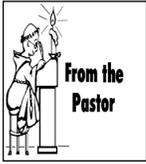


Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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



St Faustina; Darkness and Temptation:

“My mind became dimmed in a strange way; no truth seemed clear to me. When people spoke to me about God, my heart was like a rock. I could not draw from it a single sentiment of love for Him. When I tried, by an act of the will, to remain close to Him, I experienced great torments, and it seemed to me that I was only provoking God to an even greater anger. It was absolutely impossible for me to meditate as I had been accustomed to do in the past. I felt in my soul a great void, and there was nothing with which I could fill it. I began to suffer from a great hunger and yearning for God, but I saw my utter powerlessness. I tried to read slowly, sentence by sentence, and to meditate in this way, but this also was of no avail. I understood nothing of what I had read.

The abyss of my misery was constantly before my eyes. Every time I entered the chapel for some spiritual exercise, I experienced even worse torments and temptations. More than once, all through Holy Mass, I had to struggle against blasphemous thoughts which were forcing themselves to my lips. I felt an aversion for the Holy Sacraments, and it seemed to me that I was not profiting from them in any way. It was only out of obedience to my confessor that I frequented them, and this blind obedience was for me the only path I could follow and my very last hope of survival. The priest explained to me that these were trials sent by God and that, in the situation I was in, not only was I not offending God, but I was most pleasing to Him. ‘This is a sign,’ he told me, ‘that God loves you very much and that He has great confidence in you, since He is sending you such trials.’ But these words brought me no comfort; it seemed to me that they did not apply to me at all.

One thing did surprise me: it often happened that, at the time when I was suffering greatly, these terrible torments would disappear suddenly just as I was approaching the confessional; but as soon as I had left the confessional, all these torments would again seize me with even greater ferocity. I would then fall on my face before the Blessed Sacrament repeating these words; Even if You kill me, still will I trust in You! [cv. Job 13:15]. It seemed to me that I would die in these agonies. But the most terrible thought for me was the conviction that I had been rejected by God. Then other thoughts came to me: Why strive to acquire virtues and do good works? Why sacrifice myself all the time? What good is it –if I am already rejected by God? Why all these efforts? And here, God alone knew what was going on in my heart. #77

Once when I was being crushed by these dreaded sufferings, I went into the chapel and said from the bottom of my soul, ‘Do what You will with me, O Jesus; I will adore You in everything. May Your will be done in me, O my Lord and my God, and I will praise Your infinite mercy.’ Through this act of submission, these terrible torments left me. Suddenly, I saw Jesus, who said to my soul, **I am always in your heart.** An inconceivable joy entered my soul, and a great love of God set my heart aflame. I see that God never tries us beyond what we are able to suffer. Oh, I fear nothing; if God sends such great suffering to a soul, He upholds it with an even greater grace, although we are not aware of it. One act of trust at such moments gives greater glory to God than whole hours passed in prayer filled with consolations. Now I see that if God wants to keep a soul in darkness, no book, no confessor can bring it light.” #78 (Divine Mercy in My Soul, #76-78)

5th Sunday of Easter ~ April 24, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., April 25	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., April 26	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., April 27	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Thur., April 28	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Fri., April 29	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Sat., April 30	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., May 1	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	† Joseph Blinstrup
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Patricia Fargen
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., APRIL 30

Lay Minister:

Lect./Comm.:

Altar Servers:

Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters:

ELKTON ~ SUN., MAY 1

Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Sharon Landsman

Lect/Comm: JoAnn Heesch, Kelly Neill

Altar Servers: Cory/Tyler Jurrens

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Lance Weber Family

Ushers: Rich Frederiksen, Jerome Kirschenman

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., MAY 1

Lay Minister: Dave/Deb Feske, Susan Gross

Lect./Comm.: Jerry Doyle, Brenda Doyle (C)

Altar Servers: Ted/Toby Taylor, Duncan Antoine
Cade LeBrun

Ushers/Greeters: Jerrelyn Haman, Marsha Wiese,
Jeanne Larson

Sacristan: Carol Parsley

Daily Mass Readings:

Apr 25: 1 Peter 5:5-14; Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17; Mark 16:15-20

Apr 26: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13,21; John 14:27-31

Apr 27: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; John 15:1-8

Apr 28: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,10; John 15:9-11

Apr 29: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; John 15:12-17

Apr 30: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-5; John 15:18-21

May 1: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps 67:2-8;

Revelation 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

Intention of the Holy Father for April:

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

Catholic Home Mission Appeal: Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which will take place this weekend in the second collection, supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at home**. Envelopes are in the pews.

Day of Intercessory Prayer

for priests, deacons, religious and all vocations

May 21 ~ 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Sts. Simon & Jude

May/June Mass Schedule beginning the weekend of April 30/May 1

Elkton - Sunday at 8:30 AM
Colman - Saturday at 7:00 PM



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Elkton: \$662

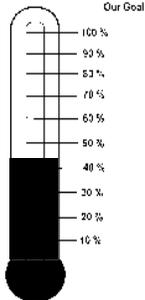
Colman: \$3137

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Last Quilting until fall: Thursday, April 28.

Bible Study: Mondays at 7:00 PM in church basement. Contact Amy.Weight@k12.sd.us or 605-651-0095 for more information.

Fridays at 10:30 AM. Contact Tonya 864-1538.



Elevator Project \$70,000 Matched Giving Update: Currently we have received or have pledged \$30,265 which will be matched dollar for dollar for a new church elevator. Thank you to those who have given so generously!

