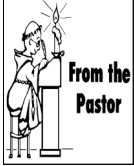


Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
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Colman, SD
c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



Conscience: Is it Good? or Evil?

God has given to us a conscience that speaks to our heart as a guide through the difficulties and dilemmas of life. The Catholic Church says that we must follow our conscience, but the Catholic Church also says with equal emphasis that we must form our conscience. Our conscience is going to draw from general principles that we know and believe to be good, right and just OR that which is evil, wrong and unjust. Our conscience is formed either in God's Image and Likeness or the devil's image and likeness. This is why our Faith is so important. Faith is what God says. God's Words are eternal and unchangeable, and God makes no mistakes. Jesus tells us: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciple, (32) and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Jn 8:31). So if we know and accept God's Words in Scripture, then we believe by doing what God says.

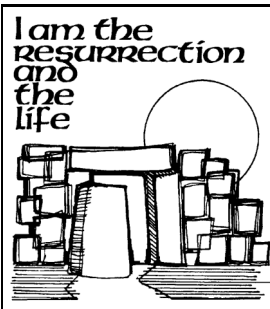
If our conscious is formed well, then we will choose to follow God's Ways which is the path to Heaven through Jesus Christ in The Power of the Holy Spirit. We make a conscious and deliberate decision to obey the Ten Commandments of God and to follow all that God says. We do not add to God's Words, nor do we take anything away from God's Words so as not to alter what God says by taking His Words out of the intended context by wrongly applying them in another context. It is then that we stand strong in our Faith, and reject all immoral/evil behavior as God has instructed us about what is good and what is evil.

If we have a malformed conscience, then we alter God's Words by making an informed and deliberate decision to destroy God's Words by disobeying God's Commandments. Remember, how Jesus speaks of the seeds of Faith on the path that are taken away by birds, or the wheat that does not have deep enough soil or is choked by weeds in Mt 13:18-22. All of these refer to immoral/evil behavior that destroys God's Words within us or within others and our hearts become hardened by loving evil rather than loving the goodness of God.

However, Jesus always extends the olive branch to His enemies and persecutors as we saw at His Crucifixion when Jesus said: "Father, forgiven them, they know not what they do"(Lk 23:34), and then Jesus forgave the repentant thief who asked for mercy, by saying "today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:40-43). If we will acknowledge the evil that we have said or done, or the good we failed to do, and have sorrow for it by having the desire not to do it again, Jesus will be there for us, and Jesus will forgive us. Jesus tells us: "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you." (Mt 7:7) But we must ask Jesus, we must seek Jesus and we must knock at The Door of His Divine Heart of Infinite Love and Mercy. Satan does NOT want you to know or believe God's Words, because satan is a liar and murderer that condemns you, NOT Jesus. Jesus has come to save you. Our Lord tells us in the Gospel of John 15:1-8 that Jesus is The Vine and we are the branches. Even if we have chosen to break ourselves off from Jesus by doing evil, there is still great Hope for those who repent and believe. Jesus speaks to us through His apostle Paul in the letter to the Romans: "That is so. They were broken off because of unbelief, but you are there because of faith. So do not become haughty, but stand in awe. (21) For if God did not spare the natural branches, [perhaps] he will not spare you either.(((Jesus warned Paul not to become prideful, and reminded Paul of the Mercy shown to him when he repented of doing the evil of persecuting Jesus, Who is in the Christian people, and so Paul is warning us.))) (22) See, then, the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who fell, but God's kindness to you, provided you remain in his kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off. (23) And they also, if they do not remain in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. (Romans 11:20-23) This is what we have in The Sacrament of Confession, if we can do what Jesus tells us: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." (Mk 1:15) Jesus gives us His Divine Mercy through His Church as He gave His Divine Authority as God to His apostles so that they would forgive the sins of people: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:23) Trust in God's Mercy; Trust in God's Infinite Love for you. God's Love is

greater and more powerful than all of your sins! So, repent and believe the good news! Remember to faithfully say the words that Jesus put on the Divine Mercy Image: "Jesus I trust in You." The Tender Compassion of God is for you, Jesus has come to save us. Trust, Surrender and Believe!

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5th
Sunday
Of Lent
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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., April 3	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., April 4	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 1:30 PM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	Special Intention ----- -----
Wed., April 5	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM 6:30 PM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass at Riverview Manor Mass (Fr. Osborn) Confirmation Mass	Elkton Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Dolores Burggraff ----- Confirmation Candidates
Thur., April 6	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., April 7	1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass (Stations at 5:00 PM)	Colman Flandreau	----- † Urban Schwebach
Sat., April 8	7:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Howard Golden
Sun., April 9	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners Bing/Annie Garcia intentions
CONFESSIONS ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass. During Lent - each Friday following the 5:30 PM Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., APRIL 8

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Bill Fargen, Mary Remund
Altar Servers: Corey/Tyler Jurens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: John/Char Bauer
Ushers: Kevin P. Myers, Bill Stuefen

COLMAN ~ SUN., APRIL 9

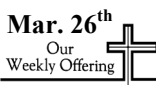
Lay Minister: Doug Entringer, Alice Berg, Ann Voelker
Lect/Comm: Roger Merges, Chad Groos
Altar Servers: Ava Mousel, Logan Voelker
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Ray Luze Family

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., APRIL 9

Lay Minister: Betty Groos, John Hess, Libby Heinemann
Lect./Comm.: Denise Wiese, Brenda Doyle (C)
Altar Servers: Madeline/Libby Hursey,
Katherine/Austin Kulm
Ushers/Greeters: Ben LeBrun Family
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

Intention of the Holy Father for April:

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

	Flandreau: \$1954 Elkton: \$1116 Colman: \$1789
Rice Bowls may be returned to the parish anytime during April.	

