

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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"Isn't It Strange:

Isn't it strange how a 20 dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 1 hour seems so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but.. you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend? Or how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church? Or how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others; but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip? Or how we believe everything that magazines, newspapers, and T.V. news says but... we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven but... they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded right away but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?"

(Unknown author)

There are many forces at work in the world, some good and some bad. Evil spirits can tempt us with thoughts of self-concern that create fear in order to keep us from responding to God and doing what is right, good and just in His Sight. We need to be aware of our thoughts and feelings that motivate us to do something, or not to do something. To examine our conscience, ask yourself the question: "why is it worth making an

effort to do something, or why should I not make any effort at all?" "What motivated me to do what I did, or not do what I should have done?"

When our physical human life ends, and we meet God face to face, the only thing that will matter is how we responded to God while we lived. Our response to God will directly reflect how we responded to one another and to every situation in our lives. If the motivations of our decisions were based on accomplishing God's Will in our lives, then we will have used the Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love well. We will have kept God's Commandments, by willfully using The Power of God's Grace to be converted into The Image and Likeness of God that we were created to be while responding to people in all the situations and circumstances in the same way that Jesus responded to people. Jesus responded to all people with truth and with love. If our responses are motivated from our Faith, Hope and Love of God, then we have chosen to make God as our first priority and concern; We will be able to respond to everyone and everything with a supernatural Knowledge and Wisdom of God that comes to us through The Power of The Holy Spirit to unite our minds and wills to God's Mind and Will, which enable us to live in The Freedom of God's Love, without fear, as true children of God. If our responses are motivated from our faith, hope and love of 'me, myself and I', then we make our natural knowledge and will as the first and most important priority, and we will remain unconverted and stuck in our self-love and concern, living in fear and never knowing the freedom in God's Love. "But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." (Mt 6:33) God created you to be great saints! His Love for you is Infinitely Powerful! Trust in His Love for you and do not be afraid to be faithful to God, and keep His Righteousness or rather, His Justice, especially, when others are only thinking with natural human reasoning ability and conclude that your Faith in God is foolish. Do the best that you can to speak and live God's Truths with Love, and great will your reward be in Heaven!

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 2, 2015

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Aug. 3	7:30 AM 7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton	----- -----
Tues., Aug. 4	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Mabel Heinemann ----- -----
Wed., Aug. 5	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass at Riverview Manor	Elkton Colman	† A. Gebhart (healing) ----- All Parishioners
Thur., Aug. 6	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- All Parishioners
Fri., Aug. 7	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman Flandreau	----- ----- CDA
Sat., Aug. 8	7:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Neva & Chuck Luze
Sun., Aug. 9	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Mabel Heinemann

Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., AUGUST 8

Lay Minister: David/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm: JoAnn Heesch, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Tom/Regina Gebhart
Ushers: Dan Knuth, Chuck Heesch

COLMAN ~ SUN., AUGUST 9

Lay Minister: Alice Berg, Rose Shoenrock
Maureen Baumberger
Lect./Comm.: Ann Voelker
Altar Servers: Reece Luze, Carter Schmidt
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Ray Luze Family

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., AUGUST 9

Lay Minister: John Hess, Dave Johnson,
Libby Heinemann
Lect./Comm.: Pat/Amy Weight
Altar Servers: Madeline/Libby Hursey
Austin Kulm, Jacob Weber
Ushers/Greeters: Dave/Deb Feske, Jeri Sabie
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

Intention of the Holy Father for August:

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Daily Mass Readings:

Aug 3: Numbers 11:4-15; Ps 81:12-17; Matthew 14:13-21
Aug 4: Numbers 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7,12-13; Matt 14:22-36
Aug 5: Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-35; Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23;
Matthew 15:21-28
Aug 6: Daniel 7:9-14; Ps 97:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10
Aug 7: Deut. 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16,21; Matthew 16:24-28
Aug 8: Deut. 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4,47,51; Matthew 17:14-20
Aug 9: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2;
John 6:41-51

Tri-Parish Mass schedule for the weekend of August 15 & 16 only:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, August 15 - 5:00 PM at Flandreau

Saturday, August 15 - 7:00 PM at Elkton

Sunday, August 16 - 8:00 AM at Colman

**** (Note 8:00 not 8:30) ****

NO Sunday Mass at Flandreau on August 16th.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the diocesan celebration and the 11:00 AM Mass at the **arena & convention center.**

Parish Banners will be on display all weekend during the event and used in two processions, one on Friday evening and another on Sunday morning. **To volunteer to process with our parish banners, call the office (997-2610).**



Flandreau: \$2012

Elkton: \$586

Colman: \$1489

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Director of Religious Education needed. Many thanks to Mary Ann Stuefen for her many years of service to the parish and our youth. Contact the parish office (997-2610) if interested in helping as the new DRE.

Guild Officers Needed: Looking for someone, male or female, to fill the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer beginning January 2016. If anyone is interested in a position please contact Nancy (542-2063).

The United Parish Women invite the women of our parish to join them for a salad luncheon on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 PM. They do ask you to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Flandreau Bread Basket. Call Linda @ 542-8841 so we can give them a count of how many will be attending. P.S. We need to let them know by August 3rd.



