

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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“The Tree of Self-Defeat:

In the branches: Emptiness; Alienation; Apathy; Interpersonal Conflicts; Crime; Dependency; Alcoholism; Drug Addiction.

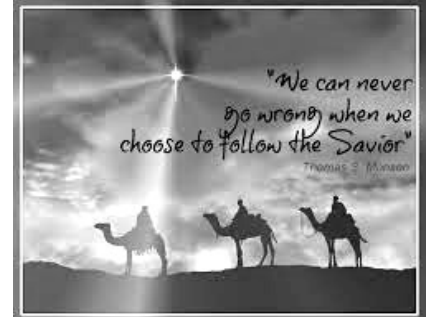
In the roots: Fear; Insecurity; Resentment; Jealousy; Mistrust; Hostility; Guilt; Self-pity.

The Tree of Self-Realization:

In the Branches: Purposefulness; Health; Joy; Self-Motivation; Contentment; Acceptance; Fulfillment; Creativity.

In the Roots: Charity; Friendship; Forgiveness; Love; Gratitude; Kindness; Warmth; Trust.

(“Mother Teresa, A Simple Path,” p.69)



Jesus is The Tree of Life; New Life in God; Our Creator and Lord has come to us and gives to all who are willing to repent of sin and receive Him in Faith, Hope and Love, every Spiritual Blessing in the Heavens. It is The Life of our Lord that gives us joy in the midst of trial; It is the Lord, Who gives us strength in our weakness during times of temptation; It is the Lord Who gives us courage when we are afraid; It is the Lord, Who gives us compassion to soften our bitterness and anger; It is the Lord, Who gives us knowledge and wisdom to deal with the uncertainties of life; It is the Lord Who gives us Love to love others when we are gluttonously focused upon our own wants, so that we can have generosity to give to others. God destroyed all the powers of evil with The Life of His Divine Love given to all who will receive it.

For our part we must put forth effort and strive for what is Holy, and so we must seek it in order to find it, which means that we must be reading The Word of God in the scriptures and receiving our Lord in The Most Holy Sacraments. We must ask and we will receive, which means that we must be praying with humble supplication to our Lord. We must be knocking at the doors of Heaven, which means that we must be using the Graces of God's Love that are given to us to be given to others. These efforts that we make give our free will consent to The Divine Lord to transform our sinful self concerned desires into The Loving Self-giving Ways of our God, and that means New Life for us. We can give only to the degree that we have received God into our souls. Give and more will be given to you, until you grow rich in God's Love and Mercy. The more we become more aware of God, the more we understand how very different we are from God and how much we are in great need of His Divine Mercy. God allows us to see our weaknesses and failures so that we can seek and then use His Divine Power to further repent and to believe more deeply and love more greatly.

The following Words of Scripture are paraphrased to the key words of God's message: No more shall you be Forsaken, or Desolate; but you shall be called 'My Delight,' 'Espoused,' "For the Lord delights in you, and makes you His spouse. As a young man married a virgin, your Builder shall marry you;" (for all of the words go to Isaiah 62:3-4). Do you understand that God speaks to each of us in this way. Do you understand how God Loves each of us in such an Extraordinary Way by these statements. Jesus is the New Born King, Who comes to us as a tender Child bearing All The Gifts of Heaven so that we can build up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, which begins in each of our hearts and minds as we experience God's Love, and that is Heaven on earth. Life with God here and now gives us a greater ability to love and that is what creates joy and gratitude in our souls. It is then that life is worth living as God is with us bestowing peace in our souls through the many hardships and trials that come to us in this life. When we live more fully God's Life of Love, then we begin to have this life to the full, as it is God's Love that enables us to set about doing the Good Work of God that makes us and this world a better place. *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ December 27, 2015

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 28	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Dec. 29	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Patricia Fargen
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., Dec. 30	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Richard Gebhart
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
	11:00 AM	Mass at Riverview Manor		All Parishioners
Thur., Dec. 31	5:30 PM	Mass	Flandreau	† Dennis Rhead
	7:30 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Fri., Jan. 1	9:00 AM	Mass	Colman	† Ray/Ethel Heinrich
Sat., Jan. 2	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 3	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	† Jim/Patricia Fargen
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Roy P. & Mary Skroch

Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ FRI., JAN. 1

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Rose Shoenrock,
Doug Entringer
Lect./Comm.: Pete Entringer
Altar Servers: Madison/Logan Voelker
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Dan Miles Family

