

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

STS. SIMON & JUDE **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL** **ST. PETER**
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Often times we know of St. Blaise because of the Blessing of throats on his feast day of February 3rd. St. Blaise was a bishop in the Catholic Church who was martyred in the country of Armenia in the year 316 A.D.. Despite of the Edict of Milan in the Western Empire, which granted religious tolerance to Christians by emperor Constantine, there was Christian persecution in the Eastern empire under emperor Licinius.

It is believed that St. Blaise was a physician, who became a priest and then a bishop. He was told in a vision to flee to a mountain due to the persecution. He lived in a cave in the region of Armenia, where people and animals were coming to be healed. Agricola, the governor of that region, sent hunters to capture wild animals for the arena. It is said that there were Christians and many wild animals around St. Blaise that had been sick or wounded and were healed. The hunters were amazed and took none. They realized that Blaise was a Christian Bishop and returned to report the event to Agricola the governor. Agricola sent his soldiers, who took Blaise and any Christians as a prisoner.

While on the way to prison, people heard where bishop Blaise was and a lady brought her little child who was choking on a fish bone. Bishop Blaise prayed over the child, and the child was immediately and completely healed. Then a lady in poverty came and pleaded to St. Blaise for the return of her only pig that a wolf had taken. It is said that Bishop Blaise prayed on her behalf, and the wolf returned the pig unharmed to the lady.

The soldiers brought bishop Blaise to prison, and the lady whose pig was returned, brought St. Blaise food and two beeswax candles to light the darkness of his prison cell. The governor Agricola was impressed by the all the reports of miracles, but he pressed St. Blaise to renounce his Faith in Jesus Christ and worship pagan gods. St. Blaise refused and was beaten with rods. St. Blaise continued to refuse to renounce his Faith in Jesus Christ, and then suffered the torture of metal combs and rakes on his flesh. They beheaded St. Blaise in that prison of violence which caused him much suffering. (Sources of the above information: (http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint_id=28 <http://www.fisheaters.com/customtimeafterepiphany4.html> <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-blaise/> <http://www.ostia-antica.org/dict/topics/emperors.htm>)

This account of the life of St. Blaise reminds us of the blindness of those who either have no Faith and do not believe, or those who have Faith but refuse to believe. Either way, such people make up their own justice and refuse to follow God's Will. There is nothing that can be said or done to help the one who refuses to believe, but nothing can be said or done to dissuade the one who believes from Faith. Those who have Faith and believe know The Will of God, and they do The Will of God. God does great things through them and for them, but every believer must deny himself take up his Cross and follow Jesus. If we hold to our Faith and trust in God all the days of our lives, then each and every difficulty and trial will strengthen and perfect our Faith in God, and we will become "the salt and light of this world." (Mt 5:13-14) "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. (12) Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Mt 5:10-12)

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2017

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†	Liturgy Schedule		Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Feb. 6	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Feb. 7	7:30 AM 7:45 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton	† Minnie Schmidt -----
Wed., Feb. 8	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† All Parishioners
Thur., Feb. 9	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Bernice Hinricher
Fri., Feb. 10	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:30 PM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Dolores Burggraff -----
Sat., Feb. 11	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Lois Heim
Sun., Feb. 12	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	All Parishioners † LaVern & Minnie Schmidt, † Steve & Drew Haman

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., FEB. 11

Lay Minister: Doug Entringer, Mary Gengler, Alice Berg

Lect./Comm: Dan Schmidt

Altar Servers: Chandler Gullickson, Walker Olivier

Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bob Heinricy Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., FEB. 12

Lay Minister: Lisa Gebhart, Kelly Neill

Lect./Comm.: Ervin Gebhart, Judy Kampmann

Altar Servers: Aiden & Tevan Erickson

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mike Stoltenberg Family

Ushers: Arlo Jurrens, Tom Gebhart

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., FEB. 12

Lay Minister: Betty Gross, John Hess

Davwe Johnson

Lect./Comm.: Pat/Amy Weight (C)

Altar Servers: Erin/James/Matthew Drietz

Caleb Dietrich

Ushers/Greeters: Glenn Burggraff & Mike Skroch Families

Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

Intention of the Holy Father for February: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

Jan. 22nd
Our
Weekly Offering



Flandreau: \$2324.

Elkton: \$668.

Colman: \$1529.

Daily Mass Readings:

Feb 6: Gen 1: 1-19, Ps104: 1-35c, Mark 6:53-56

Feb 7: Gen 1;20-2: 20, Ps 8:4-9, Mark 7:1-13

Feb.8:Gen 2:4b-17, Ps 104: 1-30, Mark 7:14-23

Feb 9 Gen 2:18-25, Ps 128: 1-5, Mark 7:24-30

Feb 10:Gen 3: 1-8, Ps 32: 1-7, Mark 7:31-37

Feb 11:Gen 3:9-24, 90:2-13, Mark 8:1-10

Feb 12:Sir 15:15-20(76A)Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

1Cor2:6-10, Matt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Youth Discipleship and Evangelization

For more information and to register go to

www.sfcatholic.org/youth/

Going Deeper Retreat: March 3-5

High School D-Camp: June 19-22 & July 9-12

Junior High D-Camp: July 13-16

"Are you ready for 4 days of faith filled crazy fun? Registration for D-Camp 2017 is now open!

www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp

Sioux Falls Search: May 5 – 7

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

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

Meal served at 6:15 PM.

ST. PETER: 6:00 PM for gr.1-6; 7:00 PM for 7-12.

