

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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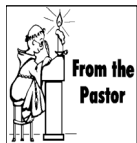
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The Blessed Mother and Padre Pio

by Joe Peluso

Padre Pio said: "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother."... "When one acknowledges the importance of the Blessed Mother in Her Immaculate Conception, it is the first step on the path of salvation."... "Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today."... "All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

Mary Pyle told me that aside from all of Padre Pio's daily priestly duties, he said a fifteen decade Rosary thirty-five (35) or more times each day. Many photographs show Padre Pio laughing and smiling with his right hand hidden in his chest-high pocket. He is actually doing two things at the same time. He is laughing, telling humorous stories and praying his rosary. This is another gift granted by God to his special chosen son.

With great tenderness, he always spoke of the Blessed Mother as "my dear little Mother." He always said: "The Blessed Mother is the Mother of all Mothers." On Padre Pio's death bed, his final words that he kept repeating were: "Jesus-Mary; Jesus-Mary; Jesus-Mary."

Padre Pio often told his fellow priests when they asked him of the Blessed Mother and if she was with him during his Mass: "The Blessed Mother accompanies me to the altar and remains at my side while I offer up the Holy Mass." Padre Pio often said Mass at the altar of "The Immaculate Conception" in her honor. A priest, a member of the monastery, asked Padre Pio: 'Does the Blessed Mother ever come to your room?' And he replied: "Why not ask me instead, 'does she ever leave my room?' " Padre Pio's dear friend, Padre Eusebio, asked him: "Does the Blessed Mother ever appear to you, and do you see her?" Padre Pio replied: "The Blessed Mother comes to me whenever I need her."



Giuseppa Forgione, Padre Pio's mother, loved the Blessed Mother like her son. When Francesco left for the Seminary in 1902, his mother's gift to him was a large, framed, beautiful picture of the Blessed Mother entitled, "Our Lady of Purity." His mother's gift was always with him. He always hung this picture at the foot of the bed, so that he could see his beautiful Madonna as he prayed his Rosary before sleeping. The pilgrims touring the Monastery today will see in Padre Pio's bedroom, Cell #1, this picture of 'Our Lady of Purity' still hanging at the foot of his bed.

TO THOSE WHO CAME TO PADRE PIO TO THANK HIM FOR FAVORS GRANTED, HE SAID: "ALL THANKS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE BLESSED MOTHER SINCE SHE IS THE MEDIATRIX FOR ALL GRACES." (from the website: Padre Pio Foundation of America)

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PEACE

**Second
Sunday of
Advent
December
10
2017**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 11	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Dec. 12	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Richard Mengershauser ----- -----
Wed., Dec. 13	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass at Edgewood Vista	Elkton Colman	† O.W./Marvel Bartelt ----- Special Intention
Thur., Dec. 14	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- Thanksgiving for good harvest
Fri., Dec. 15	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- ill & deceased members of ----- parish
Sat., Dec. 16	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† John Neill
Sun., Dec. 17	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass (Retired Priest) Mass	Colman Aurora Flandreau	† Aaron Scofield All Parishioners † Brad/Les Bowen
CONFESSIONS ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 16

Lay Minister: Sharon Landsman, Kelly Neill
Lect./Comm.: Bill Fargen, Mary Remund
Altar Servers: William Neill, Jack Skordahl
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mike Stoltenberg
Ushers: Kevin Myers, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 17

Lay Minister: Ann Voelker, Maureen Baumberger
 Ryan Zwart
Lect/Comm: Alice Berg
Altar Servers: Chandler/Austin Gullickson
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Ray Luze Family

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 17

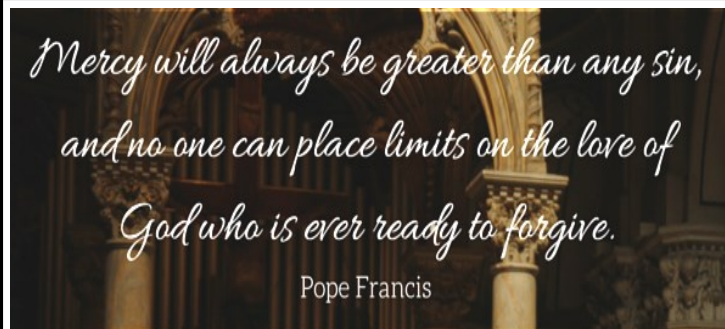
Lay Minister: Susan Gross, Libby Heinemann,
 Dave Johnson
Lect./Comm.: Paul/Jessica Lewis
Altar Servers: Anna/Samuel/Matthew Gassman
 Ethan Hoffman
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

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.

