

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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



YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

“Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sang to his sister in mommy’s tummy. He was building a bond of love with his little sister before he even met her. The pregnancy progressed normally for Karen, an active member of the Panther Creek United Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee. In time, the labor pains came. Soon it was every five minutes, every three, every minute. But serious complications arose during delivery and Karen found herself in hours of labor. Would a C-section be required? Finally, after a long struggle, Michael’s little sister was born. But she was in very serious condition. With a siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushed the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary’s Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee. The days inched by. The little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents there is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst.

Karen and her husband contacted a local cemetery about a burial plot. They had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby but now they found themselves having to plan for a funeral. Michael, however, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. I want to sing to her, he kept saying.

Week two in intensive care looked as if a funeral would come before the week was over. Michael kept nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care. Karen decided to take Michael whether they liked it or not. If he didn’t see his sister right then, he may never see her alive. She dressed him in an oversized scrub suit and marched him into ICU. He looked like a walking laundry basket. The head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, ‘Get that kid out of here now. No children are allowed.’ The mother rose up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse’s face, her lips a firm line. ‘He is not leaving until he sings to his sister’ she stated.

Then Karen towed Michael to his sister’s bedside. He gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sang: ‘You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray.’ Instantly the baby girl seemed to respond. The pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. ‘Keep on singing, Michael,’ encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes. ‘You never know, dear, how much I love you, please don’t take my sunshine away. As Michael sang to his sister, the baby’s ragged, strained breathing became as smooth as a kitten’s purr ‘Keep on singing, sweetheart.’ The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms’. Michael’s little sister began to relax as rest, healing rest, seemed to sweep over her. ‘Keep on singing, Michael.’ Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed. ‘You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don’t take my sunshine away...’ The next day...the very next day. The little girl was well enough to go home. Woman’s Day Magazine called it The Miracle of a Brother’s Song. The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God’s love. NEVER GIVE UP ON THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE. LOVE IS SO INCREDIBLY POWERFUL.”

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 31, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Feb. 1	7:30 AM 7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton	----- -----
Tues., Feb. 2	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 1:30 PM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	Deceased CDA Members -----
Wed., Feb. 3	9:00 AM 11:00AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass at the Manor	Elkton Flandreau	† Richard Gebhart † Ed Mengenhauser
Thur., Feb. 4	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Fri., Feb. 5	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Flandreau	----- † Patricia Fargen -----
Sat., Feb. 6	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., Feb. 7	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	† Richard Gebhart † Mabel Heinemann

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., Feb 6

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Mary Sweeney,
Ann Voelker
Lect./Comm.: Chad Gross
Altar Servers: Chandlier Gullickson, Walker Olivier
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Focus Sunday

ELKTON ~ SUN., FEB. 7

Lay Minister: Shari Myers, Chris Myers
Lect/Comm: JoAnn Heesch, Bill Fargen
Altar Servers: Aiden Erickson & Billy Stuefen
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Marie Owens
Ushers: Arlo Jurens, Tom Gebhart

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., FEB. 7

Lay Minister: Susan Gross, John Hess,
Libby Heinemann
Lect./Comm.: Paul/Jessica Lewis (C)
Altar Servers: Xavier/Marianna/Isabella Pavlis
Jacob Weber
Ushers/Greeters: Glenn Burggraff Family, Craig Shea
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik Albers

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Flandreau: \$6544.
Elkton: \$
Colman: \$1083.45

Daily Mass Readings:

Feb. 1: 2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; 3:2-3,4-5,6-7, Mk 5:1-20
Feb. 2: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Ps 24: 7,8,9,10; Lk 2:22-40
Feb. 3: 2 Sam 24: 2, 9 - 17; Ps 32:1-2,5,6,7; Mk 6: 1 - 6
Feb 4: 1 Kings 2; 1- 4, 10 - 12; 1 Chron29:10,11-12; Mk 6:7-13
Feb 5: Sir 47: 2-11; Ps 18:31,47 & 50,51; Mk 6: 14-29
Feb. 6: 1 Kings 3: 4-13; Ps 119:9,10,11,12,13,14; Mk 6:30-34
Feb 7: Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8, Ps 138: 1-2,2-3,4-5,7-8
1 Cor 12:15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11; Luke 5:1-11-30

Wed, Feb. 10th: Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule:

6:00 pm Colman / Fr. Doug
7:00 pm Elkton / Fr. Osborn
8:00 pm Flandreau / Fr. Doug

Confessions:

Feb 17th: Wed. 5:30 Aurora
Elementary and HS confessions
Feb. 24th: Wed. Flandreau with Fr. Doug,
Fr. Osborn & Fr. Mangan
Adoration and Confessions: 7:15- 8:15
HS Confessions at 7:30,
Adult Confessions after HS has finished
Elementary Confessions: 5:45

Feb 28: Sunday Flandreau
Penance service Fr. Doug, Fr. Osborn & Fr. Farke
Mar 2, Wednesday, Colman, 6:00
Elementary and HS Confessions
Mar 9: Wednesday, Elkton, 6:30
Elementary and HS Confessions

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM

Bible Study:

Mondays at 7:00 PM Contact

Amy.Weight@k12.sd.us or 605-651-0095

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

KC's First Sunday Brunch, February 7. Serving biscuits and sausage gravy, eggs, fruit, juice and coffee.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be each Wednesday during Lent starting on Ash Wednesday. Serving will begin at 5:30.

