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Piano Lessons

At the prodding of my friends I am writing this story. My name is Mildred Honor. I am a former elementary school Music Teacher from Des Moines, Iowa. I have always supplemented my income by Teaching Piano Lessons...Something I have done for over 30 years. During those years, I found that Children have many levels of musical ability, and even though I have never had the prodigy, I have taught some very talented students. However, I have also had my share of what I call 'Musically Challenged Pupils.'

One such pupil being Robby. Robby was 11 years old when his Mother (a Single Mom) dropped him off for his first Piano Lesson. I prefer that Students (especially Boys) begin at an earlier age, which I explained to Robby. But Robby said that it had always been his Mother's Dream to hear him play the Piano, so I took him as a student.

At the end of each weekly lesson he would always say 'My Mom's going to hear me play someday.' But to me, it seemed hopeless; he just did not have any inborn ability. I only knew his Mother from a distance as she dropped Robby off or waited in her aged car to pick him up. She always waved and smiled, but never dropped in.

Then one day Robby stopped coming for his lessons. I thought about calling him, but assumed that because of his lack of ability he had decided to pursue something else. I was also glad that he had stopped coming. He was a bad advertisement for my teaching! Several weeks later I mailed a flyer recital to the students' homes. To my surprise, Robby (who had received a flyer) asked if he could be in the Recital. I told him that the Recital was for current pupils and that because he had dropped out, he really did not qualify. He told me that his Mother had been sick and unable to take him to his piano lessons, but that he had been practicing. 'Please Miss Honor, I've just got to Play,' he insisted. I don't know what led me to allow him to play in the recital - perhaps it was his insistence or maybe something inside of me saying that it would be all right.

The night of the recital came and the high school gymnasium was packed with parents, relatives and friends. I put Robby last in the program, just before I was to come up and thank all the students and play a finishing piece. I thought that any damage he might do would come at the end of the Program and I could always salvage his poor performance through my 'Curtain Closer'.

Well, the Recital went off without a hitch, the students had been practicing and it showed. Then Robby came up on the stage. His clothes were wrinkled and his hair looked as though he had run an egg beater through it. 'Why wasn't he dressed up like the other students?' I thought. 'Why didn't his mother at least make him comb his hair for this special night?' Robby pulled out the piano bench, and I was surprised when he announced that he had chosen to play Mozart's Concerto No.21 in C Major. I was not prepared for what I heard next. His fingers were light on the keys, they even danced nimbly on the ivories. He went from pianissimo to fortissimo, from allegro to virtuoso; his suspended chords that Mozart demands were magnificent! Never had I heard Mozart played so well by anyone his age.

After six and a half minutes, he ended in a grand crescendo, and everyone was on their feet in Wild Applause!!! Overcome and in tears, I ran up on stage and put my arms around Robby in Joy. 'I have never heard you play like that Robby, how did you do it? Through the microphone Robby explained: 'Well, Miss Honor, remember I told you that my mom was sick? Well, she actually had cancer and passed away this morning. And well... she was born deaf, so tonight was the first time she had ever heard me play, and I wanted to make it special.'

There wasn't a dry eye in the house that evening. As people from Social Services led Robby from the stage to be placed in to foster care, I noticed that even their eyes were red and puffy. I thought to myself then how much richer my life had been for taking Robby as my pupil.

No, I have never had a prodigy, but that night I became a prodigy... of Robby. He was the **(Cont. on page 3)**

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

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A voice cries out: In the desert
prepare the way of the LORD

Isaiah 40:3



Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 5	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Dec. 6	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Dolores Burggraff ----- -----
Wed., Dec. 7	11:00 AM 6:00 PM	Mass at Riverview Manor Mass	Colman	† Dennis Rhead All Parishioners
Thur., Dec. 8	5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	† George Gebhart † Steve Evans
Fri., Dec. 9	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Richard/Garland ----- Mengershauser
Sat., Dec. 10	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Sun., Dec. 11	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Sandy Entringer † Minnie Schmidt
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ THUR., DEC. 8

