

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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The Joy of Self Denial? The Misery of Self Indulgence.

Why does Jesus tell us to “deny yourself and take up our cross.” (Mt. 16:24; Lk 9:23) Self-denial is an essential part of our Salvation that may happen, if we choose to be converted to God’s Ways of Love through the practice of Faith, Hope and Love of God. The practice of our Faith will enable us to become more deeply self-aware of our fallen and broken human nature.

Self denial is one of the best teachers of self awareness. Our parents, brothers and sisters, spouse or a good friend, help us toward self-awareness as they have no problem pointing out the weaknesses of our selfish self-centered tendencies. But, if we choose to deny ourselves the things that we desire, it is a much less painful lesson in self awareness than when family and friends are our teachers. As we become self-aware, we begin to realize our selfishly immature, intolerant, demanding and defensive attitudes of our love for self, and it is then that we begin to understand how intensely we seek our personal benefits by being controlling and manipulative in order to get our way. Our fallen human nature begins in the limited and broken state of love, called self-love which thinks and believes that we can have and should have everything we want. We think that everybody owes us, and that everybody should serve us, and that we deserve everything they have. Ergo, such a mindset, is totally self-centered in love with me, myself and I.

If we have Faith, then we humbly ask our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for The Grace and Power of The Holy Spirit to lift up and heal our fallen and broken human nature back to its original condition. But this is not magic, it requires both The Grace of God’s Love that comes to us through Faith that is in union with our efforts to work at resisting evil temptations. Only with the experience of God’s Love in our lives do we begin realize how limited and little our natural love is. Denying our selfish-self is a spiritual practice united with physical discipline that will keep us from thinking too much of ourselves. As we deny ourselves the things that we enjoy and desire, it is then that we come face to face with how demanding we are to have the nice things, the fun things, the things that taste good, things that give us pleasure, comfort or security. Indulgence is our initial impulse to “seize the moment without concern for the future” (carpe diem) when it comes to pleasure, which is the sins of self-indulgence.

However, if we resist and refuse that desire to have and possess all that we want, then we become the master of the desires of our body and the disordered desires of our soul. With this self mastery, we begin to realize the blessing of denying ourselves the immediate gratifications in life. The truth is that if we wait for certain things, later on, something better will come along, and such is the case of our eternal reward. If we deny ourselves now, then God, Who sees in secret will reward you, and “Great Will Be Your Reward in Heaven”!!! (Mt 5:12) The reward here on earth is that we are no longer stuck in our fallen human selfishly indulgent way of thinking, but can we become The Image and Likeness of God.

By God’s Grace and our cooperation, we begin to Love as Jesus, Who, “did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mk 10:45). As God’s Love increases within our soul, we begin to think of others as better and more deserving than ourselves then we are able to give them the good things in life as we deny ourselves these benefits of comfort, pleasure and security. This happens in an extraordinary way through the ordinary everyday family life, as the sacrificial spousal love increases to become the parental life giving love. We see God’s ever increasing Grace within the souls of those who believe as they acquire the freedom to control their disordered desires of our fallen broken human nature, which sets them free to Love in The Ways that God Loves. Jesus tells us that “there is no greater love than this, to lay down your life for your friends.” (Jn 15:13) Jesus manifested Divine Love from The Cross as He loved his enemies and prayed for his persecutors, while He suffered such terrible rejection and pain. Love conquers all things, especially, our sinful selfish self-love and concern, by setting us free from evil to become God’s Image and Likeness of Love here on earth which can be perfectly lived and found in and through Jesus Christ.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

