

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



Saint Padre Pio: Continued;

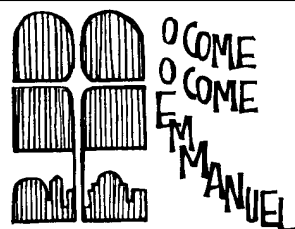
The following are some examples that give evidence to the Divine powers of Faith, Hope, and Love of Jesus in the life of St. Padre Pio. Such actions are accomplished “only by God’s gracious gifts of Grace” in union with our faithful response to use the gifts that we have been given. Jesus tells His disciples after He cursed the fruitless fig tree that immediately withered: “(21) Jesus said to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done. (22) Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.” (Mt 21:21-23) To use God’s Gifts wisely, we need to have a strong relationship with Jesus Christ by knowing what God says in the Scriptures and doing what God says as we do good with love and stop doing evil with The Divine Grace that comes to us through constant prayer, sacrifice, and especially frequent reception of the Sacraments. Miracles should not be unusual or surprising in the Catholic Faith; They should be normal everyday occurrences of God in the daily lives of people of Faith

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

“A young girl named Gemma was born without pupils, she was blind. Her grandmother took her to Padre Pio and both went to confession to him. Gemma’s grandmother asked for graces for little Gemma to see. Gemma was very disturbed because she forgot to ask him. He said to the grandmother, ‘Do you have faith my daughter? The child must not weep and neither should you for the child sees...’ Padre Pio gave her, her first Holy Communion. After the distribution of Holy Communion, Padre went to the altar again and placed his hands over Gemma’s eyes and made the sign of the cross. When traveling, she began to see. To this day she has her vision, but she has no pupils! Many, many eye specialists have examined Gemma but they have no scientific explanation.” (padrepio.html)

“As for the sky phenomenon: “There are many stories concerning Allied pilots who attempted to bomb San Giovanni but were stopped by an apparition of a ‘monk’ standing in the air with his arms outstretched,” says Ruffin. “There are fliers who swore that they had sighted a figure in the sky, sometimes normal size, sometimes gigantic, usually in the form of a monk or priest. The sightings were too frequent and the reports came from too many sources to be totally discounted. Several people from Foggia, where thousands were killed in the air raids, said that a bomb, falling into a room where they had huddled, landed near a photograph of Padre Pio. They claimed that when it exploded, it ‘burst like a soap bubble.’ Others reported that while bombs were raining down upon the city, they cried, ‘Padre Pio, you have to save us!’ While they were speaking, a bomb fell into their midst but did not explode.” (pdtsigns.com)

“Padre Pio also had the gift of bilocation. He could be in more than one place at a time. One time while recreating with his fellow friars, in the friary, he was seen on some battlefield giving the Last Sacraments to dying soldiers.” (Capuchin Friars of Sant’Angeloe Padre Pio Province)



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**First
Sunday of
Advent
December
3
2017**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 4	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Dec. 5	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Elizabeth Lee ----- -----
Wed., Dec. 6	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass at Riverview Manor	Elkton Colman	† Louis/Lillian Heesch ----- † Dolores Burggraff
Thur., Dec. 7	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass (Immac. Conception)	Elkton Colman Flandreau	----- ----- † Elaine Ahlers
Fri., Dec. 8	5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Mass (Immac. Conception) Mass (Immac. Conception)	Elkton Colman	All parishioners † Aaron Scofield
Sat., Dec. 9	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† O.W./Marvel Bartelt
Sun., Dec. 10	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners John/Cheryl Shaeffer (50th Anniversary)
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ FRI., DEC. 8

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Sharon Landsman, Lois Stuefen
Altar Servers: Tevan/Aiden Erickson
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Bill/Lois Stuefen
Ushers: Kevin Myers, Dwight Gullickson

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 9

Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Lisa Gebhart
Lect./Comm.: Kelly Neill, Ervin Gebhart
Altar Servers: Ashton/Garrett Neill
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Cory/Mary Ann Stuefen
Ushers: Kevin Myers, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ FRI., DEC. 8

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Maureen Baumberger
Lect/Comm: Mary Beth Zwart
Altar Servers: Carson Voelker, Presley Luze
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Bob Heinrich Family

COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 10

Lay Minister: Mary Gengler, Betty Merges,
Doug Entringer
Lect/Comm: Dan Schmidt
Altar Servers: Jack/Jase Mousel
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Dan Miles Family

Intention of the Holy Father for December:

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

FLANDREAU ~ THUR., DEC. 7

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Charles Rosheim, Tom Stenger
Lect./Comm.: Pat/Amy Weight
Altar Servers: Luke Behrens, Jaelyn Gaspar,
Madeline/Libby Hursey
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 10

Lay Minister: Dave/Deb Feske, Betty Groos
Lect./Comm.: Reggie Gassman, John Evans (C)
Altar Servers: Erin/James/Matthew Drietz, Caleb Dietrich
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Daily Mass Readings:

Dec 4: Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11
Dec 5: Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72:1,2,7,8,12,13,17; Luke 10:21-24
Dec 6: Isaiah 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37
Dec 7: Isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27; Matt 7:21,24-27
Dec 8: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12;
Luke 1:26-38
Dec 9: Isaiah 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1-8
Dec 10: Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Holy Day of Obligation Masses**

Thursday, December 7 - 6:00 PM ~ Flandreau
Friday, December 8 - 5:30 PM ~ Elkton
Friday, December 8 - 7:30 PM ~ Colman

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Adult Choir Practice: Sundays at 9:15 AM.