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Sharon Landsman, Lois Stuefen
Altar Servers: Corey/Tyler Jurrens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Kevin/Shari Myers
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 10

Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Lisa Gebhart
Lect./Comm.: Kelly Neill, Ervin Gebhart
Altar Servers: William/Garrett Neill
Greeters/Gift Bearers: John Miraglia Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

COLMAN ~ WED., DEC. 7

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Rose Shoenrock, Alice Berg
Lect/Comm: Chuck Richter
Altar Servers: Presley Luze, Ben Zwart
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Judy Miles, Bonnie Hemmer

COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 11

Lay Minister: Mary Zwart, Mary Gengler, Ann Voelker
Lect/Comm: Kim Froke
Altar Servers: Kaylee/Madison Voelker
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: David Voelker Family

Intention of the Holy Father for December:

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

FLANDREAU ~ THUR., DEC. 8

Lay Minister: Betty Groos, Denise Firman, Susan Gross
Lect./Comm.: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Erica Rorvik (C)
Altar Servers: Madeline/Libby Hursey, Austin Kulm, Cade LeBrun
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 11

Lay Minister: Libby Heinemann, Dave Johnson, John Hess
Lect./Comm.: Denise Wiese, Jerry Doyle (C)
Altar Servers: Hannah/Kathy/Maria Parsley, Kelsey Sutton
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

Daily Mass Readings:

Dec 5: Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26
Dec 6: Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,10-13; Matt 18:12-14
Dec 7: Isaiah 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Matt 11:28-30
Dec 8: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Dec 9: Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Matthew 11:16-19
Dec 10: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2,3,15-19; Matt 17:9-13
Dec 11: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Ps 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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.

Nov. 28th
Our
Weekly Offering

Flandreau: \$3217
Elkton: \$614
Colman: \$

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Knights of Columbus First Sunday Meal:

Dec. 4th after Mass, BBQ, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit & Drink. Everyone is welcome.

Choir Practice: Sundays at 9:15 AM in the choir loft. New members welcome!

Quilting: Thursday - 8:30 AM in church basement.

Bible Study: Friday - 10:30 AM at Tonya Pavlis home 864-1538 or Monday - 7:00 PM in church basement.

CDA Gift Shoppe: We have a number of items including individual occasion cards, gift items, etc. Newly arrived! - Advent wreathes, candles, and children's Advent calendars.

Open House 80th Birthday Party in honor of Mary Fleming at John's place. Sunday December 11th from 11:30-3:30 pm. Let your presence be your gift.



December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

celebrates the perfect holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It affirms the Church's belief that Mary from the very moment of her conception was preserved free from all stain of original sin. It was fitting that the mother of the Incarnate Word should thus be prepared for her role in the work of redemption. This unique privilege of Mary -her Immaculate Conception- we attribute to the foreseen merits of her Son. Thus she too was redeemed -only more perfectly so- by Christ, the universal Saviour. The feast, in its present form, was instituted by Pope Pius IX when he defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception on 8 December, 1854.

Taken from "The Saints in Season"
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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Wednesday, December 7 - 6:00 PM ~ Colman

Thursday, December 8 - 5:30 PM ~ Elkton

Thursday, December 8 - 7:30 PM ~ Flandreau

(Cont. from page 1) teacher and I was the pupil, for he had taught me the meaning of perseverance and love and believing in yourself, and may be even taking a chance on someone and you didn't know why.

Robby was killed years later in the senseless bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in April, 1995.

ST. PETER

CDA Meeting: Thur., Dec. 8 - 6:30 PM.