Celebration Committee: 100 years ago our church building was erected. If you would like to help plan an event to celebrate this milestone. Please call Allison Hamilton, Reggie Gassman, Joan Severtson or the parish office (997-2610).

First Sunday Meal: **Sunday, May 1st** after Mass. KC' will be serving Pork loin sandwiches, beans, chips and fruit.

KC Meeting: Monday, April 25 - 7:00 PM.

Offering Boxed Sets for July 2016-June 2017 are in the back of church. Please pick up your box.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a summer catechetical youth program will be held at SS&J **July 31-Aug. 4.**

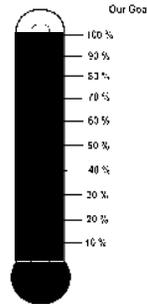
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For junior and senior high school youth, the program runs Sunday-Wed. 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM. TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN! The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is contagious - come out and join us!

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Guild Meeting: Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 pm. We will be planning events coming up.

ST. PETER



Roofing Project \$40,000 Matched Giving Update: Currently we have received or have pledged \$40,900. \$40,000 will be matched dollar for dollar for the reroofing of the church and rectory. Thank you to those who have given so generously!

Please Pray for our First Communicants:

Gracie Huntimer
Aneesa McGuire
Sarah Voelker



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Summer Bible Camp: TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a summer catechetical youth program will be held at St. Peter Parish hall **July 17-22.**

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“Sweeter even than to have had the joy of children of my own has it been for me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them.” -Susan B. Anthony

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus

Philippians 4:6

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)
Last class will be May 4th for all parishes

SS&J: 5:45 PM for Pre,K-6; 7:15 PM for 7-12.

ST. PETER: 6:00 PM for elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.

◆ Coordinator needed - Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

OLGC: 6:30 PM - all grades

Joyful Noise Concert - Saturday Memorial Weekend: May 28-29 at The Abbey of the Hills

Joyful Noise will feature a blend of popular music and religious songs – all with an acoustic emphasis. From Gospel to Jimmy Buffett, and Spiritual to Bruce Springsteen. Pack up your lawn chairs & blankets and join us for a day of great music! Music from 1:00-6:00 pm. Those who choose to stay overnight will be treated to more music by the evening campfire. Concert open to the public, a FREE WILL OFFER will be requested. Overnight room rates from \$58 - \$86 - includes breakfast. www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com

Ham Dinner: April 24, 11:00-1:30 PM; St. Leo, Pipestone

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: May 13-15, **Strictly Confidential.** A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to *men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents* who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational. For registration materials & more information, call Margi at 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email mculhane@sfcatholic.org.

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in SS&J Parish Basement.
Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class to sign-up and give baptismal information.

Father Flood



Youth Camps & Retreats

D-Camp: June 13-16 (Gr. 9-10); July 10-13 (Gr. 11-12); July 14 - 17 (Gr. 7-8) Contact Mary Anderson at 988-3766 or visit www.sfcatholic.org/youth.

The CDA will put \$100 toward registration fees for any youth from SS&J interested in attending D-Camp.

JP II Vocations Camp: May 31-June 2 or June 3-June 5; For boys age 12-16; There will be the

incense of the daily Mass and smoke of campfires, tugging on the daily rosary and tug of war, Eucharistic Processions and hiking, Confession and kayaking, vocation talks and many games. There will also be a half a day excursion to Sica Hollow State Park.

The camp is a rare chance for Junior High and High School men to begin considering their vocation from God by hanging out with priests and seminarians! It will be both physically and spiritually awesome. This is truly an exceptional opportunity.

Campers will form into small groups of six with a seminarian as their leader. Campers will be staying in the Abbey of the Hills in Marvin, SD lodging. They will be sleeping two campers to a room. Special Food can be provided for allergies. Cost \$185 all food and gear included; **Registration deadline is May 17 at www.sfvocations.org or call 605-988-3772.**

JPII Rocky Mountain Expedition: July 31-Aug. 6 Vocations Discernment Retreat for men 16 or older

Make the Summer of 2016 Epic!

The Vocations Director, Fr. Shaun Haggerty, will be leading the expedition, along with Fr. Jordan Samson, and several seminarians. We will be base camping at Lottis Creek Campground, CO and doing day excursions as well as staying at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, CO.

HIKING/HOT SPRINGS & MASS: We will be hiking one of Colorado's highest mountains, the towering 14,204 ft Mt. Princeton and soaking in its Hot Springs afterwards. We will be celebrating the highest form of prayer, the daily Mass and soaking in God's grace.

WHITE WATER RAFTING & CONFESSION: We will go white water rafting down the Arkansas River in Browns Canyon and be kept afloat by the daily rosary, liturgy of the hours, and confession.

CANYON ZIP LINING: We will be flying high over the Lost Canyon and soaring to heaven with the daily rosary, and liturgy of the hours.

This trip is a rare chance to pray and discern God's call in your life by hanging out with priests and seminarians! It will be intense both physically and spiritually. Each night will end with campfires and battle stories of the priesthood and seminary.

COST IS ONLY \$450; Can't Afford it? The Knights of Columbus are willing to help. (Details online) All food and gear is included in the price package.

THERE ARE ONLY 40 SPOTS SO RSVP TODAY!

PAYMENT IS NEEDED BY JULY 15TH

www.sfvocations.org or call 605-988-3772