CCD: Wednesdays ~ 5:45 - 7:00 gr. K-6
~ 7:15 - 8:30 gr. 7-12

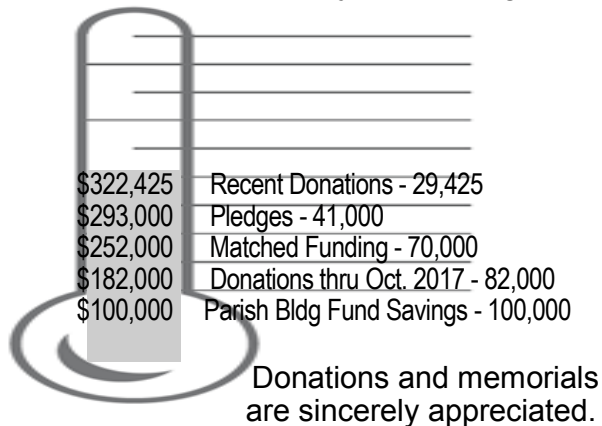
Quilting Thursdays - 8:30 AM. Questions, call LaVonne 633-1739. Everyone is welcome!

First Sunday Meal: December 3rd after Mass. The K of C will be serving Three Bean & Hamburger hot dish. All are welcome!

Surplus pictures & flood lights available in church basement; Freewill donation.

Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00 - call Libby at 997-2654 if interested.

\$445,000 Elevator Project Fundraising Goal



The Moody County Breadbasket now has a post office box for correspondence and donations. If you would like to contact the MCB by mail this is the address: Moody County Breadbasket, PO Box 55, Flandreau, SD 57028.

Advent Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 10 - 1:30 PM ~ Flandreau
Sunday, December 17 - 1:30 PM ~ Brookings

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.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

CCD: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, gr. 1-12.

Operation Christmas Child: Our CCD has started accepting donations for Operation Christmas Child so if anyone would like to donate items, bring them to Sharon Landsman or contact her at 542-4434. **There can be no toothpaste and no candy.**

The ladies guild would like to invite everyone to go Christmas caroling in Pipestone on Sunday, **December 10th**. We will meet in front of the church at 1:15 pm and depart at 1:30. After caroling we will be going out for pizza at Dar's and everyone is responsible for their own meal.

Anyone interested in attending Christmas at the Cathedral on Friday, **December 15th** contact Mary Ann Stuefen. Tickets are \$37.00 and tickets can be purchased on line.

Guild Meeting: January 21st after focus mass at St. Mary's. The agenda will include selecting officers and looking at new ideas for guild. If you are interested in serving as an officer or know someone who would like to fill a position please contact Mary Remund.

We remember and pray for **John Neill** whose funeral was on Nov. 27th.

ST. PETER

CCD: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, gr. 1-12.

CDA of Colman is having a Holiday Raffle.

Prizes: 2 - 1/2 hog (winner responsible for processing), \$100 Gift Card Tree, \$50 Gift Card Tree. \$25 Gift Card, Pampering Basket, and John Green Print - Phillips Avenue at Rush Hour. Chances are \$2 each or 6 for \$10 and can be purchased from any CDA member or after Mass during the month of December. Drawing will be December 16, 2017. Proceeds will fund CDA unity and charity projects.

Nov. 26th
Our
Weekly Offering

Elkton: \$1234
Flandreau: \$2627
Colman: \$1284

Broom Tree Retreats

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

Days of Recollection: 10:00 AM - mid-afternoon
Dec. 5 ~ Entering into Advent with the Prophecies from Handel's Messiah - Directed by Fr. Steven Jones

Advent Afternoon of Recollection: Dec. 3rd, 1:30-4:00 p.m. at St. Lambert Parish. All are invited. There is no registration or cost. Together, we will prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Day of Recollection: Dec. 12th, 10:00 - 3:00 at The Abbey of the Hills. Fr. Jeff Norfolk will present on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Lunch is included. Free will offering. Registration is required for meal planning purposes at www.abbeyofthehills.com

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC: January 17-21. The Diocese of Sioux Falls will be participating in the march and invites you to come along. The pilgrimage will include participation in the March, Catholic youth rally and some free time to visit sites at our Nation's Capital. Details at sfcatholic.org/marchforlife

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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



We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you will receive an email with.....

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

Christmas at the Cathedral: December 14-17:

Proceeds supports the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Endowment and the ongoing care of the Cathedral. Purchase your tickets: 1) at any Sioux Falls HyVee store, 2) on-line at www.ccfesd.org, 3) 605.988.3788 4) email events@ccfesd.org, 5) stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave).

Bishop Hoch Scholarship: The Diocese awards one \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student from each of the seven deaneries, to enable that student to attend either Mount Marty College in Yankton or Presentation College in Aberdeen. Applications are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information contact tgeiver@sfcatholic.org.

Ski with the Seminarians December 28th, 8:30 - 6:30 PM; For Catholic men, 12 years of age and up. Sign up online at www.sfvocations.com or call 605-988-3772

Christmas Cookie Parade, Lunch & Fair: Dec. 3, 11:30-3:00; Risen Savior, Brandon, SD.

Angel Tree Donations can be sent or dropped at 112 E. Pipestone, Flandreau, SD by Dec. 14th.

Advent Baby Shower: We invite you to bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sized newborn to 12 months, crib sheets, blankets, diapers, bibs, rattles, toys, baby lotion, bottles, baby shampoo, etc. Items will be distributed to families in need through our local domestic abuse shelter and diocese.

Fret not your souls with puzzles that you cannot solve. The solution may never be shown you until you have left this flesh-life.

Remember what I have so often told you, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." Only step by step, and stage by stage, can you proceed, in your journey upward.

The one thing to be sure of is that it is a journey with Me. There does come a Joy known to those who suffer with Me. But that is not the result of the suffering, but the result of the close intimacy with Me, to which suffering drove you.

From *God Calling*
by A.J. Russell

Pray for Vocations!

Father Flood