Please pray for **Lindsey Thielen & Taylor Anderson** who will be married on August 15.

ST. PETER

Bible Camp: August 3-7 for grades 2-5.

Tri-Parish Confirmation

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 ~ 6:30 PM.

Pray for Vocations!

“By following Jesus’ new Commandment of unselfish love, our lives can be richly fulfilling, and marked by joy and peace. In contrast, treating others as either means or obstacles to one’s self-serving goals, while never learning to love generously, is an impoverished way to live.”

—Cardinal Daniel N. DiNard

“Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’” —Matthew 19:14

STS. SIMON & JUDE

The August CDA meeting will be held **Wednesday, August 5** instead of Thursday, August 6 (Moody County Fair Parade night). This is our kickoff meeting for the new year so we will hold a potluck meal in the church basement beginning at 6:00 PM with the meeting to follow. Please join us for the new CDA year.

First Sunday Meal: August 2nd after mass.

AUGUST DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Year of Mercy

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Directed by Father Greg Tschakert

During this day of prayer, Father Tschakert will guide retreatants to reflect on the life of Jesus in Gospel of Luke and the ways that His mercy is revealed, more deeply received and shared with others. Beginning at 10 AM until 3 PM, the schedule for the day includes Mass, talks, time for Confession, quiet time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, great food and wonderful conversation. Please bring your Bible. For more information or to register call 263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org or visit our website www.broom-tree@sfcatholic.org

Go To Meet Jesus:

Jesus comes to meet us. To welcome him, let us go to meet him.

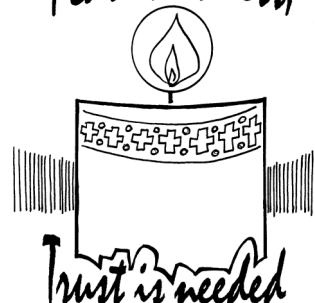
He comes to us in the hungry, the naked, the lonely, the alcoholic, the drug addict, the prostitute, the street beggars.

He may come to you or me in a father who is alone, in a mother, in a brother, or in a sister.

If we reject them, if we do not go out to meet them, we reject Jesus himself. —Mother Teresa

Taken from *Mother Teresa In My Own Words*,
Liguori Publications

Fear is useless;



Trust is needed

Stake Your Life On It:

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. It is so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

—Martin Luther

Its Back to School Time! Vacations, family reunions, and summer camps are almost over--its been busy! Have you had a chance this summer to grow in your relationship with your spouse and God? Turn your heart and mind to your spouse, and dedicate a weekend to knowing your lover on a deeper level by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at Broomtree Retreat Center September 11-13. Go to wwme.org to register, or call Dawn/John Elsinger at 362-0924.

Living with Chronic Illness: Aug. 4th, 1-3 p.m. An educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month for those living with chronic illness **and** their care givers, at St. Lambert Parish, 1000 S. Bahnon Ave Sioux Falls. For details call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

Grieving the Loss of a Parent: Aug. 4-Sept. 8. A six week program for adults, directed by Dr. Marcie Moran held every *Tuesday from 6:30- 8:30 PM* at Catholic Family Service. To register or questions call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867.

2016 World Youth Day--Krakow: The Office of Discipleship and Evangelization is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day July 23-Aug. 2, **2016**. All participants must be 18 years of age on the date of departure. For more info., call Mary 605-988-3766.

Father Flood



August 14-16 – Diocesan-Wide LEGACY Event

It's time to register!

Please help us in planning all the logistics for the event by registering as soon as possible. Registering ahead of time will ensure you don't have to wait in line at the event! Go to www.sfcatholic.org/legacy for all the details! Registration forms are also available in the church entrance.

Calling all Reunion Groups! Have you ever participated in Search, Marriage Encounter, Tech, Cursillo, D-Camps, Charismatic Renewal or any other retreats where friendships were made? Visit the LEGACY Reunion Hall Friday night from 4 - 7 PM to find and rekindle long-lost friendships. Post messages, photos or requests for phone numbers on the message board and share a blast from the past with your forever friends.

Scholarships Available for anyone who cannot afford the event fees. Email 125Events@sfcatholic.org and we will help you register. Nobody will be turned away because of costs! But we need to have you register. **ALL are welcome!**

Volunteer Opportunities are still available. This includes medical and EMT volunteers. Email us if you are interested! Please list dates and times you are available.

Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event! This weekend will be packed full of events, activities, speakers and entertainment. A sneak peak at some of the speakers include Chris Padgett, Curtis Martin, Scott Hahn, Jennifer & Joe Fulwiler, with a special concert with Matt Maher!

LEGACY FACTS: *Did you know.....*

- There will be over 70 vendors at LEGACY? Everything from books, jewelry, T-shirts, and educational material will be available.***
- There will be over 40 Brewers and over 100 beers to taste at the craft beer event?***
- The Faith & Business Conference is the first of its kind in our area! Be a part of this ground breaking annual event!***
- The LEGACY Festival in the park will have many amazingly fun activities including bouncy houses, great food***
- Musician Matt Maher Actually performed on stage with Pope Francis in 2014 in Rio de Janeiro?***
- That we can only celebrate 125 years once in our lifetime – don't miss it!***