2nd Sunday of Lent ~ February 21, 2016

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| Liturgy Schedule | | | Location | Mass Intention |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Mon., Feb. 22 | 7:30 AM | Prayer/Communion Service | Flandreau | ----- |
| | 7:45 AM | Prayer/Communion Service | Elkton | ----- |
| Tues., Feb. 23 | 7:30 AM | Mass | Flandreau | † John Robert Firman |
| | 7:45 AM | Prayer/Communion Service | Elkton | ----- |
| Wed., Feb. 24 | 9:00 AM | Mass/Exposition/Adoration | Elkton | † Richard Gebhart |
| Thur., Feb. 25 | 7:45 AM | Prayer/Communion Service | Elkton | ----- |
| | 9:00 AM | Mass/Exposition/Adoration | Colman | All Parishioners |
| Fri., Feb. 26 | 7:45 AM | Prayer/Communion Service | Elkton | ----- |
| | 1:30 PM | Mass (Fr. Osborn) | Colman | ----- |
| | 5:30 PM | Mass (Stations at 5:00 PM) | Flandreau | † Melanie Sutton Lloyd |
| Sat., Feb. 27 | 5:00 PM | Mass | Colman | All Parishioners |
| Sun., Feb. 28 | 8:30 AM | Mass | Elkton | † G'Ann Hegerfeld |
| | 10:30 AM | Mass | Flandreau | † Patricia Fargen |

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., FEB. 27

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Alice Berg

Lect./Comm.: Paula Heinricy

Altar Servers: Ava Mousel, Madison Voelker

Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Judy Miles, Bonnie Hemmer

ELKTON ~ SUN., FEB. 28

Lay Minister: Kelly Neill, Chris Myers

Lect/Comm: Lois Stuefen, JoAnn Heesch

Altar Servers: Aiden Erickson, Billy Stuefen

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Dan Skordahl Family

Ushers: Arlo Jurrens, Tom Gebhart

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., FEB. 28

Lay Minister: Tom Stenger, Tony/Denise Firman

Lect./Comm.: Denise Wiese, Lisa Rosheim (C)

Altar Servers: John/Anna/Samuel Gassman,

Jaelyn Gaspar

Ushers/Greeters: Glenn Burggraff Family, Craig Shea

Sacristan: Bev Minor

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

Intention of the Holy Father for February: That we may take good care of creation - a gift freely given - cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Daily Mass Readings:

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

Feb 23: Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23; Matt 23:1-12

Feb 24: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16, Matt 20:17-28

Feb 25: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-6; Luke 16:19-31

Feb 26: Genesis 37:3-4,12-28; Ps 105:16-21; Matt 21:33-46

Feb 27: Micah 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Feb 28: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; Ps 103:1-8,11;

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

March/April Mass Schedule

Colman - Sunday at 8:30 AM

Elkton - Saturday at 7:00 PM

Come, Hear the Story!

Do you want to get more out of Mass?

Join us for a day of reflection and learn how Jesus turned the Passover meal (Seder) into the ultimate fulfillment of all of God's Promises.

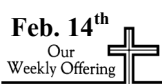
- ◆ Experience a simple Seder celebration and learn its meaning
- ◆ See how Jesus took the Seder meal and turned it into the Last Supper
- ◆ Celebrate Mass with a greater understanding and renewed heart

March 5, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Diocesan Office, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls

Lunch provided with freewill offering

Registration required - contact Mary Andersen at 988-3766; mandersen@sfcatholic.org; sfcatholic.org/newevangelization



Flandreau: \$2585
Elkton: \$1465
Colman: \$486

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Choir Practice for Lenten services: Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Choir Loft. All parish members are welcome to sing God's Praise!

Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesday ~ 5:30 PM in the church basement. All are welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- ◆ **Wednesday at 7:15** led by CCD students
- ◆ **Friday at 5:00** led by Fr. Doug, followed by Mass at 5:30

Lenten Holy Hour



Lenten Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration Feb. 24th at 7:15 PM.

Msgr. Charles Mangan will do exposition and say a few words.

Confessions for High School students - 7:30 PM.

Adult Confessions after High School kids have finished. (Msgr. Mangan, Fr. Doug & Fr. Osborn)



FISH FRY: February 26th and March 11th starting at 6:00 PM in the church basement. Fish, Cheesy potatoes, salad, bread, drink and dessert all for \$8.00. All are welcome. This is a joint project with the KC and CDA.

*(**Please note date changes from Lenten mailing**).*

Card Party! The Catholic Daughters are hosting a card party Saturday, February 27th at 10:00 in the church basement. Invite a guest and come for a fun morning with delicious food. Please RSVP to Rita Burns at 997-3309.

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM

KC Meeting: Mon., Feb. 22 - 7:00 PM.

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. Contact Tonya 864-1538.

