

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima (part 13)

The Last Vision of Fatima:

One of the most important of all the revelations of Fatima is the last great vision of June 13, 1929, took place in the convent chapel where St. Lucia was a nun. While making late night holy hour in the convent chapel Lucia witnessed the vision which appears to be a synthesis of the Fatima message. In her own words, Lucia describes the vision: "Suddenly the whole Chapel was illumined by a supernatural light, and a cross of light appeared above the altar, reaching to the ceiling. In a bright light at the upper part of the cross could be seen the face of a man and his body to the waist (God The Father) on his breast there was a dove also of light (Holy Spirit) and, nailed to the cross, was the body of another man (Jesus Christ). Somewhat above the waist, I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on to which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus Crucified and from the wound in His side. These drops ran down on to the host and fell into the chalice. Our Lady was beneath the right arm of the cross (... it was Our Lady of Fatima with Her Immaculate Heart ... in Her left hand ... without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames ...). Under the left arm of the cross, large letters, as of crystal clear water which ran down over the altar, formed these words: Graces and Mercy. 'I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity which was shown to me, and I received lights about this Mystery which I am not permitted to reveal. Our Lady then said to me: 'The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the Bishops of the world, to make the Consecration of Russia to my Heart, promising to save it by this means.' "



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This last vision to St. Lucia in 1929, is a powerful teaching of the Divine Reality that takes place at every Holy Mass. Above the Altar of Sacrifice is The Host and the chalice suspended in mid air. Jesus had already given to us His Precious Body and Blood at the Last Supper which drew from future Crucifixion of His Body and the shedding of His Blood while suffering for each of us on The Cross. The chalice is being filled with The Precious Blood of Christ flowing from His Most Sacred Heart that was opened by the soldier's lance, and the wounds inflicted by the Crown of Thorns forced upon His Head. Remember, Jesus is both God and man. As man, Jesus chose to suffer and die for us; as God, Jesus Christ chose to Love each of us with His Infinite Love while our sins were causing Him to suffer and die. This is what we know as The One Most Perfect and Pleasing Sacrifice of Love offered to our Heavenly Father that is re-presented and offered to God The Father for us at every Mass.

In this vision, we also see the Blood coming from left hand of Jesus turning into water that spells out the words "Graces and Mercy" which flow down upon the altar and continue to us from the altar washing all the world. It is through Baptism that we are immersed into Christ's Death, which opens eternal Life with God for us. The Life Giving Water of God's Grace will quench our thirst for God. The Blood coming from the wound in His right hand, also represents His Grace and Mercy that comes to those who have recourse to the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercessions, as she is our spiritual Mother.

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 7	6:00 PM	Mass (Immac. Conception)	Elkton	All Parishioners
Tues., Dec. 8	5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Mass (Immac. Conception) Mass (Immac. Conception)	Colman Flandreau	† Our Lady of Peace CDA † Garland/Richard Mengenhauser
Wed., Dec. 9	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† A. Gebhart (healing) -----
Thur., Dec. 10	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- All Parishioners
Fri., Dec. 11	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † dec CDA members -----
Sat., Dec. 12	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Patricia Fargen
Sun., Dec. 13	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Ralph Heinemann
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ MON., DEC. 7

Lay Minister: Donna Bumann, Lisa Gebhart
Lect/Comm: Ervin Gebhart, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Cory/Tyler Jurens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: David/Carol McMahon
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 12

Lay Minister: Sharon Landsman, JoAnn Schmidt
Lect/Comm: Mary Remund, Judy Kampmann
Altar Servers: Makayle/Garrett Neill
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Peter McMahon Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

COLMAN ~ TUES., DEC. 8

Lay Minister: Maureen Baumberger, Julie Entringer,
Mary Sweeney
Lect./Comm.: Alice Berg
Altar Servers: Ben Zwart, Eli Bowen
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bob Heinrich Family

COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 13

Lay Minister: Alice Berg, Ann Voelker, Mary Zwart
Lect./Comm.: Kim Froke
Altar Servers: Reece Luze, Monte Berg
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Ray Luze Family

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



*Feast of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

*In the first instance of her
conception, by a singular
privilege and grace granted by
G.O.D., in view of the merits of
Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race,
was preserved from all stain of original sin.....*

Holy Day of Obligation Masses


Monday, December 7 - 6:00 PM ~ Elkton
Tuesday, December 8 - 5:30 PM ~ Colman
Tuesday, December 8 - 7:30 PM ~ Flandreau

FLANDREAU ~ TUES., DEC. 8

Lay Minister: Dave/Deb Feske, Susan Gross
Lect./Comm.: Jerry Doyle, Brenda Doyle (C)
Altar Servers: Caleb Dietrich, Makenzey Burggraff
Jaelyn Gaspar, Collette KillsAHundred
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 13

Lay Minister: Tony/Denise Firman, Libby Heinemann
Lect./Comm.: Paul/Jessica Lewis
Altar Servers: Erin/James/Matthew Drietz, Grace Johanson
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

Nov. 29 th Our Weekly Offering 	Flandreau: \$1656 Elkton: \$671 Colman: \$1042
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ST. PETER

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

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Guild Meeting: After Mass on Sat., Dec. 5th for the **purpose of selection of officers.** Please have talked with the person you plan to nominate to have their permission to submit their name. If you wish to be an officer, call Nancy Spiering (542-2063) or the parish office (997-2610) to submit your name if unable to attend the meeting.

