# STS. SIMON & JUDE **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

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#### **Conversion or Prohibition?**

People who accept God's Ways of Truth and Love will not do evil, and they use all things Postor for good purposes. People who accept evil ways will do the evil things of dishonesty, abuse and violence, and they use things for evil purposes. When people have no relationship with

God or have hatred of God, they have no respect for God or man. They have evil intent in their hearts and evil creates evil. The question to ask is why do people choose to do evil? Why has the act of murdering large numbers of people become acceptable thing for some people? Jesus tells us that what comes out of the heart of a person is what makes that person evil or good. "For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, unchastity, theft, false witness, blasphemy." (Mt 15:19)

Until there is conversion to Jesus Christ and away from evil desire, people are filled with evil will do the evil by whatever diabolical means they come up with to destroy and kill, whether they use box cutters, knives, tools, guns, chemicals, bombs, fire, vehicles, airplanes, words, media propaganda, misuse of government authority, etc... The list of things that people can use for evil purpose is endless, just as the list of things that people use for good is endless. Beware of people in the media creating confused ideas of morality and creating a societal frenzy of fear until emotions are running so high that people end up making misguided decisions that do not solve the problem. Prohibition of things has never stopped evil actions, any more than prohibition of alcohol stopped the abuse and violence that can come from alcoholism. Unfortunately and tragically, there will always be a means for evil people to attain the evil they desire.

Things are not evil, but the way that people use things is either good or evil, and that is where the problem lies. Evil comes from the desire to do evil: "..., each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. (15) Then desire conceives and brings forth sin, and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death." (James 1:14-15) Jesus tells us "The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound your whole body will be filled with light; (23) but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be." (Mt 6:22-23) Jesus speaks of the "eye" as our desire, and the 'body' refers to our actions of goodness or evil.

Jesus strikes at the root of the tree of evil desire by telling us "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:15) The Good News is that God is with us, and we can know The Truth and do good with love. Jesus is "The Way, The Truth and The Life." (Jn 14:6) The only thing that stops evil is the conversion of the human heart to Jesus Christ. We can change and be converted away from the evil desire of our fallen human nature to the desire for The Goodness and Truth of God. All things are possible with God, Who has created us to be in His Image and Likeness. That is our hope and that is our prayer, as we resist evil and do good with love. It is not by our strength that we go, lest we become misguided by our limited understanding as to what is good. With great effort we must strive by The Grace of God to achieve what is truly Good in the sight of God in order to bring about the good things that happen in union with Jesus Christ, Who is the means of our personal conversion and the conversion of others away from the evils of abuse and violence. That is how we make the world a better place, as it begins with each one of us. Continue to pray for the victims of abuse and violence, as evil can leave deep and long lasting wounds in the souls of people, and pray for the conversion of people who do evil. Roman's 12:21 "Do not be conquered by evil. but conquer evil with good." Only with and through Jesus Christ can this be done. -Fr. Doug Binsfeld



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2nd Sunday

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Feb. 26	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	
Tues., Feb. 27	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 1:30 PM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Father Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Dr. Bob Pellegrine
Wed., Feb. 28	9:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Father Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† George Gebhart
Thur., March 1	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	 † Marguerite Strenge
Fri., March 2	7:45 AM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Father Osborn) Mass (Stations at 5:00 PM)	Elkton Colman Flandreau	  † Don/Elaine Ahlers
Sat., March 3	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	First Saturday Mass Mass	Flandreau Elkton	Conversion of Sinners All Parishioners
Sun., March 4	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Melvin Strang † Henry Haman
<b>CONFESSIONS</b> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

#### **MINISTERS OF SERVICE**

#### **ELKTON** ~ **SAT.**, **MARCH 3**

Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Sharon Landsman Lect./Comm.: Chris Myers, Kelly Neill (C)

Altar Servers: Alex Landsman, Connor Owens Greeters/Gift Bearers: Bill/Vickie Fargen Ushers: Cory Stuefen, Dwight Gullickson

#### COLMAN ~ SUN., MARCH 4

Lay Minister: Mary Zwart, Alice Berg, Doug Entringer

Lect/Comm: Chad Groos

**Altar Servers:** Josie Mousel, Kennedi Landis **Gifts/Ushers/Greeters:** CCD Students

#### FLANDREAU ~ SUN., MARCH 4

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Marty/Rita Parsley Lect./Comm.: Reggie Gassman, John Evans (C) Altar Servers: Caleb Dietrich, Makenzey Burggraff

Rachel Heinemann

Ushers/Greeters: Craig Shea, Bing Garcia Family

Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

# **Intention of the Holy Father for March**:

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>
Our
Weekly Offering

Elkton: \$2174 Flandreau: \$2575 Colman: \$631

# **Daily Mass Readings**

Feb 26: Daniel 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-13; Luke 6:36-38

Feb 27: Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23; Matt 23:1-12 Feb 28: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16; Matt 20:17-28

Mar 1: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-6; Luke 16:19-31

Mar 2: Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Matt 21:33-46

Mar 3: Micah 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-12; Luke 15:1-3,11-32 Mar 4: Exodus 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25;

John 2:13-25

# Three Times In Modern History The Word "Person" Has Been Redefined:

<u>1857:</u> The U.S. Supreme Court declares that African Americans are not legal persons. They are the "property" of their owners.

<u>1936:</u> The German Supreme Court, the Reichsgericht, refuses to recognize Jews living in Germany as persons. Genocide becomes legal.