Tri-Parish Lenten Communal Penance Sun., March 13 - 1:30 PM at Flandreau

Fr. Doug, Fr. Al Krzyzopolski & Fr. Rodney Farke
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Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 6 from 9-11 a.m. in memory of Sandy Entringer and Gary Hemmer. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee will be served. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to the St. Peter Youth Fund. Everyone is welcome.

Best Lent Ever Program:

Join Dynamic Catholic's free email program and begin a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus. Beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing through the 40 days of Lent, you will receive daily inspirational emails, including short videos from Matthew Kelly. This year's Best Lent Ever Program is based on Matthew Kelly's new book "**Rediscover Jesus**". You can learn more about the program, sign up, and find resources to share at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

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

Elevator Fund donations for SS&J, Flandreau

Donations matched up to \$70,000

Church/Rectory Roofing donations for St. Peter, Colman

Donations matched up to \$40,000

Special Envelopes are available in the church entrance and may be returned by dropping into the weekly collection or mailing to the parish office, 105 S. Bates St., Flandreau, SD 57028. Contributions may also be placed in any envelope that is clearly marked.



Discipleship Day: April 9th at St. Michael Parish in Sioux Falls. We are **inviting any adult involved in ministry or interested in learning more to come to this event to pray, grow, and learn the vision of discipleship.** The guest speaker for the day will be Deacon James Keating.

Youth Camps & Retreats: For more information contact Mary Anderson at 605-988-3766 or visit www.sfcatholic.org/youth.

D-Camp: June 13-16 (Grades 9-10)
 July 10 - 13 (Grades 11-12)
 July 14 - 17 (Grades 7-8)

Going Deeper Retreat: March 4th at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison. For youth grades 9-12 who are actively involved in their parish or have participated in other retreats/events and who want to grow in their faith;

Seminary Visit: March 12 -14 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN.

For men 16 years of age or older. This is a great time of considering God's call for you, along with having a lot of fun and fellowship. There will be prayer, attending college classes, great food, sports, hanging out with priests, etc. Cost is Free. Go to www.sfvocations.com to sign up or Email: frshaunhaggerty@sfcatholic.org

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.

40 Days for Life: February 10th through March 20th prayer vigils held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 6511 W. 41st St. in Sioux Falls. This will be a peaceful time of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and increased respect for human life from the time of conception. For more information on how you can sign up to pray please visit the website at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/sioux-falls/calendar/> or call Cathy Crisp at 605 261-5649.

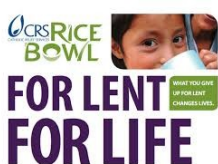
16th Annual Gift of Hope Concert Featuring Up With People with their new show **The Journey. Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. O'Gorman Performing Arts Center**

For all ages, this high energy musical performance communicates a message of hope and goodwill. All proceeds benefit the Gift of Hope Fund which provides support for people of all faiths, ages and walks in life who have experienced grief, despair, abuse loss or pain of separation. Tickets: 988-3765; order at cfsd.org; purchase at any Sioux Falls Hy-Vee.

Grieving the Loss of a Child: Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm **March 1-April 5**, Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. Cost – Donation.

Catholic Advocate Network - CAN: South Dakota's 2016 Legislative Session began on Tuesday, January 12th. Visit the CAN website at www.sfcatholic.org for information and updates on the 2016 Legislative Session, including talking points on important bills, action alerts, and legislator contact information. Sign up for legislative emails and "like" the CAN Facebook page to receive updates throughout the session. Call 605-988-3788 for more information.

Grieving The Loss of a Loved One Weekend Non-Denominational Retreat for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. Starts **Friday, March 18** at 7:00 p.m. and concludes **Sunday, March 20** at 12:00 p.m. at Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene, SD. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran and guests. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org for more information or to register. Registrations limited.



Hungering to Give Back: This week, CRS Rice Bowl takes us to Laos, where Hongkham is using her love of cooking to provide for her family-and feed an entire school. How do we use our passions and gifts for the betterment of those we meet? Visit crsricebowl.org

Breakfast of Eggs, sausage, toast, fruit and muffins/roll; St. Mary Parish Hall, Dell Rapids; Feb. 28 after both masses.

Father Flood

