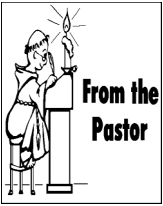


# Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**  
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From the  
Pastor

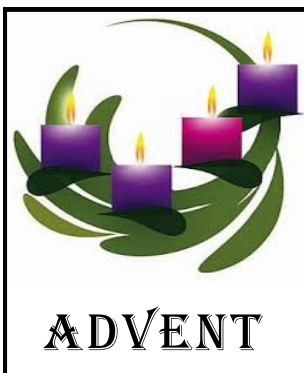
O what wondrous things God does. A virgin is with child. Not just any child, but "The God Child, The Son of God, The Creator of the World." The All Powerful and All Mighty God comes to us in weakness and poverty depending upon His human parents to provide and care for Him. In this weakness, we see God's humble approach to us, as He is looking for our love to provide and care for Him in and through family life.

Today, we are becoming more and more educated about this existence that God created. One of the dangers of becoming so highly educated is that we can begin to think ourselves wise and that we must have scientific proof to believe anything. Such a limited view of creation is called material atheism, it is when people believe that only physical material is in existence, and there is no such thing as spiritual realities. It is good for us to question things that are in existence in order to establish the truth and validity of a thing, but we must not set up such limited perimeters so as to exclude the unseen spiritual realities. The apostle Paul tells us to test the spirits to make sure that they are good and of God rather than evil and of the devil. When we have too great of a need for tangible evidence, it can lead us to become skeptical of the unseen spiritual things that require Faith to believe; such as The Glory of God, Angels, Heaven, Purgatory, or hell. People can have experiences of these spiritual realities in this present age through a Faith experience. One day, all people will experience such spiritual realities of higher or lower realms of existence regardless of whether or not they chose to believe or deny God's Existence. God became a man in order to teach us about such spiritual realities.

With regards to the New Testament, God sent His angels to announce the wondrous news of the virgin birth to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. It is to people of Faith that God reveals such good news. The angel Gabriel announced this spiritual truth to Mary, and Mary accepted this truth and God became a physical reality within her womb through her Faith, Hope and Love. Then an angel announced to Joseph in a dream about this spiritual truth of God becoming man in the Virgin Mary (Mt 1:20-24). Joseph accepted this spiritual reality and welcomed Mary into his home as his wife. Then at the birth of Christ, an angel appears with a radiant Glory of God showing forth, and this angel announces to the simple but faithful shepherds this spiritual truth that "a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Lk 2:11). This Jesus is both Messiah/Savior and Lord has become a man and is born today. The shepherds accepted this spiritual Truth from the angel, and suddenly a great multitude of angels appeared singing Glory to God in The Highest, as God is The Greatest and Highest of all reality because God is Existence itself, and we are created into the reality of God's Existence. The shepherds went off to see The Wonder of God becoming a Man wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. God's Peace comes to all people of 'good will,' who are people seeking Truth and striving to know and to live God's Divine Will. St. Anthony the Abbot exhorts us to live as wise men of Faith, Hope and Love, who know and accept God's Ways of Love and give witness to God by loving as God loves, so that we do not die as dumb animals never

knowing God, never knowing True Love or The Peace that the world does not give. St. Anthony put it in these words: "Man, created to be a witness and grateful interpreter of His works, is what men should strive for lest they die as dumb animals, without having seen or understood God and His works. When you lie down on your bed, remember with thanksgiving, the blessings and poverty of God." (St. Anthony the Great)

*Fr. Doug Binsfeld*



Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
<b>Mon., Dec. 21</b>	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
<b>Tues., Dec. 22</b>	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Patricia Fargen
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
<b>Wed., Dec. 23</b>	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† A. Gebhart (healing)
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
<b>Thur., Dec. 24</b>	4:30 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
	7:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
	11:00 PM	Mass	Flandreau	All Parishioners
<b>Fri., Dec. 25</b>	9:00 AM	Mass	Flandreau	All Parishioners
<b>Sat., Dec. 26</b>	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
<b>Sun., Dec. 27</b>	8:30 AM	Mass	Colman	† Gary Hemmer
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Alfred/Bill Loiseau
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

##### **ELKTON ~ THUR., DEC. 24**

**Lay Minister:** Rich Frederiksen, Lisa Gebhart  
**Lect/Comm:** Beth Frederiksen, Ervin Gebhart  
**Altar Servers:** Abby/Alex Landsman  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Kevin/Shari Myers  
**Ushers:** Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