Intention of the Holy Father for February: That we may take good care of creation - a gift freely given - cultivating and protecting it for future generations

Today we begin the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2016. CFSA challenges us each year to think beyond our walls and our individual needs. At some time in your life, you or someone you love will be served in one way or another from the ministries supported by CFSA. Your gift helps each of the diocesan ministries reach out to thousands, including training our future priests, a respect for life, education in our faith and ministry to the homebound, helping hurting marriages and more. This week you will receive a letter from Bishop Swain asking for your support for this year's CFSA. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's appeal, fill out your pledge card and bring it to church next weekend. If you do not receive a letter, let the parish office know.

Broom Tree Retreats

For more information or to register please call (605) 263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org or www.broom-tree.org

Day of Recollection: February 16 - 10:00 AM

Parables that Laugh and Weep - Father Al Krzyzopolski

Includes conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Lunch is served, so we ask that you please register.* A prayerful donation is requested.

Women's Silent Retreat: Feb. 18-21, Mar. 3-6, May 12-15; June 16-19

Men's Silent Retreat: Feb. 25-28, April 7-10; Aug. 18-21

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the first Tuesday each month, 1-3:00 p.m. for those living with chronic illness **and** their care givers. Next meeting at St. Lambert, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave Sioux Falls on **February 2.** Details - call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

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Stations of the Cross with the CCD Classes at 6:30 on Wednesdays

****Note change of date**** **Adult Faith Formation Opportunity:** Tuesday, February 2nd - 7:00 PM at St. Mary's hall. Topic is: A LOVE THAT LASTS. Everyone welcome!



Welcome into the Parish family Sydney Larae Meyer daughter of Jeff and Mary Ann Meyer. We pray for God's Blessing and grace that she continues to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

ST. PETER

Soup Suppers during Lent at 5:00 pm beginning Feb 17th.

Stations of the Cross with the CCD students will begin at 7:00pm

Coordinator for the CCD program needed - Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

"The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus in Madison is having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 14th and we would like to invite your parish to join us for good food and wonderful fellowship. Our breakfast will be held at the St. Thomas Gym in Madison from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. We will be serving pancakes, eggs ham sausage, coffee, juice and milk. We will take a free will donation to fund the good works of the KC's. We would love to have you join us on the 14th! "

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

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

Stations of the Cross begin at 7:15.

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

♦ Coordinator for the CCD program needed - Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

OLGC: 6:30 PM - all grades

Stations of the Cross lead by the CCD students on Wednesdays. Soup suppers before stations.

RETROUVAILLE: A confidential weekend that offers hope and help **for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship** is scheduled for **March 18-20** at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Retrouvaille is a peer to peer ministry and has helped couples experiencing chronic communication problems, as well as those who thought they were beyond hope, already separated, or even divorced. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org or call 988-3755 to register.

Make this Valentine's Day your most memorable yet! Do you feel as if you are living a "married singles" lifestyle? Do you and your spouse only communicate about schedules and logistics? Reclaim the love, romance, and excitement that God wants your marriage to be and attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The weekend involves 15-20 couples, but the focus of the weekend is on the **couple**, not group sessions. A series of presentations are given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest. Register today for the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter **February 12-14** Weekend at Broomtree Retreat Center in Irene. www.sdwwme.org or call 362-0924.

Father Flood



New Resources on Medical Decisions and End-of-Life Care. Visit the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife for various resources, including a diocesan booklet, a sample Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, a planning guide, prayers, links, articles, and more. Perhaps a loved one is in the hospital after a tragic injury or a parent is in a nursing home with a terminal illness. Suffering and death affects us all. Preparing spiritually and practically for an unexpected illness or our end-of-life care can alleviate much anxiety—not only for ourselves, but our loved ones.

Help for the military and their families: The St. Raphael Fund is meant to assist the military and their families in meeting needs not supported in other ways. The goal is encourage healthy families and to provide care for those who serve. Applications for funds can be sent to St. Raphael Fund, 523 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or any diocesan Catholic Family Services Office, 1-800-700-7867. Donations to the fund can be sent to the same address.

Grieving the Loss of a Child: Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm **March 1-April 5**, Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register, the program is non-denominational. Cost – Donation. This program is for adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. The program is designed to be educational and will offer positive suggestions to help people to survive and learn to live fully again.

Making Valentine's Day plans? How does a romantic candlelight dinner featuring a sit-down, Italian meal of salad, homemade lasagna, and wine or sparkling grape juice sound? Add to that a cheesecake dessert and you have a perfect meal! The Tri-Parish youth will host this supper on Sunday, February 14th at St. Leo Parish Hall, Pipestone all for only \$15 per person. (Snow Make-Up Date is Sunday, February 21, 2016.) Tickets are available by calling the Tri-Parish Office (825-3152). Catholic United Financial is sponsoring this event and will provide a matching grant of up to \$1,000 for the youth.

Resources Available for Those Struggling with Pornography. Are you or a loved one trying to quit pornography? There is help and confidential assistance available, including prayers, counseling, testimonies, and a "10 Practical Steps to Quitting Pornography" handout. To learn more visit www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife or call 988-3755.

Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain
by Planned Parenthood on 41st Street
12:00 Noon - February 16