

# Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**  
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"An earlier version of this homily by Paul Harvey was first broadcast around 1965. This version is from a much later date as the author revised it over the years. It is not predicting the future, it is observing the present." (Paul Harvey died 2009)

## "If I were the devil,"

"If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness, and I would have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, thee.

So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first. I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.' To the young, I would whisper that the Bible is a myth. I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray after me: 'Our Father, which art in Washington.'

And then, I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves, until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames.

If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions - just let those run wild. Until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug-sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door. Within a decade, I'd have prisons overflowing. I'd have judges promoting pornography. Soon I could evict God from the courthouse, and then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches, I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls and church money.

If I were the devil, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle. If I were the devil, I would take from those who have and I would give

to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And what will you bet I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich. I would caution against extremes in hard work, in patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on TV is the way to be, and thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure.

In other words, if I were the devil, I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing." (Paul Harvey 1908-2009.)

If you would like to listen to this message in Paul Harvey's own voice, you can find it on the internet:

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/H3Az0okaHig?rel=0>

Paul Harvey expressed these distractions of evil that have enticed our nation. All of them are particular acts of rebellion that reject God for one reason or another. The Church is the mystical body of Jesus Christ upon earth, which is being attacked by many atheists and agnostics in our society today through many criticisms, some of which, are just and deserved, others are unjust and dishonest. The Bible is The Word of God that introduces us to God and His Ways of Love. People in the media have attacked and continue to attack the Bible in order to discredit it through movies, T.V. sitcoms, news, books and magazines to create doubt in the minds of people. Doubting the Word of God destroys our belief in God. God says that we can get to Heaven, if we will repent and believe. But if we do not believe in God, then we will not know the things that God says are evil and sinful, and we will not have enough awareness of the deadly dangers of particular words and actions to repent of these evils. It is then, that satan has gained his greatest victory, which is the death of Faith in the human soul through unbelief. In our unbelief, we accept the lies of evil that keep us locked in our selves and defiant against God. We remain motivated by pride, avarice, lust, gluttony, anger, envy and sloth as we pursue and acquire the comforts and pleasures that we love in this world. These other loves keep us separated from God and jealous of others as we seek to be noticed by others and gain their honor and respect. God's Truth is Freedom from the evils of sin that separate us from God and The Peace that gives rest to our souls.

It is a human choice to ignore God or to deny God for another belief that offers us a relatively easier path to earthly benefits. It is also a human (Cont. on page 3)

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 23, 2015

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OFFICE HOURS: WED., THUR., & FRI. 9:00-4:00

SISTER BENEDICTA LONG (ELKTON) 542-8221 ~ FATHER WILLIAM OSBORN (COLMAN) 605-660-3206

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
<b>Mon., Aug. 24</b>	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
<b>Tues., Aug. 25</b>	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Mabel Heinemann
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
<b>Wed., Aug. 26</b>	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† A. Gebhart (healing)
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
<b>Thur., Aug. 27</b>	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
<b>Fri., Aug. 28</b>	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	CDA
<b>Sat., Aug. 29</b>	7:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
<b>Sun., Aug. 30</b>	8:30 AM	Mass	Colman	† Les Miles
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Neva & Chuck Luze

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

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

##### **ELKTON ~ SAT., AUGUST 29**

**Lay Minister:** Donna Bumann, Sharon Landsman  
**Lect/Comm:** Judy Kampmann, JoAnn Heesch  
**Altar Servers:** Corey & Tyler Jurrens  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Mark Harming Family  
**Ushers:** Dan Knuth, Chuck Heesch

##### **COLMAN ~ SUN., AUGUST 30**

**Lay Minister:** Betty Merges, Rose Shoenrock,  
 Jerry Hemmer  
**Lect./Comm.:** Pete Entringer  
**Altar Servers:** Josie Mousel, Austin Gullickson  
**Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters:** Bob Heinrich Family

##### **FLANDREAU ~ SUN., AUGUST 30**

**Lay Minister:** Denise/Tony Firman, Dave Johnson  
**Lect./Comm.:** Tom Luze, Kris Johnson (C)  
**Altar Servers:** Duncan Antoine, Kelsey Sutton  
 Ted/Toby Taylor  
**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 24: Revelation 21:9-14; Ps 145:10-18; John 1:45-51  
 Aug 25: 1 Thess 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Matthew 23:23-26  
 Aug 26: 1 Thess 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Matthew 23:27-32  
 Aug 27: 1 Thess 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5,12-17; Matt 24:42-51  
 Aug 28: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-12; Matthew 25:1-13  
 Aug 29: 1 Thess 4:9-11; Ps 98:1,7-9; Mark 6:17-29  
 Aug 30: Deut.4:1-8; Ps 15:2-5; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-23

**New Wed Address to find Parish Bulletins on-line:** <http://www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish>

**“All in God’s Plan” will be held in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, September 17, 6:15 P.M. at St. Michael’s Parish.** “All in God’s Plan” is a program for Mothers & Daughters and Fathers & Sons to come together in separate gender sessions to learn age appropriate information about human sexuality, human development, and chastity formation. For more information and to register visit: [www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife](http://www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife), or call 988-3755.

	<b>Flandreau: \$2174</b> <b>Elkton: \$603</b> <b>Colman: \$421</b>
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#### September & October Mass Schedule

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

## ST. PETER

**Needed: Three Religious Education Teachers** who would be willing to teach the High School class one time per month. Please contact Joy 864-8113.

**Needed - Director of Religious Education:** The new person could work with Joy to learn the duties of the position thru December then take over the position in January. Call Fr. Doug if interested 997-2610.

