to confession, receiving Holy Communion on this Sunday, venerating the image of the Divine Mercy, and being Merciful to others through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf. Confession may be made shortly before or after the Feast.

**Food Pantry Apr:** Canned Fruit

**Choir** this Wednesday **5:00 pm**

**Sun, Apr 14<sup>th</sup> Offering = \$2,967**

**Parish CFSA Assessment: \$38,800**

**Total Amount Paid: \$37,299**

**Please Return your CFSA Pledge Card**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Kay Gill, Sis Hepper, Marge Mertz, Marge Knodel, Lolis Linde, Nick Lausterer, Sharon Joyce Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Gordie & Rachel Hoisington, Jerry Poe, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Nick Bornong, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Sr. Deanna Butler, Tim Ondahl, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Brayden Goehring, Doug Orth, Kenny Holzer, Bobby Zerr, Gwen Collins, Heath Huberg, Richard Ducheneaux, Harry Day, Mattie Sieler, Lisa Anderson.

**Please pray for our Bishop, Paul Swain,** who had a mini stroke and is in recovery at home.

**Free Books** to help us prepare for the Feast of Pentecost are now available at the main entrance. These books are provided to help us grow in our understanding and experience of the Holy Spirit. The children of God are led by the Spirit of God. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

**With your help St. Joseph Parish can be all that God calls it to be!**

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:45 am and ending at about 4:30 pm St. Joseph Parish will be a satellite location for the **New Evangelization Summit**. We will be streaming on our TV screens the talks from the gathering taking place in Ottawa. We will hear a message that will inspire us, encourage us and give us practical wisdom and resources on effective evangelization to help us fulfill the mission of the parish. All parishioners are encouraged to come Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. **Lunch will be provided.** **Please register by visiting [www.newevangelization.ca/](http://www.newevangelization.ca/) or call the office 845-2100 and let us know you are coming.**

**Please See the Movie “Unplanned” at the Mac Theatre in Mobridge:**

**Friday, April 26, 7:00 pm; Saturday, April 27, 7:00 pm; Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm**

This could be a game changer. Everyone needs to see it - regardless of one's views on this topic. Please see this movie and invite fellow parishioners, family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc. to see it. The movie carries a message of hope, conversion, and redemption for anyone in need of God's grace and mercy. Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. It is truly life-changing. View the trailer here: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>

**Bishop's Charity Fishing Tournament** benefiting seminarian education: Monday, June 10, 5 miles north of Pierre. For more information or to register, contact the Catholic Community Foundation toll free at 1-888-246-3386 or on-line at [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org).

**Catholic Home Missions:** Help to strengthen the Church at home by giving to this Appeal sponsored by the US Bishops. More than 40 % of the dioceses in the US are mission territory, including the Rapid City Diocese. Your support helps provide Mass and the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please be generous. Thank you!!!

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH PRAYER**

**Heavenly Father,** We thank you for our parish and for calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we seek Your will for our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build a parish pleasing to you. **Amen.**

**First Communion Retreat** is scheduled for next Sunday, April 28, 1:30 to 4:00 pm. This short time together will help the second graders in their final preparations for this very important sacrament. Parents are asked to help with the retreat and learn right along with the children. Non Catholic parents are more than welcomed to share in this learning experience with your child.

**Wow!** As a person who is baptized into Christ and who lives by faith in him, Jesus' death and resurrection should make a noticeable and daily difference in our life. St. Paul declared, *“I wish to know Christ and the power flowing from His resurrection.”* (Philippians 3:10-11). The goal of our life should be to know Christ and experience the power of His Resurrection. We do not have to live weak or powerless lives as Christians. God wants us to more and more deeply experience the life-changing power of the Cross and Resurrection. If we but decide to live for Christ and give him our life and remain faithful in pursuing him through prayer, Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments, turning from sin and sharing our faith with others, we will live a new life. During this Easter Season may we look forward to being empowered with the Spirit of the Risen Christ. Glory Alleluia!!