

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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Colman, SD
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The Story of Telemachus (*pronounced: tell-a-mock-us*)

In the year 325 A.D., Emperor Constantine was involved in a civil war. He had a vision of the Christian Cross as the means to victory. He had the Christian Cross placed on the shields of all his soldiers, and he was victorious in battle and became the Emperor of Rome. Constantine became a Christian and enacted the edict of Milan, granting religious tolerance to Christians. Constantine also prohibited the blood sport of gladiator fights. However, the sport of gladiator fights was so engrained in the society of that time that it persisted on and off throughout the years.

In the year 404 A.D. there was a great celebration in Rome after the defeat of the Goths. There was also an Asian monk named Telemachus, who while in his monastery fasting and praying received a vision telling him to go to Rome. Telemachus went to Rome, and became aware of the gladiators fighting in the colosseum. He was appalled at the brutality of men killing each other in the arena, and the barbarism of the crowds sitting safely in their seats cheering to encourage the men to kill one another. Telemachus went down and jumped over the arena wall and placed himself between the fighting gladiators, shouting: "In the Name of Jesus, stop!" He continued to shout "In the Name of Jesus, stop." The crowd quieted down, but when they perceived what he was doing, they began to boo him, and pelt him with stones. Telemachus was slain in the arena.

But then something happened. It is said that the crowd again was silenced as they looked upon the dead body of this monk, and then one by one, they began to leave the colosseum. Even the gladiators put down their weapons and left. Emperor Honorius was furious at the lynching of the monk and closed all of the arenas. (Unknown source; http://prayerfoundation.org/favoritemonks/favorite_monks_telemachus_coliseum.htm ; <http://jimdaily.focusonthefamily.com/when-telemachus-stood-for-life/> ; "Those About to Die" by Daniel P. Mannix, p. 175; "Historic Tales" by Charles Morris; <https://jesseleeproject.com/2010/01/31/in-the-name-of-jesus-stop-telemachus-story/>)

I read a number of accounts of Telemachus, each having slightly different aspects in the telling of the event. The above is a summary of the event. It is not clear whether Telemachus was stoned, slain by the sword or both, but it is clear that Telemachus gave his life that day in the arena telling people to stop the evil in The Name of Jesus.

To what level and degree have we converted our lives to Jesus? Are we willing to stand up and stop the injustice of evil when we perceive dishonesty, intolerance, abuse, violence, or any evil of injustice in whatever form it comes? And if we have enough of the Holy Spirit to know God's Truth and Justice, do we have the courage and strength to respond? And if we respond, then how are we going to stop injustice? Do we have enough Faith, Hope and Love to speak and act in The Name of Jesus and speak God's Truths? Or, are we going to speak and act with abuse and violence. When we speak and act with evil, it only creates further evil. Jesus came with The Power of The Father's Love to stop all evil by giving us His Life for us. Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors. Jesus experienced and endured all evil, but Jesus never allowed the evil to pass through Him, hence, all evil died in Jesus. Jesus was never a source of evil. Jesus responded to evil only with The Father's Truth and Love. Jesus suffered and died to purchased The Grace for each of us to be converted from the evil ways of a fallen and broken world, only, if we repent (stop doing evil) and believe in Jesus. Be like Jesus. Telemachus only let the Holy Spirit work in him and through him so that he could do The Will of The Father in The Name of Jesus. Let Jesus live in you so that all evil will die in you. *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

**7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017**



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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Feb. 20	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Feb. 21	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 1:30 PM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Dr. Thomas Jueschke ----- -----
Wed., Feb. 22	9:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	Beatrice Wagner (health) -----
Thur., Feb. 23	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Lucille Jensen
Fri., Feb. 24	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Flandreau	----- † Dolores Burggraff
Sat., Feb. 25	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Loretta Heinricy
Sun., Feb. 26	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	All Parishioners † Urban Schwebach & Joan Brown
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., FEB. 25

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Maureen Baumberger

Lect/Comm: Roger Merges

Altar Servers: Presley Luze, Kennedi Landis

Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Duane Voelker Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., FEB. 26

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon

Lect./Comm.: Sharon Landsman, Chris Myers

Altar Servers: Alex Landsman, Aiden Owens

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Scott Stuefen Family

Ushers: Arlo Jurrens, Tom Gebhart

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., FEB. 26

Lay Minister: Jim Redder, Pam Rorvik-Albers,
Charles Rosheim

Lect./Comm.: Reggie Gassman, Les Heinemann (C)

Altar Servers: Austin/Katherine Kulm, Kathy/Maria Parsley

Ushers/Greeters: Glenn Burggraff & Mike Skroch Families

Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

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.

March/April Mass Schedule

Elkton - Saturday at 7:00 PM

Colman - Sunday at 8:30 AM

Feb. 12th
Our
Weekly Offering



Flandreau: \$5749

Elkton: \$1648

Colman: \$500

Daily Mass Readings:

Feb 20: Sirach 1:1-10; Ps 93:1,2,5; Mark 9:14-29

Feb 21: Sirach 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; Mark 9:30-37;

Feb 22: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Matthew 16:13-19

Feb 23: Sirach 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-6; Mark 9:41-50

Feb 24: Sirach 6:5-17; Ps 119:12,16,18,27,34-35; Mark 10:1-12

Feb 25: Sirach 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mark 10:13-16

Feb 26: Isaiah 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-9; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5;

Matthew 6:24-34

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

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

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.