Daily Mass Readings:

Dec 11: Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26
 Dec 12: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-10; Judith 13:18-19; Luke 1:39-47
 Dec 13: Isaiah 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Matthew 11:28-30
 Dec 14: Isaiah 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13; Matthew 11:11-15
 Dec 15: Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Matthew 11:16-19
 Dec 16: Sirach 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-3,15-19; Matthew 17:9-13
 Dec 17: Philippians 4:4-5; Luke 1:46-54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
 John 1:6-8,19-28



*Mercy will always be greater than any sin,
 and no one can place limits on the love of
 God who is ever ready to forgive.*


Pope Francis

Advent Communal Penance Services
 Sunday, December 10 - 1:30 PM ~ Flandreau
 Sunday, December 17 - 1:30 PM ~ Brookings

PROPER FEEDING: We feed ourselves, not to please our senses, but to show our Lord that we want to work for him and with him, to live a life of sacrifice and reparation. -Mother Teresa

Dec. 3rd

Our
Weekly Offering



Elkton: \$1236

Flandreau: \$3677

Colman: \$684

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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

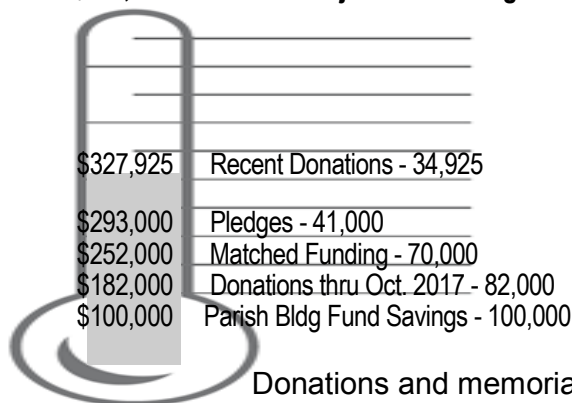
Christmas Program: Sun., Dec. 17 - 5:30 PM.

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

Surplus 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



Donations and memorials are sincerely appreciated.



**Welcome
New Members!**

Welcome into our parish family to
Jared & Samantha Bansemer
and their children **Aiden, Westin & Skylar**
We pray that you will deepen your relationship
with the Lord and develop deep friendships with
fellow parishioners.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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

Christmas Program: Sun., Dec. 17 - 4:00 PM.

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.

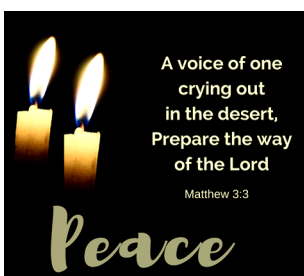
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Christmas Program: Wed., Dec. 13 - 6:30 PM.

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.

Lectors: Please pick up your lector workbooks for the new liturgical year in the church entrance at all three parishes.



O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to
save the nations,
and the Lord will make the
glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.
Isaiah 30:19,30

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 sfatholic.org/marchforlife

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

D-Camp: Register before February 1, 2018 to receive \$50 off of your 2018 D-Camp registration! Start your order by entering the promotional code "early" in order to apply the discount. Head to the webpage to access the online registration: <http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/>.

Catholic Conversations: You and your parish are invited to a very special edition of Catholic Conversations. Please join us for a day of reflection at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Hall from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM on **Saturday, January 13, 2018.** Dr. Chris, Renee Leach and Missy Baumberger will be presenting on encountering God through Scripture. This is a free event! Because lunch will be provided, registration is required. Register at <http://www.sfcatholic.org/catholicconversations>.

Pray for Vocations!

Best Advent Ever: 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).

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.

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.

The Moody County Breadbasket now has a post office box for correspondence and donations. Their address: Moody County Breadbasket, PO Box 55, Flandreau, SD 57028.

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.

Father Flood

