

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

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**Confessions: Fridays 4:15 to 5:00 & Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 pm or any time by appointment**

**Meditation for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

“A few persons, eight in all, escaped in the ark through the water.

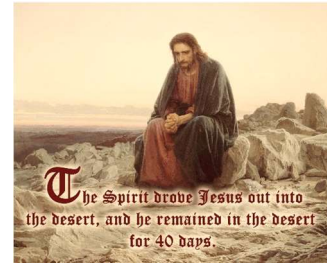
**You are now saved by a baptismal bath which corresponds to this exactly.”** 1 Pt. 3:20-21

After Noah’s flood, God promised: “Never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood”. In fact, God went a step farther than not destroying us by water. He decided to save us through water. “You are now saved by a baptismal bath”.

During Lent, thousands of catechumens are preparing for new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism. We, who have already been baptized and begotten from above through faith in Jesus, are walking with those soon to be baptized. This Lenten walk to the living waters is an opportunity for all of us to renew our baptismal promises to the Lord Jesus. Millions will take this opportunity on Easter Sunday at every Mass celebrated in the world.

First, however, we must walk through the desert of Lent before coming to the life-giving waters of Easter. As we fast and pray, our hardened hearts begin to change. We repent of sin and remove from our lives those things incompatible with our baptismal commitment to Jesus. We are new, fresh, fully alive. Our Baptism is clearly “the pledge to God of an irreproachable conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

**Prayer: Father, by Lent’s end may I feel as if I just emerged from the waters of Baptism.**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

No Mass Mon. *Fr. Bill’s Sabbath rest away*

Tue. Feb. 23 5:30 pm †George Frazier [Rdr: Loretta]

Wed. Feb. 24, 8:00 am †Lila Nelson [Rdr: Ida]

Thu. Feb. 25, 8:00 am †Tom Thomas [Rdr: Jeff]

Fri. Feb. 26, 5:30 pm †John Schaeffbauer [Rdr: Margie]

Sat. Feb. 27, 4:00 pm †Art & Joey Coragiulo

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

Sun. Feb. 28, 10:00am †Al Reiss

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Larry Leibel, Kurt Maxon, Steve Erdmann, Mike Clement, John Hughes, Karen Laubacher, Tom Holzer, Sandra Warwick, Rick Christman, Marge Knodel, Pat Boehmer, Nehemiah Bauer, Carol Day, Bill Klucas, Catherine Luckhurst, Darlene Raba, Kara Riley, Verna Ehnes, Alice Clausen, Mary Lou Scherer, Carol Collignon, Luella Bosch, Mary Fredricksen, Fr. Dana Christensen, Bob Lipp, Maria Procida, Carol Slaughter, Rachel Hoisington, Bob Zerr, Pat Laintz, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Bobby Zerr, Sharon Neuharth, Laura Goldade, Mark Nordstrom, Lisa Anderson, Jeff Pfeifle.

**Parish Potluck:** Today, Sunday, February

21 following the 10 am Mass in the Hall. Everyone is invited! Come and wish Fr. Bill a happy birthday. If you are able, please bring a dish of your choice to pass.

**Family Night this Wednesday**

6:00 pm to 7:45 pm. Adoration, Food, inspiring message and fellowship! All are welcome. Please register by completing a registration form and dropping it in the box in the main entrance. The evening will begin in the church. Please arrive on time.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour:** Fridays, 4:00 to 5:15. Confessions, 4:15-5:00 pm. Mass at 5:30 pm. If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of bread, because he is calling us to faith, that we many come to him in humility. “The Blessed Sacrament is the ‘Living Heart’ of each of our churches and it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore the Blessed Host, which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word, whom they cannot see.” (Pope Paul VI, *Credo of the People of God*)

**Men’s Study Group:** All men are invited to join other men every Thursday in the Parlor at 7 pm. An excellent DVD series is currently being used to help teach the Catholic Faith. Any questions, call Leo Vojta at 848-3709.

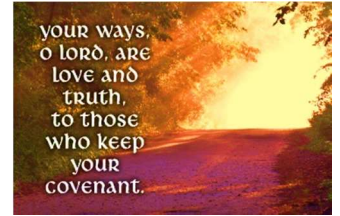
**Reminder:** No meat will be served at funeral luncheons held on the Fridays of Lent.

**40 Days of Prayer Campaign** <https://www.priestsforlife.org/40days/>



**Lent:** Why Lent? Some answers are: to return to the Lord with our whole heart; to *receive God's grace, mercy, and blessing*; to do penance in fasting, weeping, and mourning; to *prepare for Easter*; to walk with those who are preparing to be baptized at Easter; to *prepare to renew our baptismal promises*; in obedience to the Holy Spirit and the Church; to *"be reconciled to God" and others, even our enemies*; because "now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!"; to *have a new springtime of our life in the Spirit*, and to imitate Jesus in His forty-day fast beginning His public ministry.

This last reason for Lent is probably one of the best. Imitation is one of the greatest compliments we can give to a person. As Thomas á Kempis taught, the imitation of Christ is the essence of life. To imitate Christ in fasting and all the way to the cross is desirable only for someone in love with Jesus. When we receive an ashen cross on our foreheads, let us rejoice that we can become a little more like Jesus, the Love of our life.



**Stations of the Cross:** Tuesdays during Lent 5:00 pm - before the 5:30 daily Mass. Come join us in reflecting on the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us.

**Family Rosary** will be held this Thursday, February 25 at 5:00 pm in the church. "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." (Servant of God Maria Lúcia of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart)

**CFSA** (Catholic Family Sharing Appeal) assessment for 2021 is \$36,000. A letter, with a pledge card, from Bishop Donald DeGrood was mailed to each of our households last week. If you don't get your card by the end of the week, please call the parish office. Prayerfully consider giving generously to this year's Appeal. **Please turn in your card as soon as possible.** Thank you in advance for your support.

**Dear Sisters in Christ:** The National Catholic Women's Conference is a FREE virtual event for Catholic women of all ages. This year, we will be exploring all the ways that we as women can open ourselves to receive Christ's peace. Despite the pressures that we feel in life, peace is possible! Let's explore it together. The free event is March 12-14. Plans are to hold a gathering in the parish Hall. Stay tuned for more information. Or register today at [go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021](http://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021)

**Operation Rice Bowl:** *Holy Thursday collection.* Your support for ORB helps needy families locally and around the world. Thank you for your support of this worthy effort—a great spiritual opportunity through almsgiving and fasting and a chance to help our brothers and sisters who are in need. Please use the small boxes found at the doors to collect your gift to the poor.

**Bishop Hoch Scholarship 2021-2022:** A \$1,000 scholarship to attend either Mount Marty College or Presentation College is given in each deanery. To apply go to [www.sfcatholic.org/catholic-schools/bishop-hoch-scholarship](http://www.sfcatholic.org/catholic-schools/bishop-hoch-scholarship)

**Special App Resources for Lent and St. Joseph Reflections:** See the new feature on myParish App for Lent which has short daily reflections about Saint Joseph. To get the app on your device, text **App** to **88202** and follow the directions.

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### Lenten Pro-life Prayer

Father of all mercy,  
We thank you for this season of grace and light.  
We know that sin has blinded us.  
Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.  
Since you, O God, are light itself,  
Give all your people a clearer understanding  
Of what is sin, and what is virtue.  
Grant in particular that we may see, as never before,  
The profound dignity of every human life,  
Including the vulnerable unborn children.  
Give us grace to defend  
Our brothers and sisters in the womb  
By our prayers, our words,  
And our self-sacrificing actions.  
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.