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish

Communal Penance Services

April 2nd-1:30 PM ~ Tri-Parish at Sts Simon & Jude

April 9th-1:30 PM ~ St. Thomas More, Brookings

Stations of the Cross



St. Peter, Colman~Wednesday at 7:00 PM

St. Wm, Aurora~Wednesday at 7:00 PM

SS&J, Flandreau~Friday at 5:00 PM

followed by Mass & Confessions

Holy Week Liturgies

Holy Thursday, April 13: 6:00 PM ~ Elkton

(Fr. Osborn) 7:00 PM ~ Colman

8:00 PM ~ Flandreau

Good Friday, April 14: 6:00 PM ~ Elkton

Offering for (Fr. Osborn) 7:00 PM ~ Colman

the Holy Land.... 8:00 PM ~ Flandreau

Holy Saturday, April 15: 8:00 PM ~ Flandreau

Easter Sunday, April 16: 8:30 AM ~ Colman

(Retired Priest) 9:00 AM ~ Aurora

10:30 AM ~ Elkton

STS. SIMON & JUDE

NO First Sunday Meal today; see you at the fish fry on Friday, April 7th - 5:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

No CCD Classes April 5th due to Confirmation at 6:30 PM. Also, **No Soup Supper**.



Living Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, April 12th - 7:15 PM

Choir Practice: Sundays at 9:15 in choir loft.

Congratulations to Elmer & Betty Hinricher who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on February 17th. God Bless!

CDA's Little Shop of Blessings will have Confirmation and First Holy Communion gifts available as well as cards in Spanish.

ST. PETER

Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesday, 5:15-6:45

Just Six Peanut Butter Tubs of Eileen's cookies dough left; if anyone is interested in buying please call Darlene at 605-530-0825.

Daily Mass Readings:

Apr 3: Daniel 13:1-62; Ps 23:1-6; John 8:1-11

Apr 4: Numbers 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21; John 8:21-30

Apr 5: Daniel 3:14-20,91-95; Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-42

Apr 6: Genesis 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; John 8:51-59

Apr 7: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; John 10:31-42

Apr 8: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56

Apr 9: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-24;

Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Friday Lenten Fish Fry

Sts. Simon & Jude, Flandreau

April 7th, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Drink, and Dessert, all for \$8.00.

There will also be a bake sale and silent auction to benefit Jim Redder.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

No Soup Supper or CCD on April 5th; Confirmation at SS&J, 6:30 PM.

Council Meeting: Thur., April 6 - 5:30 PM.

Elkton/Lake Benton Life Runners Chapter being formed: Life Runners believe in the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death and takes the message of "40 Days for Life" to the road. You need not run or walk to join. Go to liferunners.org to sign up or contact Pat Landsman 690-3424 or Liz Skordahl 690-5499. **We have adopted 16, 5K legs along the MN border**; these can be run anytime, and anywhere before or on Palm Sunday. **A sign-up sheet is in the back of church** so that we know the legs are covered. More than one person can sign up for each leg. **We will meet on Palm Sunday - 4:00 PM at St. Mary's for those who still want to walk and celebrate with a potluck at 5:00 PM.** Hotdogs, chips, ice cream & drink provided. **Pray for those involved in the relay and for the end to abortion.**

TRI-PARISH

The annual baby bottle boomerang raised \$1,103 between the three parishes. Thank you so much for your contributions to support life! Since it started, over \$11,000 has been contributed to the Mother Teresa Endowment fund. If you still haven't returned yours please do and we will apply to next year's fund.

Booklets Now Available from the Knights of Columbus for all three parishes in the back of church. **Please take what interests you.**

Congratulations to the K of C free-throw contest district winners: Taylor Kriech (he also won at the state level), Jase Mousel and Mackenzie Hemmer all from Colman and Miles Harming and Marcus Harming from Elkton.

Will you be celebrating 25, 50, 60, 65 or more than 65 years of marriage in 2017? Please call the parish office (997-2610) to be included in the Annual Anniversary Masses with Bishop Swain.

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. Classes are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month in SS&J Parish Basement. **Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class** to register and give baptismal information.

"All in God's Plan": April 18, 6:15 PM at Holy Spirit Parish, SF. Mothers & Daughters and Fathers & Sons come together in separate gender sessions to learn age appropriate information about human sexuality, human development, and chastity formation. Register www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife, or 988-3755.