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

Thank You for the sheets that have been donated for use in making quilts, we appreciate your generosity. Sheets are a continuing need for the quilters.

Recipients of our quilts include:

ICAP (Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership)

Bishop Dudley's Dougherty House

Berakhah Home for homeless veterans

Flandreau Indian School students

Wholeness Center

Community Health for Infants and Children

Various individuals with illnesses or needs such as fires

K of C and CDA benefits

All the children that are baptized at SS&J

Lenten Soup Suppers begin on March 8th, serving 5:15-7:30 PM in the church basement. Anyone interested in helping please contact Tammy Stenger 864-3026.

CFSA 2017: Today we begin the Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2017. 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 our 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 shares for 2017 are **Flandreau: \$32,000; Elkton: \$24,000; Colman: \$17,400; and 100% participation.** I am confident we will exceed this goal, but we need the help of everyone. Remember any amount raised above our share stays in this parish. **Thank you for being a part of Catholic Family Sharing Appeal 2017.**



Ash
Wednesday

March 1 - Lent Begins... Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

6:00 PM - Elkton

7:00 PM - Colman (Fr. Osborn)

8:00 PM - Flandreau

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Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 6:30, we will be practicing songs to sing during Lent and for Easter. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting in Elkton: Monday, Feb. 27th at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Hall.

Guild Meeting: following focus Mass on Sunday, February 26th. Upcoming events will be discussed.

ST. PETER

In Memory of Sandy Entringer & Gary Hemmer - Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 5th, 9:00-11:00 AM at St. Peter Parish Hall. Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Coffee. Freewill Offering; Proceeds go to St. Peter Parish Youth Programs. Everyone is welcome!

Lenten Soup Supper Schedule:

Serving 5:15-6:45

March 8 - CDA

March 15 - Faith Group

March 22 - Hope Group

March 29 - KC's

April 5 - Charity Group

April 12 - CDA

Spiritual Adoption

Month 5

I am 5 months old
now, I'm 12 inches long
and I weigh about one
pound. I'm really getting
big and mommy can
now feel me kick and
move around! Hey!
Someday maybe I'll play
soccer! Keep praying
for me....

From "The Saints in Season",
Edited by Austin Flannery, O.P.

Feb. 23: Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Undoubtedly one of the great martyr-heroes of the early Church. St. Polycarp is the first Christian martyr—after St. Stephen—of whose suffering and death we possess a complete, eye-witness account. He was possibly a disciple of the Apostle St. John himself. He became Bishop of Smyrna, and at a time of fierce persecution he was arrested, ordered to renounce his Christian faith and give divine honours to the emperor. The elderly bishop answered: 'Eighty six years have I served him (Christ) and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my king and Saviour?' He was sentenced to be burned at the stake and met his torture with great serenity and a prayer of thanksgiving on his lips. That was about A.D. 155.

Gift yourself to God: A Lenten Preparation

Tuesday, **February 21**, Directed by Dr. Teresa Kemmer and Father Ken Lulf. In preparation for the Lenten Season, God is calling us to unite ourselves to his Holy Will. For our salvation, Jesus gifted Himself to us through His life, death and resurrection. During this day of prayer, Dr. Teri Kemmer will help us reflect on how we can gift ourselves to God, through self-surrender, using Christ and the Saints as our models. Broom Tree Days of Recollection begin at 10 a.m. and consist of conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. Because lunch is also served, we ask that you please register. A prayerful donation is requested. To register or for more information call 605-263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org or visit www.broom-tree.org

Catholic Family Services Gift of Hope Concert **Featuring Mark Schultz:** (One show only!)

Sunday, March 19th – 2:00 PM

at O'Gorman Performing Arts Center.

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 at ccfesd.org or purchase at any Sioux Falls Hy-Vee Store. For concert or ticket information call 605-988-3765.

Father Flood



Bishop Hoch Scholarship

2017-2018: The Diocese awards a \$1,000.00 scholarship in each of the seven deaneries, to enable a student (new, already in college or non-traditional) to attend either Mount Marty College in Yankton or Presentation College in Aberdeen. Contact tgeiver@sfcatholic.org for more information.



What is Your Identity? Vocations Director, Fr. Shaun Haggerty will be taking men 16 years of age or older to visit Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN (St. Mary's University of Minnesota). Depart-Saturday **March 25th @ 7 a.m.** from Sioux Falls, SD; Return-Monday **March 27th @ 5 p.m.**

This is a great time to consider God's call for you, along with having a lot of fun and fellowship. There will be prayer, college classes, great food, sports, hanging out with priests, etc. **HOW CAN I GO? Cost is Free,** Go to www.sfvocations.com to sign up

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.

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**, at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Deacon Ralph Poyo and Bob Rice will be sharing their incredible insights on discipleship-focused ministry. For information or to register www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/

Retrouaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages: **March 31 – April 2** at the Abbey of the Hills. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. For general information or to register visit: www.retrouaille.org or call 988-3755.

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

- **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.

- **March 17-19 - Lenten Retreat for Men**
Journey with us as we explore a Lenten retreat written by Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D. This retreat will be based on the parable of The Prodigal Son. Check in at 7:00 pm on Friday. Retreat concludes at 11am on Sunday. Cost is \$180 for single occupancy, \$160 for double occupancy. Includes meals and snacks.

- **March 18, - Women's One-Day Silent Retreat**
Fr. Mark Lichter will direct this retreat on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises provide a way to pray, an approach to making decisions and a practical guide to everyday life. The day will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Lunch included. COST: Free Will Donation