

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



Christmas

Christmas is all about God coming to us. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16) God so Loves us that He does not want us living in the darkness of sin and evil with the devil as our master, which is what happened after the Original Sin. God's Will and Desire is to be with us, so that we can be set free from the anger, malice and rebellion of the devil. God shares His Eternal and Infinite Life of Love with us through Jesus Christ. There is no other way to The Love of God except through Jesus.

Our Blessed Mother Mary loved God so much that she refused every temptation to sin, and God The Father highly favored her and created His Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ in her by The Power of The Holy Spirit. Mary's Faith, Hope and Love are so great that she humbles herself to accept whatever God's Will is for her. She accepts all things that are from The Lord regardless of whether she understands them or not. Great is her Faith, and Mary rejoices in God her Savior and proclaims the greatness of the Lord as she spoke prophetically to Elizabeth her kinsman, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. We also see great Faith and humility in Elizabeth, as she responded



to Mary's greeting with the Grace of The Holy Spirit as she prophesied, "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43) Elizabeth does not feel worthy of being in the presence of her Lord and God or God's highly favored daughter. When John the Baptist grew up, he proclaimed "prepare the way of the Lord" through the

repentance of sin. This is what we have been working at over this Advent Season, so that through the repentance of sin, prayer, doing good works with love, forgiving one another and not worrying as we trust in Jesus. We have been making a way for The Lord into our hearts, minds and souls. This is what makes this time of year so special, so that just as Jesus Christ came into the world just over 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ will come to each of us through the faithful practice of our Faith, Hope and Love. By this practice, our attitudes and will change as we reject the ways of evil and accept and embrace The Ways of God. Keep working at preparing a place for the Lord in your heart, mind and soul, so that you will become much more than a manger in a world that will not receive it's Savior. Our Lord wants each of us to be glorious Temples of The Holy Spirit. Keep giving God's Love, and more will be given to you until you become God's Image and Likeness overflowing with The Love and The Glory of Jesus Christ in you, Who gave all that He had to save us. God Bless you and your families throughout this Christmas Season.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld



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**Fourth
Sunday of
Advent
December
24
2017**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Christmas Mass	Flandreau	† Kenneth Doyle
Tues., Dec. 26	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	----- -----
Wed., Dec. 27	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	----- -----
Thur., Dec. 28	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	----- -----
Fri., Dec. 29	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	----- -----
Sat., Dec. 30	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Sun., Dec. 31	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Joe/Loretta Heinricy † Dennis Rhead
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ CHRISTMAS EVE-DEC. 24 - 5:00 PM

Lay Minister: Rich Frederiksen, Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Beth Frederiksen, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Nathan Thielen Family
Ushers: Kevin Myers, Dwight Gullickson

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 30 - 5:00 PM

Lay Minister: Lisa Gebhart, David McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Ervin Gebhart, Chris Myers
Altar Servers: Aiden/Tevan Erickson
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Andy/Roxane Weber
Ushers: Kevin Myers, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ CHRISTMAS EVE-DEC. 24 - 5:00 PM

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Doug Entringer,
Alice Berg
Lect/Comm: Pete Entringer
Altar Servers: Ben/Anna Zwart
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Bill Miles Family

COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 31 - 8:30 AM

Lay Minister: Maureen Baumberger, Mary Gengler
Ann Voelker
Lect/Comm: Kim Froke
Altar Servers: Madison/Kaylee Voelker
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Ryan Zwart Family

FLANDREAU ~ CHRISTMAS EVE-DEC. 24 - 11:00 PM

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Charles Rosheim,
Tom Stenger
Lect./Comm.: Tom Luze, Lisa Rosheim (C)
Altar Servers: Elizabeth/Marianna/Isabella Pavlis,
Makenzey Burggraff
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knipling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

FLANDREAU ~ CHRISTMAS DAY-DEC. 25 - 9:00 AM

Lay Minister: Dave/Deb Feske, Betty Groos
Lect./Comm.: Margie Powers, Denise Wiese (C)
Altar Servers: Tiffany/Toby Taylor
Austin/Katherine Kulm
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knipling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 31 - 10:30 AM

Lay Minister: Susan Groos, Libby Heinemann,
Dave Johnson
Lect./Comm.: John Evans, Marty Parsley (C)
Altar Servers: Hannah/Kathryn/Maria Parsley,
Makayla Welbig
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knipling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

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.