Card Party: Anyone interested in getting together to play cards - call Nancy (542-2063).

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

Daily Mass Readings:

Dec 7: Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26

Dec 8: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4;

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Dec 9: Isaiah 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10; Matthew 11:28-30

Dec 10: Isaiah 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13; Matt 11:11-15

Dec 11: Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Matthew 11:16-19

Dec 12: Revelation 11:19,12:1-6,10; Judith 13:18-19;

Luke 1:39-47

Dec 13: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6;

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

CFSA Final pledges for 2015 are now payable.
Thank you for your generosity.

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

SS&J: 5:45 PM for K-6; 7:15 PM for 7-12.

ST. PETER: 6:00 PM for elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.

◆ Coordinator for the CCD program needed - Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

OLGC: 6:30 PM - all grades

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Confirmation Students Bake Sale in conjunction with the KC "First Sunday" meal in December, after mass on **December 6th** as their final fundraiser for their Confirmation retreat.

1st Communion parent meeting: Dec. 6th after Mass for all parents of 2nd grade students.

Choir Practice: 9:00 AM in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome.

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

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.



Parish Christmas Programs

December 13 - 4:00 PM ~ OLGC

December 13 - 6:00 PM **** ~ SS&J

****note change in time due to conflict
for kids at Confirmation retreat.****

December 16 - 6:30 PM ~ St. Peter

Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 13 - 1:30 PM

~ St. Thomas More, Brookings

Sunday, December 20 - 1:30 PM

~ SS Simon & Jude, Flandreau

RETROUVAILLE: A confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship is scheduled for March 18-20. The weekend will take place 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.

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.

Broom Tree Retreats

**Day of Recollection: December 8 (Holy Day):
Mary: Our Model for Advent – Father Robert
Wullweber** Begin at 10 a.m. and include
conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an
opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
The day ends in mid-afternoon. *Because lunch is
served, we ask that you please register.* A
prayerful donation is requested.

One-Day Silent Retreat: Dec. 12; *In the Silence
God Speaks: Directed by Fr. Joe Vogel.*

Women's Silent Retreat: Feb. 18-21, Mar. 3-6,
May 12-15; June 16-19

Men's Silent Retreat: Feb. 25-28, April 7-10;
Aug. 18-21, Sept. 22-25,

For more information or to register please call
(605) 263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org
or check website www.broom-tree.org

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In this image, we also see above the Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ, God Our Heavenly Father with open arms that are both presenting Jesus to us, and receiving us in The Grace and Power of The Holy Spirit, Who is seen in the form as a Dove of Light. The entirety of the image shows forth The Divine Unity of The Holy Trinity, which implies that God has suffered for us to obtain The Grace and Mercy to forgive the repentant sinner that comes through Jesus Christ in The Power of the Holy Spirit that is Blessed by God The Father as we receive our Lord Jesus Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in Holy Communion. "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation body of Christ? (17) Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (18) Look at Israel according to the flesh; are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?" (1 Cor 10:16-17) *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

**Mass in Spanish on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Sat., Dec. 12th, at 11:00 a.m. in Saint Thomas More
Church, Brookings** - A potluck will follow. All are invited.

Bishop Hoch Scholarship: \$1,000.00 scholarship to enable a student to attend either Mount Marty College in Yankton or Presentation College in Aberdeen. Applications are being accepted for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Mary Andersen at mandersen@sfcatholic.org for more information.

Father Flood



Christmas at the Cathedral. This year's theme, "Love Came Down at Christmas" looks at the powerful, universal theme in the Christmas story – Love – which can be shared by everyone every day of the year. Through beautiful music and words, audiences will hear inspiring stories of Christmas love. The six performances are on **December 17, 18, 19 & 20**. Proceeds will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and the Cathedral of St. Joseph ongoing care and maintenance endowments. Get your tickets: 1) at any Sioux Falls HyVee store, 2) on-line at www.cfesd.org, 3) phone 605.988.3765 4) email bkuyper@sfcatholic.org, 5) stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave).

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

Cookie Parade & Craft Fair: Dec. 6; 11:30-3:30; Risen Savior, Brandon, SD

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ December 6, 2015

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OFFICE HOURS: WED., THUR., & FRI. 9:00-4:00

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