##### **ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 26**

**Lay Minister:** Carol McMahon, JoAnn Schmidt  
**Lect/Comm:** Kelly Neill, Sharon Landsman  
**Altar Servers:** Aiden Ericksen, Corey Jurrens  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Kevin/Chris Myers  
**Ushers:** Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

##### **COLMAN ~ THUR., DEC. 24**

**Lay Minister:** Ryan/Mary Beth Zwart, Betty Merges  
**Lect./Comm.:** Roger Merges  
**Altar Servers:** Monte Berg, Austin Gullickson  
**Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters:** Bill Miles Family

##### **COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 27**

**Lay Minister:** Maureen Baumberger, Alice Berg,  
Julie Entringer  
**Lect./Comm.:** Ann Voelker  
**Altar Servers:** Walker Olivier, Chandler Gullickson  
**Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters:** Ryan Zwart Family

#### January/February Mass Schedule

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

##### **FLANDREAU ~ THUR., DEC. 24**

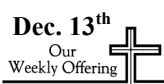
**Lay Minister:** Bev Minor, Jim Redder, Rita Parsley  
**Lect./Comm.:** Tom Luze, Kris Johnson (C)  
**Altar Servers:** Madeline/Libby Hursey, Cade LeBrun,  
Kelsey Sutton  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families  
**Sacristan:** Bev Minor

##### **FLANDREAU ~ FRI., DEC. 25**

**Lay Minister:** Pam Rorvik-Albers, Charles Rosheim,  
Tom Stenger  
**Lect./Comm.:** Reggie Gassman, Margie Powers (C)  
**Altar Servers:** Ted/Toby Taylor, Makayla Welbig,  
Duncan Antoine  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families  
**Sacristan:** Pam Rorvik-Albers

##### **FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 27**

**Lay Minister:** Dave/Deb Feske, Betty Groos  
**Lect./Comm.:** Marty Parsley, Lisa Rosheim (C)  
**Altar Servers:** Hannah/Kathy/Maria Parsley, Jaelyn Gaspar  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families  
**Sacristan:** LaVonne Headrick



**Flandreau:** \$2973  
**Elkton:** \$1235  
**Colman:** \$1137

**Intention of the Holy Father for December:**  
That all may experience the mercy of God,  
who never tires of forgiving.

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**New Guild Officers:** Carol McMahon, Treasurer; Jean Kirschenman, Secretary; Mary Remund and Judy Kampmann, President and Co-chair. We also be having a guild party. Watch the bulletin for more details.

The Elkton Public School will be hosting a **benefit for Tammy Busselman** (a teacher) on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. The funds will help cover medical costs. Her children are part of the CCD program at Our Lady of Good Counsel. We would like to put together a basket or two for a raffle as part of this benefit. If you would like to donate money towards this basket, please contact Sharon Landsman at 542-4434.

### **Christmas Masses**

St. Peter, Colman  
Thur., Dec. 24 - 4:30 PM  
OLGC, Elkton  
Thur., Dec. 24 - 7:00 PM  
SS&J, Flandreau  
Thur., Dec. 24 - 11:00 PM  
(singing Christmas carols~10:30 PM)  
Fri., Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM



### **Mary, Mother of God ~ Holy Day Masses**

Thur., Dec. 31 - 5:30 PM ~ SS&J, Flandreau  
Thur., Dec. 31 - 7:30 PM ~ OLGC, Elkton  
Fri., Jan. 1 - 9:00 AM ~ St. Peter, Colman

### **Daily Mass Readings:**

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 2:1-8; Luke 1:46-56  
Dec 23: Malachi 3:1-4,23-34; 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  
Dec. 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-8,16,17; Matt 10:17-22  
Dec. 27: 1 Samuel 1:20-28; Ps 84:2-10;  
1 John 3:1-2,21-24; Luke 2:41-52

### **Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)**

No Classes December 23 or 30

## **STS. SIMON & JUDE**

**Thank you to "Angelica"** (group including Annie Evans) for providing the music during Mass today.

**All are invited to join the KC's in presenting "Light up for Christ"** at 10:15 PM Christmas Eve at the church's East door. This is prior to Christmas carols at 10:30.