OLGC: 6:30 PM; Meal served at 5:30.

Confirmation: Wednesday, April 5th

6:30 PM at SS&J, Flandreau

STS. SIMON & JUDE

K of C First Sunday Breakfast: - Feb. 5th; Egg bake, Fruit, Bun, Drinks. Everyone is invited.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

Sheets: The quilters need sheets of any size. If you have some that you are no longer using, they can be dropped off in the kitchen. Thank you.

St. Peters

Welcome to our parish family:

Braxton John Preheim

Son of Michael & Julie

We pray for God's blessings and grace that they continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ

The Moody County Ministerial Association

will be serving "**The Banquet**" on **May 30**. We are serving BBQ's, potato salad, baked beans, and watermelon wedges and will plan for 450 minimal. We are in need of hamburger, donations, and workers. If you can help out, call Jane DeLay at 997-2758 or contact me at: jane.delay@k12.sd.us. Thank You for your generosity and your help in feeding those less fortunate.

Abby of the Hills Events: For more information and to register go to www.abbeyofthehills.com

- **February 11 - Vespers & Valentines**

Celebrate Valentines at The Abbey with an evening prayer service followed by an elegant meal of CHICKEN MARSALA or BBQ RIBS, wine and desserts included. Come for prayer and supper for \$50 per couple, or make it an overnight for \$100. **OVER-NIGHT ROOM PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE!**

- **February 17 - 19 - Men's 12-Step Spiritual**

Retreat: This retreat is for MEN who practice, or wish to practice, a 12-Step Program. COST: \$155 pp single rm, \$135 pp double rm, \$115 with no lodging. Includes: meals and snacks (no meal Fri. evening – eat before!) Feb. 17 – Check-in at 6:00pm, Feb. 19 – Concludes at 10:30am

- **March 12, 2017 - St. John's University Men's**

Choir Concert - 2:00pm: The Saint John's University Men's Chorus is the select male voice touring ensemble of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. "*We get to a level of performance where it just pours out of you and becomes a reflection of your emotions.*" - Director, Dr. Axel Theimer. Come experience the sounds and the emotions. Open to the public - Free Will Offering.

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Choir Practice: Starting January 25th we will be meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 to start practicing songs to sing during Lent and for Easter. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Do you desire to share your faith more openly, but don't know where to begin? Join us for Discipleship Day March 31- April 1, 2017 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Deacon Ralph Poyo and Bob Rice will be sharing their incredible insights on discipleship-focused ministry. For more information or to register go to <http://www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/>.

Join us for some "One of a Kind" Fun!

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Sts. Simon & Jude Church Basement

10:00am until 1:00pm (or so)

There will be food, fun and fellowship!

Everyone is welcome! Bring your card playing friends for Court Whist!

Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of Peace



Father Flood



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.

Catholic Family Services Gift of Hope Concert

Featuring *Mark Schultz*

Sunday, March 19th – 2:00p.m. (*one show only!*)

O+Gorman Performing Arts Center

Mark your calendars and plan now to join us for the 17th Annual Gift of Hope Concert, featuring *Mark Schultz* – a Dove Award-winning and *platinum*-selling music artist who has become one of Christian music's most acclaimed singer/songwriter/storytellers.

All proceeds benefit the Catholic Family Services' Gift of Hope Fund - which provides support for people of all faiths, ages and walks in life through their counseling services, grief programs and adoption services.

Order tickets on-line at ccfesd.org or purchase at any local Sioux Falls HyVee Store. For concert or ticket information call 605-988-3765.

The Cathedral Sacred Arts Series Presents The South Dakota State University

Concert Choir

February 17, 7 p.m.,

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Free Admission

Each year the Cathedral welcomes excellent area university ensembles to the Sacred Arts Series. This year the South Dakota State University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Laura Diddle, will perform a wonderful program of ancient and modern choral music, including works specially commissioned for the recent SDSU choir tour of Spain. The 70-member Concert Choir serves as the ambassadorial choral ensemble of the Music Department at South Dakota State University. Founded in 1967, the Concert Choir is comprised of SDSU's most gifted and talented vocalists. They tour widely, and have in the past several years performed in New York City, Washington D.C., Great Britain, Germany, Austria, and Spain. Come experience their touring program right here at home.

Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain

As part of the diocesan Life Chain Link, please join Bishop Paul J. Swain in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st St. in Sioux Falls on February 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon. If you are unable to attend, please consider joining in prayer in your own parish, or sign up for another prayer time on the online calendar. To learn more or to sign up to pray, visit the "Life Chain Link" page of the OMFRL website at www.sfcatholic.org/respect life

Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained

Marriages: The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 31 – April 2. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. Please contact 605-988-3755 to register. For general information visit: www.retrouvaille.org.

Resources on Marriage, Family & Respect Life:

The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Sunday (February 12) provide a great opportunity to celebrate marriage and affirm and support engaged and married couples. Resources to help celebrate the week have been developed by the USCCB and are available online at: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/national-marriage-week.cfm. Please also contact our office or visit the "Marriage Enrichment" and "Marriage Preparation" pages on the OMFRL website for additional resources and celebration ideas.

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.

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One: Weekend Non-Denominational Retreat for adults , **March 3-5** at Broom Tree Retreat Center.

Grieving the Loss of a Child: Six Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm, **Feb. 28 - Apr. 4**, Non-denominational program for adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief; designed to be educational and will offer positive suggestions to help you survive and learn to live fully again. Cost – Donation.

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.