

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 is that extra-ordinary time of year, when we remember the Love of God, "For God so Loved the Word that He gave His only Begotten Son." (Jn 3:16) "The world" refers in particular to humanity, as human beings turned away from their love of God to love themselves. Jesus comes to save us from evil. Remember, the Holy Spirit was forfeited and lost to humanity after The Original Sin, and the world came under the dominion of satan. Now in the fullness of time, Jesus is born to us, a Savior is sent, The Messiah, The Christ Who will come into this dark world of sin, and offer The Gift of The Holy Spirit to anyone who will repent and believe. Jesus was born into the world of such evil that no one had enough love for God to offer Him more than a shepherd's field cave, where the shepherds sought shelter from the cold winter months. The cave had a manger, which is a food trough for animals to eat hay out of. Mary and Joseph did the best they could considering the circumstances, but the world would not receive Him. The Almighty comes to us as an infant, so that we will not be afraid to approach Him.

Even if we have so little love for God as the world did at the time of His First Coming, Jesus will come and enter into our lives. If we allow Jesus into our lives, then we must turn from the evils of sin. Jesus is The Light(Love) that came into the dark(evil) of the World of sin. If we seek Jesus, we find Jesus. Jesus brings change to our souls, conversion to our hearts, so that through the repentance of evil, we begin to believe what Jesus says and then we do it. This is how we allow The Holy Spirit to enter into our souls more fully after our Baptism, so that The Gifts of The Holy Spirit recreate us to have the will and desire to resist and reject the Seven Capitol Sins of Anger, Lust, Pride, Greed, Gluttony, Envy and Sloth that create evil thoughts, words and actions. Jesus says "you must deny yourself and take up our cross and follow me." (Mt 16:24; Lk 9:23) which is to repent of the evil of sin and be obedient to the Father. It is then that The Gifts of The Holy Spirit begin their work through our cooperation to produce the Fruits of The Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Generosity, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty, Self-Control and Chastity. This is how we are transformed into The Image and Likeness of God. God expects us not to sin but to act with Faith, Hope and Love, so that we go from being a manger and become a Temple of The Holy Spirit that allows the Light of Jesus Christ The Only Begotten Son of God to shine in us and through us. We are to be lights of God in this dark world of sin. Remember the power and gift of free will! God can not come to you until you ask Him and keep asking Him every day, until you can repent and believe. We become a new Creation in Jesus Christ, and then as the adopted sons and daughters of God, we begin our journey with God that will go from Glory to Glory as God Shares with us every Spiritual Blessing in the Heavens. God The Father Shares His Infinite Love with us through His Only Begotten Son and when we believe His Words we receive The Holy Spirit into our lives. Christmas is all about making a place for Jesus in our souls. Jesus is born to us, so "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you." (Mt 7:7; Lk 11:9) Let Jesus come into your life, and you will find rest for your soul; you will find The Peace that the world does not give. It is not about you; rather, it is about Jesus in you.

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The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2016

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"The holy Spirit will come upon
you, and the power of the Most
High will overshadow you.
Therefore the child to be born will
be called holy, the Son of God

Luke 1:35



Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 26				
Tues., Dec. 27	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Dolores Burggraff
Wed., Dec. 28	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† George Gebhart
Thur., Dec. 29	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Fri., Dec. 30	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	----- -----
Sat., Dec. 31	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Gary Hemmer
Sun., Jan. 1	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	All Parishioners † Alfred & Bill Loiseau
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., DEC. 31

Lay Minister: Betty Merges, Rose Shoenrock, Ann Voelker
Lect/Comm: Jerry Hemmer
Altar Servers: Madison/Kaylee Voelker
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Dan Miles Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 1

Lay Minister: Shari Myers, Sharon Landsman
Lect./Comm.: Judy Kampmann, Chris Myers
Altar Servers: Cory/Tyler Jurrens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Craig Otkin Family
Ushers: Dan Knuth, Corey Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 1

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Dave/Deb Feske
Lect./Comm.: John Hess, Marty Parsley (C)
Altar Servers: Caleb Dietrich, Grace Johanson
 Anna/Samuel Gassman
Ushers/Greeters: Jesse Gaspar Family
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

Daily Mass Readings:

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 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; 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: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Matthew 2:13-23
 Dec 31: 1 John 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-13; John 1:1-18
 Jan 1: Numbers 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8; Galatians 4:4-7;
 Luke 2:16-21

January/February Mass Schedule

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

Intention of the Holy Father for December:

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

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

Pope Francis

**A child is born for us,
 And a son is given to us;
 His scepter of power
 rests upon his shoulder,
 and his name will be called
 Messenger of great counsel.**

Cf. Isaiah 9:5

Dec. 18th
 Our
 Weekly Offering



Flandreau: \$4621
Elkton: \$3352
Colman: \$1922

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.

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Quilting: No quilting on Dec. 29.

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

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.

K of C Meeting: Mon., Dec. 26 - 7:00 PM.

CDA Meeting: Thur., Jan. 5 - 6:30 PM.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Council Meeting: Thur., Jan. 5 - 5:30 PM.

**Today a light will shine upon us,
for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called
Wondrous God,
Prince of peace,
Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.**
Cf. Isaiah 9:1,5; Luke 1:33

Christmas Flower Memorials

Donor

Memory/Honor of:

John/Dianne Hess. Margery/Mark/Russell/John, Jr./Paul Hess
Mary Fleming..... Family
Shirlee Rhead Dennis Rhead & Family/Duhaime Family
Jim/Deb Redder..... Bob Redder
Sharon Dailey..... Steve/Kenny Dailey
Chuck/JoAnn Heesch Louis Heesch Family
O.W. Bartelt Family
Dave/Carol McMahon McMahon/Schraut Families
John/RoseAnn Mousel..... Joe/Frances Klein
Lawrence Mousel

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

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.

Mary, Mother of God ~ Holy Day of Obligation Masses

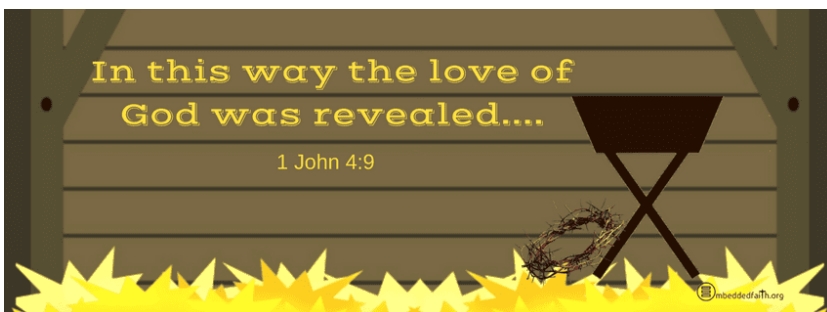
Saturday, December 31 - 5:00 PM ~ St. Peter, Colman

Sunday, January 1 - 8:30 AM ~ OLG, Elkton

Sunday, January 1 - 10:30 AM ~ SS&J, Flandreau

**In this way the love of
God was revealed....**

1 John 4:9



Behold, the virgin shall be with child and
bear a son, and they shall name him
Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

Matthew 1:23

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.

Father Flood



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 **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.

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.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED?

**YOUNG ADULTS (GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL)
HAVE YOU REGISTERED SEPARATELY FROM YOUR PARENTS?**

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or new arrivals in the parish. If you have not registered or have had an address change, please fill in this form and put it into the collection or bring it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ New Parishioner

Young Adult Address/Phone Change Moving, remove from list

Parish: St. Peter Sts. Simon & Jude Our Lady of Good Counsel

Comments: _____