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 2

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Ryan Zwart
Maureen Baumberger
Lect./Comm.: Chuck Richter
Altar Servers: Reece Luze, Ava Mousel
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Duane Voelker Family

ELKTON ~ THUR., DEC. 31

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect/Comm: Bill Fargen, Mary Remund
Altar Servers: Tyler Jurrems, William Neill
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Brad Neill Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 3

Lay Minister: Shari Myers, Diane Baker
Lect/Comm: Judy Kampmann, Lois Stuefen
Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: John Neill Family
Ushers: Dan Knuth, Corey Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ THUR., DEC. 31

Lay Minister: Tony/Denise Firman, Susan Gross
Lect./Comm.: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Erica Rorvik (C)
Altar Servers: Xavier/Marianna/Isabella Pavlis,
Jacob Weber
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 3

Lay Minister: Libby Heinemann, Dave Johnson, John Hess
Lect./Comm.: Denise Wiese, John Hess (C)
Altar Servers: Brooklyn/Luke Behrens, Caleb Dietrich,
Makenzey Burggraff
Ushers/Greeters: Jesse Gaspar Family
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers



Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses

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

January/February Mass Schedule

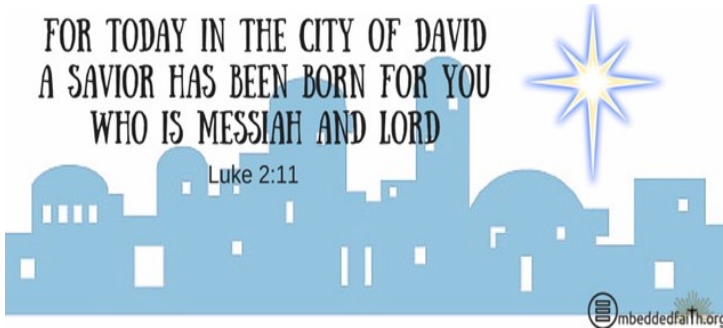
Colman - Saturday at 5:00 PM
Elkton - Sunday at 8:30 AM



Flandreau: \$2543
Elkton: \$1922
Colman: \$598

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

The Elkton Public School will be hosting a **benefit for Tammy Busselman** (a teacher) on January 31st 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.



Daily Mass Readings:

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: 1 John 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40
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
Jan 2: 1 John 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; John 1:19-28
Jan 3: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1,2,7-13; Ephesians 3:2-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

Help for the military and their families: The St. Raphael Fund is meant to assist the military and their families in meeting needs not supported in other ways. The goal is encourage healthy families and to provide care for those who serve. Applications for funds can be sent to St. Raphael Fund, 523 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or any Catholic Family Services Office around the diocese, 1-800-700-7867. Donations to the fund can be sent to the same address.

“We were made to love and be loved; we are meant to depend on one another, serving each other in humility and walking together in times of suffering. Our relationships are meant to help us grow in perfect love.”

—Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. “2015 Respect Life Month Statement: Every Life is Worth Living”

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

No Classes December 30th

STS. SIMON & JUDE

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. 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. Contact Tonya at 864-1538.

First Sunday Meal: Jan. 3rd after Mass.

ST. PETER

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

New Resources on Medical Decisions and End-of-Life Care.

Visit the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife for a variety of resources, including a diocesan booklet, a sample Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, a planning guide, prayers, links, articles, and more. Perhaps a loved one is in the hospital after a tragic injury or a parent is in a nursing home with a terminal illness. Suffering and death affects us all. Preparing spiritually and practically for an unexpected illness or our end-of-life care can alleviate much anxiety – not only for ourselves, but our loved ones.



Intention of the Holy Father for January:

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

TRI-PARISH

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. 1st Tuesday of each month 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 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 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 for more information.

Father Flood



Christmas Flower Memorials

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor Of...</u>
Jane DeLay	Francis/Erma DeLay, Gary Hemmer
Mary Powers	Pete Powers, Marie/Joe/William Burns

Read our parish bulletins on-line:
www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish

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 or call Fr. Shaun Haggerty @ 988-3772.

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. 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 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.

Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the first Tuesday each month, 1-3:00 p.m. for those living with chronic illness **and** their care givers. Next meeting at St. Lambert, 1000 S. Bahnon Ave Sioux Falls on **January 5**. Details - call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

