

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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Colman, SD
c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



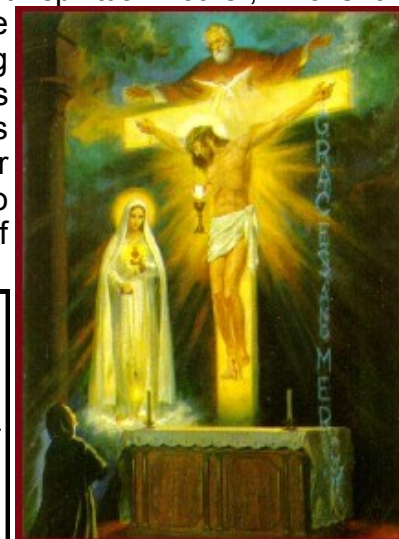
This year the feast day of Holy Mary Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation because it falls on a Monday. This is because so many people grumble even when Christmas falls on a Monday when they get to receive Jesus Christ twice in one day on such a great feast of celebrating God being born to us. However, because of all the grumbling and complaining, the Church has removed the obligation for the feast day of Holy Mary Mother of God and transferred it to the weekend Mass. So if you attend Sunday Mass on the weekend of December 31st, the obligation is fulfilled for the feast day of Holy Mary Mother of God on January 1st.

Motherhood of Mary:

We see in the Angel Gabriel's words: "Hail full of Grace the Lord is with you." (Lk 1:28) That our Lord has created Mary in an extraordinary way, so that she could be worthy of an extraordinary mission of God that partakes in the Salvation of all people. As Mary is Immaculately conceived and remained Immaculate by loving God above all things. Mary is true to God in every situation and all circumstances that tested her Faith, Hope and Love as she loved God and God alone. Mary practiced her Faith and accepted all of God's Words and so she is able to accept the Angel Gabriel's Words though not fully understanding how they could be true. Mary's heart, mind and soul were totally obedient to God, so our Lord chooses her as the means of Salvation as Jesus Christ comes to us through her Immaculate Heart of Faith, Hope and Love. She elevates and reveals the great dignity of motherhood, that cooperates with God to bring new life, and in Mary's situation the new life is The Life of God taking human flesh through Mary's body. It is through Mary that we have life with God, because it is through Mary that Jesus Christ came to us. Mary is known as the Mediatrix (*pronounced: Meedee-aye-trix*) of all Grace, because Jesus Christ is All Grace, and Jesus Christ comes to us through Mary. As Jesus Christ is The Only Son of God, and Mary is His mother, Mary is the Mother of God. We can come to that conclusion logically through human reason, or we can accept it on Faith through the prophecy of Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit and spoke The Truth of God that no one in the world knew, except the virgin Mary. Elizabeth prophesied "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me." Elizabeth reveals this reality of Mary as Mother of God, when she prophesied Mary to be: "the mother of my Lord."

Another testimony to Mary being full of Grace as The Mother of God is seen in the final vision of Our Lady of Fatima. We observe the blood dripping from Jesus' left hand that turns into the words "Grace and Mercy" that comes from Jesus and flows to us. Notice the blood dripping from the right hand of Jesus which is Grace and Mercy flows upon Mary and comes to us through Mary. Mary is also a means of The Grace of Jesus Christ that come to us. Jesus gave Mary to us as our spiritual Mother, when He gave her to the apostle John at the foot of The Cross just before Jesus died for us. Jn 19:26-27 "When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" (27) Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." John represents humanity, and Jesus gives Mary to us as our spiritual mother, who is full of God's Grace and Mercy. Mary is a powerful means by which God's Grace and Mercy comes to us. It is no offense to God, nor does it take anything away from God when He finds a worthy human being to be the means of His Grace to others. Pray to Mary to receive God's Grace and Mercy, as this is the role entrusted to her by God Himself. Mary Mediatrix of all Grace pray for us who recourse to thee, as we seek The Amazing Graces that God has so graciously bestowed upon you to give to us. Mary Mother of God; Mother of Grace pray for us.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld



The grace of God
was upon him

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**Holy
Family**

**December
31
2017**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 1	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Jan. 2	7:30 AM 7:45 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton	† Dolores Burggraff -----
Wed., Jan. 3	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass at Riverview Manor	Elkton Colman	† Robert Long ----- † Frank Bunker, Liz Lee, Henry Haman, Marguerite Strengre
Thur., Jan. 4	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Henry Haman
Fri., Jan. 5	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Ken Iott -----
Sat., Jan. 6	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	First Saturday Mass Mass	Flandreau Colman	Conversion of Sinners All Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 7	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	† Debra Seivert † Steve Evans
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 6

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Ann Voelker,
Maureen Baumberger
Lect./Comm: Betty Merges
Altar Servers: Lanie Mousel, Kadance Landis
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Bob Baumberger Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 7

Lay Minister: Lisa Gebhart, Judy Kampmann
Lect./Comm.: Ervin Gebhart, Kelly Neill
Altar Servers: Garrett Neill, Jack Skordahl
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Lance Weber Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 7

Lay Minister: Jean McGlone, Jim Redder
Rita Parsley
Lect./Comm.: Reggie Gassman, Brenda Doyle (C)
Altar Servers: Luke Behrens,
Erin/James/Matthew Drietz
Ushers/Greeters: Ben LeBrun Family
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger


Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 1: Numbers 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Jan 2: 1 John 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; John 1:19-28
Jan 3: 1 John 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3-6; John 1:29-34
Jan 4: 1 John 3:7-10; Ps 98:1,7-9; John 1:35-42
Jan 5: 1 John 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; John 1:43-51
Jan 6: 1 John 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-20; Mark 1:7-11
Jan 7: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1,2,7-13; Ephesians 3:2-6; Matt 2:1-12

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

Intention of the Holy Father for January: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

THE ESSENTIAL CELL: The family, grounded on marriage freely contracted, monogamous and indissoluble, is and must be considered the first and essential cell of human society. -Pope John XXIII

<p>Elkton: \$1456; Christmas: \$2068 Dec. 24th Our Weekly Offering </p>	<p>Flandreau: \$2390 Christmas: \$1575 Colman: \$</p>
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Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

STS. SIMON & JUDE

CCD: No classes on January 3.

