# Catholic Tri-Parish Community STS. SIMON & JUDE OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ST. PETER

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#### St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;

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: (<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\_id=28">http://www.fisheaters.com/</a> <a href="https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-blaise/">https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-blaise/</a> <a href="https://www.ostia-antica.org/dict/topics/emperors.htm">https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-blaise/</a> <a href="https://www.ostia-antica.org/dict/topics/emperors.htm">https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-blaise/</a> <a href="https://www.ostia-antica.org/dict/topics/emperors.htm">https://www.ostia-antica.org/dict/topics/emperors.htm</a>)

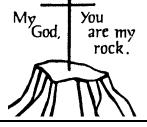
This account of the life of St. Blaise reminds us of the blindness of those who either have no Faith and do not believe, or those who have Faith but refuse to believe. Either way, people who do not believe in God make up their own justice and refuse to follow God's Ways. There is nothing that can be said or done to help the one who refuses to believe, but nothing can be said or done to dissuade the Believer 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 that challenges our Faith Belief will strengthen and perfect our Faith and Belief in God. The practice of Faith through trials makes us "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)



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5th Sunday Ordinary Time February

4, 2018

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Feb. 5	7:45 AM 1:30 PM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	
Tues., Feb. 6	7:30 AM 7:45 AM No Mass	Mass Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Barbara Kittelson 
Wed., Feb. 7	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass at Riverview Manor Mass (Father Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† Patrick Frederiksen † Dolores Burggraff 
Thur., Feb. 8	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	+ Loretta Heinricy
Fri., Feb.9	7:45 AM 9:00 AM No Mass	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Flandreau Colman	Ill & Deceased Members of
Sat., Feb.10	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., Feb. 11	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	Augusta Krause † Aaron Scofield & Dorothy Doyle

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

#### **COLMAN ~ SAT., FEB. 10**

Lay Minister: Mary Beth Zwart, Ryan Zwart,

Ann Voelker

Lect/Comm: Alice Berg

Altar Servers: Kennedi Landis, Kaylee Voelker Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Ray Luze Family

#### ELKTON ~ SUN., FEB. 11

Lay Minister: Lisa Gebhart, Kelly Neill

Lect./Comm.: Ervin Gebhart

Altar Servers: Garret Neill, Jack Skordahl Greeters/Gift Bearers: Les & Deb Burlage Ushers: Arlo Jurrens, Tom Gebhart

#### FLANDREAU ~ SUN., FEB. 11

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers,

Charles Rosheim, Jim Redder

**Lect./Comm.:** Marty Parsley, Lisa RosheimC) **Altar Servers:** Hannah/Kathryn/Maria Paesley

**Ushers/Greeters:** Glenn Burggraff Family Jesse Gaspar Family

Sacristan: Lavonne Headrick

Jan. 29th

Our **E** Weekly Offering

# Elkton: \$787 Flandreau: \$1697 Colman: \$4669

## **Daily Mass Readings:**

Feb. 5: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132: 6-7, 8-10; Mark 6:53-56

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Feb. 7: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5,-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mark 7:14-23

Feb. 8: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37, 40; Mark 7:24-30

Feb. 9: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mark

7:31-37

Feb. 10: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22;

Mark 8:1-10

Feb. 11: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Mark 1:40-45

# BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER MASS THIS WEEKENDK

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 14
St. Peter - 6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Good Counsel - 7:00 p.m.
Sts. Simon & Jude - 8:00 p.m.

#### **PALM BRANCHES**

If you have palm branches at home, please bring them to Mass next weekend.

Father Doug will burn them and they will be used on Ash Wednesday.

#### STS. SIMON & JUDE

**FIRST SUNDAY MEAL:** TODAY - serving Three Bean Hamburger Hotdish.

**CCD:** No CCD February 7. Preschool-6th Grade CCD will be held February 14 5:45-7:00 p.m.

<u>Just a Reminder:</u> If you have furnished food for funerals, please pick up your pans/bowls in the kitchen.

**Quilting**: Thursdays - 8:30 AM.

**<u>Bible Study</u>**: Fridays at 10:00 - call Libby at 997-2654 if interested.

**<u>Lenten Soup Suppers</u>** begin February 21 with serving beginning at 5:00 p.m.

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., led by CCD students and on Fridays at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass and confessions.



#### **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

CCD: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, gr. 1-12.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** begin February 14 with serving from 5:30-6:30. Tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served on Ash Wednesday.

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent (led by students).

#### ST. PETER

CCD: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, gr. 1-12.

**CDA Meeting** February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

**Lenten Soup Suppers** will begin February 21. Serving is from 5:30-6:30.

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent (led by students).