Couples Retreat: April 7-9, "Marriage is not a 'self-help' relationship. It is a deep partnership with Christ. Register or for information 263-1040, broomtree@sfcatholic.org www.broom-tree.org

Grieving Loss From Suicide: April 18-May 23, 6:30-8:30pm; Non-denominational; Donation; Register: 988-3775 or cfs@sfcatholic.org

Children's Grief Program begins **April 6th**, 5:30-7:30 PM. This four-week program is designed for children according to their age and specific loss. Register at Catholic Family Services 988-3775.

FATIMA: 100TH ANNIVERSARY - Sat., August 5
Sioux City, Iowa Convention Center.

Lamb Catholic Radio Spring Share a thon "One" April 19th, 20th & 21st. Jerry Usher from EWTN will be back to help out, and local ministries will be participating in the Ministry Challenge for free advertising. Visit www.lambradio.com & tune in 88.9 FM Aberdeen, 91.3 FM Mitchell, Yankton & 104.3 LP-FM Sioux Falls, or online.

Annual Carnival & Auction: April 2; 11:00 AM; St. Mary Catholic School, Dell Rapids.

Baked Potato Bar: April 2, 11-1:00 PM. St. Leo, Pipestone; Luis Perez benefit.

Crystal Theatre Bkfst: April 9; 8:00-1:00 PM; French Toast, Eggs, Fruit; Flandreau Community Center.

Pancake Feed: April 9; 9:00-1:00 PM; Fire hall, Colman.

Please Pray for our Confirmation Candidates



St. Peter

Alec Landis Tell Miles Garrett Satterly
Alex Voelker Madison Voelker

Sts. Simon & Jude

James Auren Jose Cortez
Anna Gassman Madeline Hursey
Marianna Pavlis Kelsey Sutton
Grace Johanson Hannah Parsley

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Taryn Krog Damian Mertens

**Confirmation at SS&J, Flandreau
Wednesday, April 5 ~ 6:30 PM**

Easter Flower Memorials

Donor

In memory/Honor of

Roland/Paula Luze..... dec. of Joe Luze Family, Mildred Beyer
Jim/Betty Merges dec. of Groos/Merges Families
Ken Merges Gary LoJoie
Paula Heinricy Grandma Gladys, Grandpa/Grandma Doyle
Clara Doyle
Dick/Darlene Heinricy . Lawrence/Dorothy Doyle, Leo/Gladys Heinricy
Judy Miles Leslie Miles, Lyle/Bernice Croon
Carmen Keupp Fred/Dorothy Kapaun, Les Keupp
Kim/Tom Froke..... Robert Belitz, Harold/Jeff Froke, Jaden Arnold
Bob/Maureen Baumberger..... Lawrence/Frances Dobbs
Elwyn/Helen Baumberger
Jerry/Bonnie Hemmer Gary/George/Louise Hemmer
Francis/Erma DeLay
Charles Richter Bernie Richter, Christine Richter Guetzloft
Jim/Pat Broghammer ... Terry Broghammer, dec. family members
Sadonna Schwing Ted Schwing
Chuck/JoAnn Heesch O.W./Marvel/Gene Bartelt
Lillian/Louie Heesch, Lyle Roween
Lenny/Karon Burlage Len/Clara Burlage, Leo/Ida Traxinger
Their Children..... Bud/Marie Wiskur
Donald Duncan Marie/Mel Duncan
Elmer/Betty Hinricher dec. parents
Dave/Deb/John/Cassie Feske Jacob Leibel
George/Jean Halter..... Ernest/Ethel Halter
Wilma Ahlers Jerry Ahlers
Berdylene Bowen..... Les/Brad Bowen
Virginia/Henry Haman..... Steve/Drew Haman, Bryan Langan
Fred Smith..... Bert/Vera Smith
Glenn/Jackie Burggraff ... Dolores Burggraff, Marcella Hoisington
Nick Otto, Sr., Steve/Drew Haman
Darren/Allison Hamilton .. Wade Hursey, dec. Richter/Hamilton Fmly
Leslie/Libby Heinemann..... Ed/Esther Fromelt
Mabel/Ralph Heinemann, honor of Sr. Gianna
Jeri Sabie Marge Hess, Norma Sabie, Mark/Paul Hess
John/Florence Evans Adam/Monica Meier
David/Gertrude Evans, Steve Evans, Bill Renning
Mary Fleming dec. friends/family
Jodi Johanson Craig Johanson
Florence Mengershauser .. Ed/Garland/Richard/Ester Mengershauser
John/Elizabeth Prunty Family
Henry Burggraff..... Dolores Burggraff
Jerrelyn Haman..... Steve/Drew Haman, LaVern/Minnie Schmidt
Delores Johnson Johnson/Bowen Families
David/Glenda Halter William/Anna Halter, Darrell/Elaine Christenson
Rosemary Gill..... Robert Gill
Annie Garcia ... Dr. Milagrus Atienza, Cristobal/Dominador Pisawis
Gabe Berger, Charlot/Restituto Ruiz
Craig Shea Eugene/Rosella/Margo/Ryan Shea
Ed Duncan Mel/Marie Duncan
Shirlee Rhead... Dennis Rhead, Roy Duhaime/Truman Rhead Fmlys

Father Flood