Ski with the Seminarians

Who: Catholic men 12 years of age & older

What: Mass, Skiing, Pizza, Prayer, Vocation stories

When: December 29th, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Where: Begin & End at St. Lamberts Church/Ski at Great Bear Sioux Falls

How: \$40 Lift Ticket, Rentals (Ski/Board) & Supper
FREE if you have own ticket & equipment

Sign up online at www.sfvocations.com

or call Fr. Shaun Haggerty @ 605-988-3772

God Knows Best: God's creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out. -Anonymous

Looking for the Perfect Christmas Gift for Your Spouse? Nothing you can buy will compare with the spiritual gifts you will receive by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is February 10-12th at Broomtree Retreat Center in Irene SD. Perhaps you've seen this ad before and felt the Holy Spirit tug at your heart to sign up—make today the day you listen! Clear your calendar, sign-up, and make your spouse your top priority this Christmas! Other dates and locations are available. Go to wwme.org or call John and Dawn at 605-362-0924 to register.

"To me, Jesus is the Life I want to live, the Light I want to reflect, the Way to the Father, the Love I want to express, the Joy I want to share, the Peace I want to sow around me. Jesus is everything to me." -Mother Teresa

Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain

by Planned Parenthood on 41st Street

12:00 Noon ~ December 6th

"And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" ~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Advent Baby Shower: We invite you to participate in the 24th Annual Advent Baby Shower. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sized newborn to 12 months and drop off in the church entrance. These gifts will fill the needs of people in our parish, Catholic Family Services, foster homes, hospitals, domestic shelters and other ministries.

Living with Chronic Illness group: For those living with chronic illness **and** their care givers; meets the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00- 3:00 p.m. at St. Lambert Parish, Sioux Falls. For details call 605-988-3775. Next meeting will be on Dec. 6th.

Father Flood



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:

Dec. 6 directed by Fr Steven Jones - Experience the three Comings of Christ in Advent

--One day silent retreat:

Dec. 10 directed by Father Joe Vogel

Diocesan Programs: To register or for information, contact Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. 1-800-700-7867; 605-988-3775 or mculhane@sfcatholic.org.

~ **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** –January 13-15 - **Strictly Confidential**. A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational.

~ **Grieving a Loss during the Holidays: a day workshop at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison, Sat., Dec. 10, 10a.m.-3p.m.** presented by Dr. Marcie Moran. Open to the public, free. To register or for more information, contact the parish office 256-2304 or Catholic Family Services.

~ **Grieving the Loss of a Spouse:** Tuesdays 6:30pm – 8:30pm **Jan. 10 – Feb. 14** at Catholic Family Services. Non-denominational- Cost –Donation.

~ **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide - Winter Session** begins Wednesday, January 11 at St Mary School, 2001 S 5th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. Scholarships are available.

Sounds of Christmas at The Abbey: Sat., Dec. 10 - 5:00 PM; featuring the St. John's Boys' Choir. Purchase tickets on line at www.abbeyofthehills.com or call 605-398-9200.

Christmas at the Cathedral - Start a new family tradition!

Prepare for the coming of Jesus by attending an inspiring performance at Christmas at the Cathedral. Choose from six performances on **December 15, 16, 17, & 18**.

We welcome back tenor, Scott Piper and soprano, Marni Raab, along with storyteller, Vickie Fuller. Dan Goeller and Kevin Humke will be conducting the Orchestra and Choir.

Proceeds will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and the Cathedral of St. Joseph ongoing care and maintenance endowments.

Get your tickets early as performances sell out in advance!

- 1) any Sioux Falls HyVee store
- 2) on-line www.ccfesd.org
- 3) phone 605.988.3765
- 4) email events@ccfesd.org
- 5) at Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave).

"A Home for the Holidays" – a benefit CD and concert for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. The concert features the Barnett Family & Friends: vocalists Jeff Barnett, Carol Barnett Nesbitt and Seth Barnett Pierce; instrumentalists Geoff Gunderson and Christy Lindberg; and a special appearance by the O'Gorman Chamber Singers, **Dec. 4, 3pm** at the First Congregational Church. Tickets available at the door. CDs are available by emailing carolnesbitt@hotmail.com. All monies raised go directly to Bishop Dudley House.