

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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ST. PETER
Colman, SD
c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



Take a moment to remember what Christmas is about as God offers us a new beginning with Him. That is why we have been working to prepare a place for God in our souls, by using God's Grace to repent of our sins, confess our sins and to do good works. Push away thoughts that are only creating worry and anxiety, whether it is about purchasing gifts, preparations of food or the location where you will celebrate the feast of Christmas with family members. Do not worry which family members will be there or will not be there. All of these have absolutely nothing to do with Christmas! Christmas is all about God coming to us!!! When He became one of us, He had absolutely no material possessions to give us, other than The Gift of Himself as God. God became man and gave to us every spiritual Blessing in The Heavens, as He gave to us The Holy Spirit. He loved us enough to suffer and die for our sins and give us The Sacramental Powers that enable us to receive God in the depths of His Love in order to set us free from the evil of sin and save us into Heaven. Some families do not give gifts to one another; rather, they do as Jesus did for us. They give what they would have spent on one another to strangers, e.g. they give to charities in the local community, or to larger charities that are national or international. Or, they might give gifts to one another but also go to serve the poor at food shelters. As Jesus came to serve, so we seek to serve one another be it family, friends, strangers or enemies. It is when we serve another with Love that we give the greatest gift of all. It is in giving that we receive.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

"Pope emeritus Benedict XVI said the contemporary Christmas season is being spoiled by 'commercial pollution' that obscures the true meaning of Christ's birth. People need to remember that Christ was born in a manger, in a sign of poverty, the pope said Dec. 11 as he greeted pilgrims from his apartment window. Later, keeping up a tradition of Pope John Paul II, he blessed Nativity crèche figurines of baby Jesus held up by thousands of Italian children in St. Peter's Square. The custom of putting up Nativity scenes in the home is a simple and effective way of bringing back the real meaning of Christmas, the pope said. 'In modern society, this time of year unfortunately suffers a type of commercial 'pollution' that risks altering its authentic spirit, which is characterized by reflection, solemnity and a joy that is not external but personal,' he said. The Christmas crèche, he said, helps people understand 'the secret of the real Christmas, because it illustrates the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who for our sake 'became poor although he was rich.'" 'His poverty enriches those who embrace it,' the pope said. He said Christmas brings true joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds at Bethlehem, recognize the sign of 'an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' 'This remains the sign, even for us, men and women of the 2000s. There is no other Christmas,' he said. (Pope Benedict XV, VATICAN CITY (CNS) --Copyright (c) 2005 Catholic News Service/U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 1:7

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 19	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Dec. 20	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Steven Holloway ----- -----
Wed., Dec. 21	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† Anastasia Gebhart -----
Thur., Dec. 22	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Lawrence/Dorothy Doyle
Fri., Dec. 23	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Steve Evans -----
Sat., Dec. 24	4:00 PM 4:30 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	Mass (retired priest) Mass Mass Mass	Aurora Elkton Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † George Gebhart All Parishioners † Urban Schwebach
Sun., Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Dolores Burggraff
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 24

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Lois Stuefen, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: John Neill Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

COLMAN ~ SAT., DEC. 24

Lay Minister: Doug Entringer, Ryan/Mary Zwart
Lect/Comm: Roger Merges
Altar Servers: Monte Berg, Ben Zwart, Chandler Gullickson
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bill Miles Family

FLANDREAU ~ SAT., DEC. 24

Lay Minister: Rita Parsley, Charles Rosheim, Tom Stenger
Lect./Comm.: Tom Luze, Reggie Gassman (C)
Altar Servers: Makayla Welbig,
Xavier/Marianna/Isabella Pavlis
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 25

Lay Minister: Susan Gross
Lect./Comm.: Les Heinemann, Kris Johnson (C)
Altar Servers: Erin/James/Matthew Drietz, Jaelyn Gaspar
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

Daily Mass Readings:

Dec 19: Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Ps 71:3-6,16-17; Luke 1:5-25
Dec 20: Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38
Dec 21: Song of Songs 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21;
Luke 1:39-45
Dec 22: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8; Luke 1:46-56
Dec 23: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-14; Luke 1:57-66
Dec 24: Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29;
Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
Dec 25: Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6;
John 1:1-18

**Christmas is joy,
religious joy, an inner
joy of light and peace.**

Pope Francis

Intention of the Holy Father for December:
That the scandal of child-soldiers may be
eliminated the world over.

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.

Dec. 11th
Our
Weekly Offering

Flandreau: \$2327
Elkton: \$757
Colman: \$2428

STS. SIMON & JUDE

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

Quilting: No quilting on Dec. 22 or Dec. 29.

CDA Gift Shoppe: We have a number of gift items including individual occasion cards.