1973: The U.S. Supreme Court rules that the unborn are not persons in the legal sense; they have no civil or human rights. The unborn are the "property" of the mother, who can "choose" to abort them up to the day of delivery. "The word person as used in the 14th Amendment does not include the unborn." Justice Henry Blackmon in Roe v. Wade.

# March/April Mass Schedule

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

## STS. SIMON & JUDE

CCD: Wednesdays - Pre-6th Grade at 5:45 PM Grades 7-12 at 7:15 PM

**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> Wednesdays - serving begins at 5:00 PM in the church hall.

## Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays - 7:15 PM led by CCD students
Fridays - 5:00 PM followed by Mass & confessions

<u>Choir Practice</u>: Begins on March 4th - 9:15 AM in the choir loft. New members welcome!

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



**CDA Meeting**: Thur., March 1 - 7:00 PM. Rosary at 6:30 PM.



# Fish Fry March 2, 5:00 - 7:00 PM SS&J church basement

All are welcome! Hosted by the Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus. Come enjoy Fried fish, coleslaw, cheesy hash browns,

drink and dessert. Adults are \$8, children 10 and under are \$5, three and under are free.

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

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

Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesday 5:30-6:30.

# Stations of the Cross:

Wednesdays - 7:00 PM led by CCD students

## ST. PETER

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

**<u>Lenten Soup Suppers:</u>** Wednesday 5:30-6:30.

# Stations of the Cross

9 pancake

Wednesdays - 7:15 PM led by CCD students

# Pancake Breakfast: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00 AM

In Memory of Sandy Entringer and Gary Hemmer Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled

Eggs, Juice & Coffee; Freewill Offering; Proceeds Go to St. Peter Youth Programs

#### TRI-PARISH

<u>Thank you</u> for the contributions so far to the baby bottle boomerang. More than \$1,100 has been received so far. If you still have a bottle, please return whether full or empty. K of C's

# Please pray for our Confirmation candidates



OLGC - Elkton

Alex Landsman Bryson Sik Jesse Busselman Makayla Neill

St. Peter - Colman

Tv Hiller Eli Bowen

St. William - Aurora: Sean Roiger

Confirmation: Sunday, March 4 – 1:30 PM at Cathedral of St. Joseph, Sioux Falls

<u>Catholic Family Sharing Appeal</u>: We continue to collect pledge cards. If you cannot participate financially, fill out your card and offer a prayer for the success of Catholic Family Sharing Appeal. To those who returned their cards, <u>thank you!</u>

## A Saturday with Dr. Margarett A. Schlientz

Saturday, March 3 from 9:00am until 3:30pm. St. Thomas More - Brookings, SD

Her topics will include:

- Prayer: falling in love with the God who loves them
- Healing and forgiveness
- Rosary and Mary
- Eucharist adoration intercession

The conference is free, but, in order to plan for a free will offering lunch, please call the parish: (605-692-4361).

#### **Lenten Retreat - A Lenten Journey into the Heart**

St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison
Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 - 1:00
Sister Mary Jo Polak - Speaker
Please register by March 12
at 605-480-0316 or vickieandtim@hotmail.com

<u>The Abbey of the Hills Retreats</u>: Register at www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com or call 605-398-9200

- 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.
- March 16-18 Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages. To register and for information visit: www.retrouvaille.org or call 605-988-3755

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

For more information and to register call (605) 263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org or www.broom-tree.org
Prayerful donations requested for retreats

#### **Silent Retreats:**

- Women's: Mar. 15-18, May 3-6, June 21-24,
- Men's: April 19-22, May 17-20

Days of Recollection: 10:00 AM thru mid-afternoon

- 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>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. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. Cost – Donation.

18th Annual Catholic Family Services Gift of Hope Concert featuring Matt Maher. Saturday, March 24th - 7:00 p.m. (one show only) at Harrisburg High School Performing Arts Center. Order tickets online at ccfesd.org. For concert or ticket information call 605-988-3765.

# Beautifully Made: A Women's Conference - April 14 - Sioux Falls Convention Center:

Check for the latest updates and Register at www.sfcatholic.org/WomensConference

Featuring the following keynote speakers

- <u>Lisa Cotter</u> is a nationally sought-after speaker on the topics of relationships, femininity and living life with excellence. While balancing sound theology with humor and practical insights, Lisa inspires audiences of all ages.
- Emily Stimpson Chapman is a freelance Catholic writer on "all things Catholic"—from politics and catechesis to higher education and the media, with a special focus on the Church's teachings on marriage, sexuality, and femininity.
- <u>Sarah Kroger</u> is a Christian singer/songwriter from Melbourne, FL. Her tender heart of prayer combined with the rare talent of her voice makes for a unique and intimate experience.

It's Great to Be You, formally All in God's Plan, is an evening for Mothers & Daughters and Fathers & Sons to come together in separate sessions to learn 5th-6th grade age appropriate information about sexuality, human development, and chastity formation. Thursday, March 22nd at 6:15 PM at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls - Register at www.sfcatholic.org/familylife or call 988-3755.

Catholic Conversations with Dr. Chris Burgwald - God created our bodies and our sexuality as an essential part of who we are. A misunderstanding of their purpose is at the heart of many controversial issues today. So what is the true purpose of our bodies and how can understanding that purpose transform our lives? Come to Holy Spirit in Mitchell Saturday, March 10, 9:30 - 11:30 AM and join the conversation! For more info contact Holy Spirit.

<u>Ham Dinner</u>: March 18; 11:00-1:30 PM; St. Patrick, Montrose.