Dec. 17 th Our Weekly Offering		Elkton: \$1299 Flandreau: \$3360 Colman: \$681
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Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

Thank you to all who showed God's Love to me this Christmas through your kindness and generosity of prayers, cards, thoughts and gifts. May God Bless you and your families. Fr. Doug

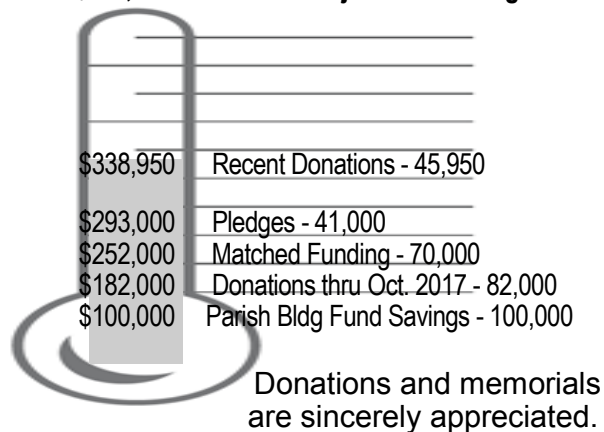
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CCD: No classes on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

Quilting: Thursdays - 8:30 AM.

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

\$445,000 Elevator Project Fundraising Goal



Daily Mass Readings:

- Dec 25: Isaiah 62:11-12; Ps 97:1,5,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20
 Dec. 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-8,16,17; Matt 10:17-22
 Dec 27: 1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; John 20:1-8
 Dec 28: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Matthew 2:13-18
 Dec 29: 1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-6; Luke 2:22-35
 Dec 30: 1 John 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40
 Dec 31: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-9; Hebrews 11:8-19; Luke 2:22-40

We Remember: **Kenneth Doyle**, funeral was Dec. 12th at SS&J, **Marguerite Streng**, funeral was Dec. 20th at St. Peter. May the Lord grant them eternal peace, and give their families and friends hope and comfort.

Enjoy the 21st Annual Christmas at the Cathedral on KELO TV on Christmas Day: If you were unable to attend the Christmas at the Cathedral in person, we invite you to watch a taped rebroadcast on Christmas Day, December 25th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on KELO TV.

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CCD: No classes on December 27th.

Guild Meeting: **January 28th** 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.

ST. PETER

CCD: No classes on December 27th.

CDA Holiday Raffle Winners

- 1/2 Hog - Brenna LeBrun
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 \$100 Gift Card Tree - Madison Voelker
 John Green Print - Judy Miles
 Pampering Basket - Summit Lee
 \$50 Gift Card Cup - Jerry Hemmer
 \$25 Gift Card - Mike Hotvet
 Thank You and Merry Christmas!

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

- Sunday, December 24 - 5:00 PM ~ Elkton
 Sunday, December 24 - 5:00 PM ~ Colman
 Sunday, December 24 - 11:00 PM ~ Flandreau
 (singing of Christmas carols begins at 10:30)
 Monday, December 25 - 9:00 AM ~ Flandreau

Christmas open house at The Bishop's

House: You are invited to stop by The Bishop's House for a Christmas open house, **Sunday, December 31 from 1-5 p.m., and following the morning Masses at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.** The Bishop's House is located at 423 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls and has been home to the last five bishops of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls, including current bishop, Most Reverend Paul J. Swain. The 1890s era home was built by the Tuthill family and was purchased by the diocese in the early 1950s.

January/February Mass Schedule

- Colman - Saturday at 5:00 PM
 Elkton - Sunday at 8:30 AM

Christmas Flower Memorials

Donor	In Memory/Honor of:
Shirlee Rhead.....	Dennis Rhead, Duhaime Family
Mary Fleming.....	Fargen/Fleming/Dolan Families
Marty/Rita Parsley	Terry/Kathy Baumberger
	Wayne/Isaac Parsley
Dick/Darlene Heinricy	Aaron Scofield
	Lawrence/Dorothy Doyle, Leo/Gladys Heinricy

"Bless us, O Lord, we beseech Thee and show us the way in which Thou wouldst have us walk."

"Walk with Me in the way of Peace. Shed Peace, not discord, wherever you go. But it must be My Peace.

Never a Peace that is a truce with the power of evil. Never harmony if that means your life-music being adapted to the mood and music of the world.

My disciples so often make the mistake of thinking all must be harmonious. No! Not when it means singing the song of the world.

I, the Prince of Peace, said that I came "not to bring Peace but a sword."

From God Calling by A.J. Russell



The Abbey of the Hills invites you to "rediscover peace". The cost for these retreats is a free will donation. Register at www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com

- Tues., January 9th, 10:00 - 3:00 PM, Day of Recollection - Fr. Brian Simon presents on the Principle and Foundation of Spiritual Life.
- Sat., January 13th, 9:00-4:00 PM, Dr. Teri Kemmer will facilitate a Women's One Day Silent Retreat.
- Sat., January 27, 9:00-4:00 PM Fr. Brian Simon will facilitate a Men's One Day Silent Retreat.

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.

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 sf catholic.org/marchforlife

Ski with the Seminarians: Dec. 28th, 8:30 - 6:30 PM; For Catholic men ages 12 and up. Sign up 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>.

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

Father Flood