Knights of Columbus Light up for Christ:
Wed., Dec., 21 - 6:30 at the big tree east of church, we will go caroling and return the parish basement for cookies and coffee. Everyone is invited to join us.

Baptism Bibs: Do you enjoy sewing and would like to offer that talent towards making baptismal bibs? We do have a pattern. Contact the parish office at 997-2610.

ST. PETER

CCD students will be having their Christmas program at 6:30 on Wednesday, December 21st. The Altar Society will be serving bars, cookies, coffee & juice following the program.

Christmas Flower Memorials

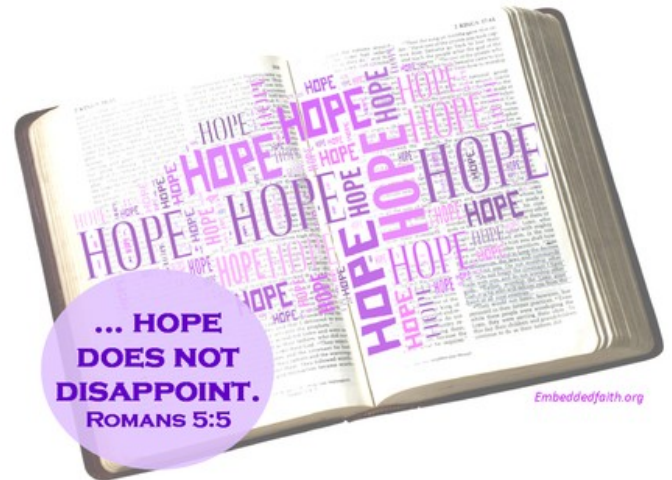
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Memory/Honor of:

Dale/Maxine Lynn.....dec. Bird/Lynn Families
Mike/Judy KampmannKampmann/Wiskur Families
Paul/Mary AndersonHelen/Bernard Alberts
Marty/Rita Parsley Isaac/Wayne Parsley
..... Kathy/Terry Baumberger
Bob/Karen Hemmer..... Hemmer Families
Arlene Schmidt..... Lewis Schmidt

*“Advent increases our hope,
a hope which does not disappoint.
The Lord never lets us down”*

- Pope Francis



Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 18 - 1:30 PM ~ SS Simon & Jude, Flandreau
(Fr. Terry Anderson, Fr. Bill Osborn, Fr. Doug Binsfeld)

Parish Christmas Programs

Sunday, December 18 - 5:00 PM ~ SS&J, Flandreau
Wednesday, December 21 - 6:30 PM ~ OLG, Elkton
note change of date/time
Wednesday, December 21 - 6:30 PM ~ St. Peter, Colman

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 24 - 4:30 PM ~ OLG, Elkton
Saturday, December 24 - 7:00 PM ~ St. Peter, Colman
Saturday, December 24 - 11:00 PM ~ SS&J, Flandreau
(singing of Christmas carols begins at 10:30 PM)
Sunday, December 25 - 9:00 AM ~ SS&J, Flandreau

Mary, Mother of God ~ Masses

Saturday, December 31 - 5:00 PM ~ St. Peter, Colman
Sunday, January 1 - 8:30 AM ~ OLG, Elkton
Sunday, January 1 - 10:30 AM ~ SS&J, Flandreau

*“There are people who are afraid
to go to confession, forgetting
that they will not encounter a
severe judge there, but the
immensely merciful Father.”*

- Pope Francis

BEHOLD, THE
VIRGIN SHALL

CONCEIVE
AND BEAR A
SON, AND
THEY SHALL
NAME
HIM
EMMANUEL,

Matthew 1:23



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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.

"The best gift we can give to any child is to make that child feel wanted, loved and cared for because that child is the greatest gift of God."

~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Father Flood



NFP CLASSES AVAILABLE: Did you know that couples from our diocese are teaching Natural Family Planning in person and through online courses that couples can take in the comfort of their own home? Visit the "Natural Family Planning" page of the OMFRL website and click on "Scheduled Classes" to see a listing of available classes.

Consider being a deacon: A new class is beginning in September 2017 for those men interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. If you feel called to the diaconate or know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Roger R Heidt, 988-3715 or rheidt@sfcatholic.org.

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 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.

St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison, SD will host a day workshop Saturday, **January 7th**, from 10:00am-3:00pm entitled "**Grieving The Loss of a Loved One**," presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, a leading expert on grief. This event is open to the public and free of charge. To register or for more information, please feel free to contact the parish office at (605) 256-2304 or Catholic Family Services.

Enjoy the 20th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral on KELO TV on Christmas Day: If you were unable to attend the 20th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral in person, we invite you to watch a taped rebroadcast on Christmas Day from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on KELO TV.

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

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.