**Going Deeper:** A retreat for high school youth desiring to grow in the faith and deepen their prayer life. **Feb. 9-11** at St. Thomas More, Brookings, SD. For more information and registration go to: http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/going-deeper/.

**Bishop Hoch Scholarship:** Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,000.00 scholarship to attend Mount Marty or Presentation Colleges. Contact tgeiver@sfcatholic.org.

#### **CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPREAL**

Today we begin the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2018. Catholic Family Sharing Appeal challenges us each year to think beyond our walls and our individual needs. At some time in your life, you or someone you love will be served in one way or another from the ministries supported by Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. Your gift helps each of the diocesan ministries reach out to thousands, including training for future priests, a respect for life, education in our faith and ministry to the homebound, helping hurting marriages and more. This week you will receive a letter from Bishop Swain asking for your support for this year's Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's appeal, fill out your pledge card and bring it to church next weekend. If you do not receive a letter, let the parish office know. Our parish goal for 2018 is SS Simon and Jude \$30,000, Our Lady of Good Counsel \$22,500, St. Peter \$15,800 and 100% participation. I am confident we will exceed this goal, but we need the help of everyone. Remember any amount raised about our share stays in the parish. Thank you for being a part of CFSA 2018.

Catholic Conversations at St. Thomas More in Brookings, Saturday, February 17th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Dr. Chris will be sharing ways to help others see that the Church's teachings are actually all about Truth, Happiness, and Love. For more information about upcoming Catholic Conversations events check out <a href="http://www.sfcatholic.org/catholicconversations">http://www.sfcatholic.org/catholicconversations</a>. If you would like to bring a workshop to your parish please call Chris at 605-988-3770. We would love to come to your parish.

# **Pray for Vocations!**

#### The Abbey of the Hills Retreats

Register at www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com or call 605-398-9200

- February 13 Fr. Dana Christensen will present: The Message of Our Lady of Fatima. The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. Cost: Free-will donation.
- March 2-4 Men's Lenten Retreat The retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday and concludes at 11:00 a.m. Sunday
- March 9-11 The Matthew Ministry: Inner Healing Retreat. The weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday.

#### **Broom Tree Retreats:**

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

Prayerful donations requested for retreats

#### Silent Retreats:

- Women's: Feb. 15-18, March 15-18, May 3-6, June 21-24.
- Men's: February 22-25, April 19-22, May 17-20 Days of Recollection: 10:00 AM thru mid-afternoon
- Feb. 13 "The Seven Last Words of Christ" directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer
- March 13 "The Passion of God & the Passion of Man: Why Suffering, Why Me?" directed by Msgr. Richard Mahowald.
- April 17 "The Heart of the Book of Romans" directed by Father Andrew Dickinson,
- August 21 directed by Fr. Tom Anderson
- September 11 directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer,

<u>Couples retreat</u> - Feb. 9-11 – directed by Fr. Jeff Norfolk <u>Inner healing retreats</u> – March 2-4, October 12-14

### **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.

Grieving the Loss of a Child: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm February 27- April 3, Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, SF. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register, the program is non-denominational. Cost — Donation. 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 people to survive and learn to live fully again.

Beautifully Made: A Women's Conference ~ April 14, 2018: Lisa Cotter will be one of the Keynote speakers for Beautifully Made. Lisa Cotter is a nationally sought-after speaker on the topics of relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence. She is a graduate of Benedictine College; since 2007, she and her husband, Kevin, have served FOCUS as a family. Lisa and Kevin are the co-authors of "Dating Detox". Lisa is the founder of Made to Magnify, a ministry with a mission to help people become saints — because it's worth it. Sign up at www.sfcatholic.org/ WomensConference for the latest news and updates!

#### Lenten Retreat February 17, 2018

"Befriending Silence, Tending the Heart" at the Benedictine Peace Center, Sacred Heart Monastery, in Yankton. This morning of reflection, presented by the Peace Center staff, will give you the opportunity to experience silence and consider how you can make it a part of your life, as well as a Lenten discipline. The suggested donation is \$20. Registration requested by Feb. 14 by calling 605-668-6292 or e-mail BenedictinePeaceCtr@mtmc.edu

Surviving Divorce- begins Sunday, February 18, 2018 in Watertown, SD at Immaculate Conception Parish. Sessions are held on Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 or cfs@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

#### Peace & Romance - February 9th, 2018

Vesper & Valentines Celebrate Valentine's Day with reflection and prayer at The Abbey of the Hills. Couples may receive a blessing of their marriage followed by a romantic candlelight dinner. The event is ecumenical welcoming couples of all faiths and begins at 6pm. Cost: \$50 per couple for dinner or \$100 per couple for dinner and overnight room. Register now by calling 605-398-9200.