**Mark Your Calendar:** Fall Dinner-Sept. 27th.

## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

**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).

**Mark Your Calendar:** Fall Dinner-Oct. 18th.



Congratulations to **Lance & Kaitlyn (VanBeek) Weber** who were married this weekend.



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choice to accept and follow The Truths of God, which is to take up our cross and fight the good fight against evil with The Divine Powers of Faith, Hope and Love of God that will lift our fallen human nature and will recreate us into the full Image and Likeness of God that God desires us to be. God does not promise an easy life of happiness, but rather, that we may have life more abundantly (Jn 10:10), which is to be filled with The Peace of The Holy Spirit and to be able to express The Knowledge and Wisdom of God's Love in Truth. God offers everyone who will practice their Faith, this reality to be at Peace with God, one another and ourselves, both now and one day forever in Heaven. These Truths are found in The Sacred Scriptures of the Bible where Jesus tells us that He is The Way, The Truth and The Life. (Jn 14:6) Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (*justice*). (Mt 6:33) *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

## TRI-PARISH

**Annual Safe Environment On-site Training:** Wed., August 26 at 7:00 PM at the CCD Center at Flandreau. This is the alternative to the on-line training required for all employees and any volunteers who assist with the youth.

**Religious Education Classes** will begin on Wed., Sept. 9th.

## STS. SIMON & JUDE

**KC Annual Family Golf Outing:** Sun., August 23rd. Golf signup - 12:30 PM; Installation of officers - 4:00 PM; Picnic - 4:30 PM.

**KC Meeting:** Mon., August 24 - 7:00 PM.

**Reminder:** Families with elementary students, please respond to the CCD class times survey. Thank you to all who have already replied.



Welcome into our parish family to:

**Brayden Christopher Rochel**,  
son of David & Sherri and

**Tanner Jacob Schoeberl**, son of Dusty & Amy

We pray for God's blessings and grace that they continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

**Discovering Your Gifts and Putting them to Use for the Kingdom:** When we were baptized and confirmed, God gave each of us gifts – literally, superpowers! – that are meant to be used to build up His Kingdom. But what are the gifts we've each been given, and how do we use them?

**To answer those questions**, a Called & Gifted workshop – sponsored by the Office of Adult Discipleship & Evangelization and led by a team from the Catherine of Siena Institute – will be held this fall at St. Michael's Parish in Sioux Falls on **September 11th and 12th**. Lunch will be provided. There will be an opportunity for a free will offering.

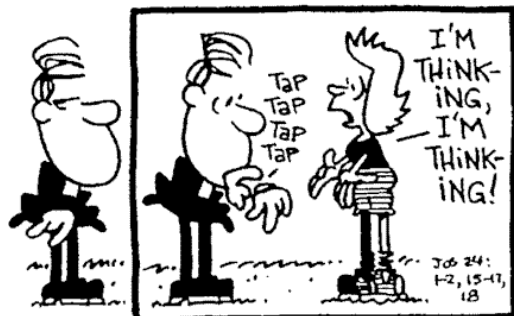
**So save the date!!** For more information and to register for this amazing workshop visit our website: [www.sfcatholic.org/adultformation](http://www.sfcatholic.org/adultformation). Feel free to call Mary Andersen at 605-988-3766 or ([mandersen@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mandersen@sfcatholic.org)) with any questions.

**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 **Sept. 11-13**. Go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) to register, or call Dawn/John Elsinger at 362-0924.

**The 21st Annual "Bishop's Charity Golf Classic" benefits Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center:** This is a great event for Catholics from around the Diocese to gather for fun, fellowship, and to show their support for and learn more about the retreat ministry at Broom Tree, **Sunday & Monday, August 30 & 31**. The Sunday night "*Broom Tree Banquet*" will be held at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls beginning at 5 p.m. with social and silent auction. On Monday there will be two simultaneous golf tournaments - "*The Bishop's Scramble*," and "*The Bishop's Cup*" - which will be held at The Country Club of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha Country Clubs with a shotgun start at noon. **Register on-line for the Banquet and/or Golf at [www.cfesd.org](http://www.cfesd.org)** or contact the Catholic Foundation at 605-988-3788, toll free at 1-888-246-3386.

**Broom Tree Silent Retreat Schedule:**  
**Women's:** Sept. 17-20, Oct. 22-25, Nov. 5-8;  
**Men's:** Sept. 24-27, Nov. 19-22  
<http://www.broom-tree.org> or 605-263-1040

Father Flood



**The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide-Fall Session begins Wednesday, September 9th** at St Mary School, 2001 S. 5th Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions are held Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 988-3775 [mculhane@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mculhane@sfcatholic.org). Scholarships are available.

## Pray for Vocations!

**Children's Grief Program NEW!!** Children's grief program "*Seeing Through the Rain*" by Mary Weber begins Thursday September 10th through October 15, from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. This six-week program is designed for children according to their age and specific loss. To register for this program or for more information contact Catholic Family Services [988-3775](tel:988-3775). Second session of "Seeing Through the Rain" begins October 29th and runs through December 10, 2015.

**Grieving the Loss From Homicide-** Sept.22-Oct.27, 2014, a six week program held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, this is a program for adults who have lost a loved one from the tragic and senseless crime of a murder. This loss has a unique intensity that requires special and educational assistance toward adjustment. Located at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave Sioux Falls. To register or questions please call 605-988-3775 or e-mail at [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org)

**Holy Land pilgrimage this fall:** Fr. Michael Wensing is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Oct 29-Nov 6. You may call Peter's Way (the Tour agent) at 1-800-225 7662 for more information. The trip is limited to 50. Ask for Amy Choi, the tour planner. Flights are to and from Sioux Falls.

**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.