**KC Meeting:** Mon., Dec. 28 - 7:00 PM.

**Quilting:** will not be held Dec. 24th or 31st.

**Bible Study:** Mondays at 7:00 PM in church basement. Contact Amy.Weight@k12.sd.us or 605-651-0095 for more information.

Fridays at 10:30 AM. Call Tonya at 864-1538 for more information.

## **ST. PETER**

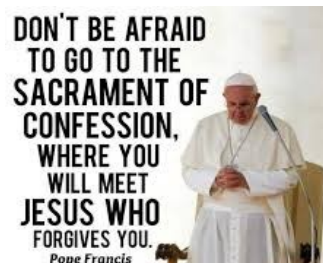
**Religious Education Coordinator Needed:**  
call Fr. Doug - 997-2610.

**Bulletin Deadline** for this week will be Wednesday at Noon. Marilyn will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Communal Penance Service**

Sunday, December 20 - 1:30 PM  
~ SS Simon & Jude, Flandreau

Confessions also heard  
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## **TRI-PARISH**

**Baptismal Preparation Class:** Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. The January class will be held on **December 22 at 7:00 PM** in SS&J Parish Basement. **Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class** to sign-up and give baptismal information. No class on January 5th.

**Looking for the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas?** Consider giving the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The weekend involves 15-20 couples. A series of presentations are given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest. The focus of the weekend is on the couple--*not* group sessions. The time you spend on the weekend learning how to love each other and God in new and deeper ways will be a gift that will keep on giving throughout your lifetime! The next Weekend is **February 14-16** at Broomtree Retreat Center in Irene, SD. Visit [www.sdwwme.org](http://www.sdwwme.org) to register or call 362-0924.

**RETRouvaille:** A confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship is scheduled for **March 18-20** at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Retrouvaille is a peer to peer ministry and has helped couples experiencing chronic communication problems, as well as those who thought they were beyond hope, already separated, or even divorced. For more information visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 988-3755 to register.

**Bishop Hoch Scholarship:** \$1,000.00 scholarship for a student to attend either Mount Marty College or Presentation College. Contact Mary Andersen at [mandersen@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mandersen@sfcatholic.org) for more information.

**Ski with the Seminarians:** December 29, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Meet at St. Lambert Church - Ski at Great Bear. Sign up online at [www.sfvocations.com](http://www.sfvocations.com) or call Fr. Shaun Haggerty @ 988-3772.

#### Father Flood



#### Christmas Flower Memorials

##### Donor

##### In Memory/Honor Of...

Wilma Ahlers .....	Jerry Ahlers
Ed Duncan.....	Mel/Marie Duncan
Berdyene Bowen .....	Les/Brad Bowen
Bruce Park.....	Ken/Theresa/Art/Clara Park, Frank/Susie Krier
Jack Hegerfeld .....	G'Ann Hegerfeld
Dave/Carol McMahon.....	McMahon/Schraut Families
Paula Heinrich .....	Grandma & Grandpa Doyle, Clara Doyle
Roland/Paula Luze .....	dec. of Joe Luze Family, Mildred Beyer
Arlene Schmidt.....	Lewis J. Schmidt

**Advent Baby Shower:** Bring NEW gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months and place in basket in church entrance. These gifts will help fill the needs of our parish and diocese.

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

##### Read our parish bulletins on-line:

[www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish](http://www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish)

**The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide- Winter Session** begins **Wednesday, January 13** at St Mary School, 2001 S 5th Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions are held on Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 [mculhane@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mculhane@sfcatholic.org). Scholarships are available.

**Grieving the Loss of a Sibling:** Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran - Six Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **January 12-Feb. 16.** This program is for adults who are grieving the loss of a brother or sister. There are special characteristics unique to the sibling bond. The program will explore the importance of the loss and coping skills for adjusting to the change. Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, Sioux Falls. Call 988-3775 or email [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org) to register. This group is non-denominational. Cost-Donation.

**March For Life:** The Diocese of Sioux Falls will be participating in the March for Life on Friday, January 22, 2016. We invite youth and adults to come along with us. We will be traveling by bus, leaving Sioux Falls on January 20 and returning on January 24. The pilgrimage will include participation in the March, the Catholic youth rally, and some free time to visit sites at our Nation's Capital. For more information, call Mary Andersen at 988-3766 or visit our website at: [www.sfcatholic.org/youth](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth).

#### 4th Sunday of Advent ~ December 20, 2015

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