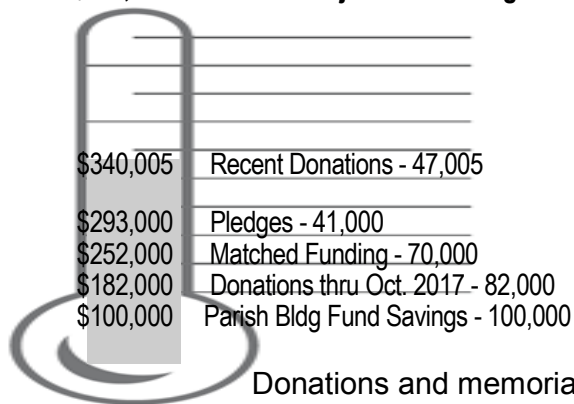
Quilting: Thursdays - 8:30 AM.

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

CDA Meeting: Thur., Dec. 4th - 6:30 Rosary followed by meeting at 7:00 PM.

First Sunday Meal: January 7th after Mass.

\$445,000 Elevator Project Fundraising Goal



Donations and memorials are sincerely appreciated.



Welcome into the parish family to **Skylar Gracelynn Bansemer** daughter of Jared & Samantha.

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

Fishers of Men:

When you think of those of whom you read who are in anguish, do you ever think how My Heart must ache with the woe of it, with the anguish of it?

If I beheld the city and wept over it, how much more should I weep over the agony of these troubled hearts, over lives that seek to live without My sustaining Power.

"They will not come unto Me that they might have Life."

Live to bring others to Me, the only Source of Happiness and Heart-Peace.

From God Calling by A.J. Russell

January/February Mass Schedule

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

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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

Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting: Thursday, December 4 - 5:30 PM.

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

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.

America's Deadly Silence!

Abortion is the most common, least regulated medical procedure and the number one killer in America.

More lives are lost each year through abortion than all deaths due to cancer, heart attacks, accidents, AIDS, natural disasters, wars, illness and diseases combined.

The savagery of war, the atrocities of the Nazi holocaust, graphic violence, natural disasters and critical and bloody medical procedures are routinely shown on the media. But never an abortion!

Women are denied critical information on the risks of an abortion, including increased risk of Breast Cancer, Post Abortion Syndrome, the sale of body parts etc.

The truth about abortion has been censored by the media, silenced by our courts, politicized by our politicians and even silenced in our churches and schools. Babies in the womb have no voice except yours and mine. We cannot remain silent any longer!

Living with Chronic Illness group. This is a free educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. The next meeting dates are **January 9 and February 6.** Meets at Catholic Family Services- 523 N. Duluth Ave. SF. For more details please call 605-988-3775.

Grieving the loss of a spouse - six Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **January 9-February 13** at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, SF. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. For adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational- Cost –Donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

One Day Retreat for Grieving the Loss of a Loved One on Saturday, January 13 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at **St. Lawrence Parish in Milbank, SD.** Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This retreat is for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. It is non-denominational and is offered free of charge. To register, call St. Lawrence Parish at 605-432-9122.

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 9, 10:00 - 3:00 PM, Day of Recollection - Fr. Brian Simon presents on the Principle and Foundation of Spiritual Life.
- Sat., January 13, 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.

Broom Tree Retreats:

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

Silent Retreats:

- **Women's:** Feb. 15-18, March 15-18, May 3-6, June 21-24,
- **Men's:** February 22-25, April 19-22, May 17-20

Days of Recollection: 10:00 AM thru mid-afternoon

- Feb. 13 – “The Seven Last Words of Christ” directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer
- March 13 – “The Passion of God & the Passion of Man: Why Suffering, Why Me?” directed by Msgr. Richard Mahowald,
- April 17 – “The Heart of the Book of Romans” directed by Father Andrew Dickinson,
- August 21 – directed by Fr. Tom Anderson
- September 11 – directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer,

Couples retreat - Feb. 9-11 – directed by Fr. Jeff Norfolk

Inner healing retreats – March 2-4, October 12-14

Catholic Conversations: **Saturday, January 13, 9:30 - 3:30 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Hall. Dr. Chris, Renee Leach and Missy Baumberger will be presenting on encountering God through Scripture. This is a free event! Lunch provided, registration required - www.sfcatholic.org/catholicconversations.

D-Camp: Register before **February 1st** to receive \$50 off of your 2018 D-Camp registration! Enter the promotional code “early” to apply the discount at <http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/>.

Going Deeper: A retreat for high school youth desiring to grow in the faith and deepen their prayer life. St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings, SD will be hosting this retreat weekend on **Feb. 9-11.** For more information and registration go to: <http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/going-deeper/>.

Bishop Hoch Scholarship: Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,000.00 scholarship to attend Mount Marty or Presentation Colleges. Contact tgeiver@sfcatholic.org.

Live your faith

Father Flood

