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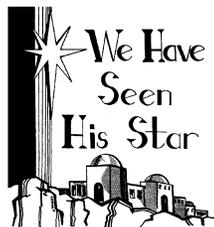
Epiphany of The Lord:

Today we celebrate the continued gift giving. We seek to give more of God's Grace in this Christmas Season with the Feast of The Epiphany. The Three Kings or Wisemen had an awareness of The Great King, Who was but an infant human being. They in their own greatness of position in society, bow down and give homage to This Great King, Who is The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus is God made flesh; The Incarnation of God becoming a man to show us how to live. Even in His Infancy Jesus teaches us to accept with humility whatever condition God The Father wishes to put in our lives. This acceptance of humility is the opposite of demanding and disordered pride that desires to be great and to be respected. Jesus accepts the lowliness of our human nature, and already elevates it in Himself to be fully united with God. It is only through the gift of humility that comes to us through the Graces of Faith, Hope and Love that we can attain this Image and Likeness of God in all Humility. God Who is Truly Great and to be adored as Omnipotent and Almighty, becomes an innocent child, a babe, the Son of Mary. As God Who is so Great is born to us in lowly estate. He does not come to us presenting His Awesome Power, but He comes to us in a way that we are not to be in dread fear, but in wonder of His Amazing Humility, Grace and Love that He has for us and offers to us.

So our Lord accepts the humility of the Three Kings or Wisemen, just as He accepted the Humility of Mary and came to dwell in her before coming to any other human being. It is the humble heart that asks, seeks and finds God, because the humble heart does not trust in oneself, but in the Lord. Pridefulness has no part of God. The disordered pridefulness of our human nature thinks I am good and great in myself, that everything I do is good, right and just which is the devil's way of thinking. The prideful human never repents, because the prideful human being believes he/she has done nothing wrong or offensive to God, and so they remain in their pride of self-righteousness and self-love. But God comes to set us free from disordered pride. Showing us that acceptance of all things, while trusting in God sets us free from all the hurt feelings of pride that otherwise cries out unfair, unfair! Jesus accepts being poor, being cold, and depending upon the love that His earthly parents will give to Him.

We see the humility of these Three Kings or Wisemen, as they made the sacrifice of traveling great distances, which was not only difficult but dangerous to find this new born king. Seek and you will find and so they found Jesus. Never be put off because life is not what you expect it to be, rather, accept life as it is, and make the best of the situations and circumstances. Always work at accepting, otherwise you will be fighting against it, and you will find yourself living in anger and hostility because life is not what you want it to be. Always be ready to give as Jesus did, as Mary did, as Joseph did and as the Three Kings or Wisemen did. Give God your heart. Give God your love and trust in Him, Who Loves you and comes to heal you, to strengthen you, to give you every spiritual Blessing in the Heavens in order to Save you. God gives Himself to you to recreate you and save you into The Eternal Life of God in Heaven forever. Merry Christmas.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld



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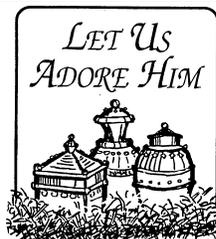
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**Epiphany
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January
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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 8	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Jan. 9	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Daniel Lee Odegard ----- -----
Wed., Jan. 10	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn) Mass at Edgewood Vista	Elkton Colman	† Harvey/Mary Ellen Willmott ----- † Dolores Burggraff
Thur., Jan. 11	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † John/Martha Groos
Fri., Jan. 12	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Ken Doyle -----
Sat., Jan. 13	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Joe/Francis Klein
Sun., Jan. 14	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	All Parishioners † Henry Haman
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 13

Lay Minister: Doug Entringer, Betty Merges,
Mary Gengler
Lect/Comm: Paula Heinrich
Altar Servers: Josie/Ava Mousel
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Duane Voelker Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 14

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Mary Remund, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Aiden/Tevan Erickson
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Diane Baker
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

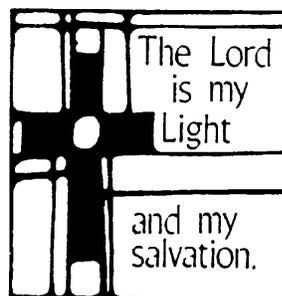
FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 14

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Tom Stenger,
Charles Rosheim
Lect./Comm.: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Erica Rorvik (C)
Altar Servers: Caleb Dietrich, Ethan Hoffman
Madeline/Libby Hursey
Ushers/Greeters: Ben LeBrun Family
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 8: Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-6; Mark 1:7-11
Jan 9: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8; Mark 1:21-28
Jan 10: 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 40:2,5-10; Mark 1:29-39
Jan 11: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-15,24-25; Mark 1:40-45
Jan 12: 1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12
Jan 13: 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17-19, 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17
Jan 14: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Ps 40:2,4,7-10;
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

Intention of the Holy Father for January: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but having the right to do what we ought."
Blessed John Paul II

Dec. 31 st Our Weekly Offering	Elkton: \$1770 Flandreau: \$1590 Colman: \$1308 12/24: \$1327; Christmas: \$2127
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Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

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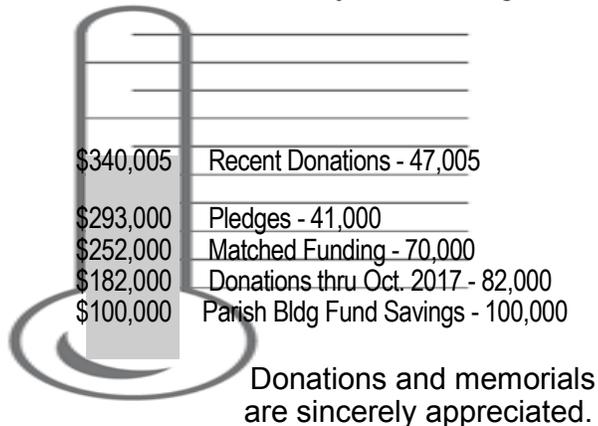
CCD: Wednesdays ~ 5:45 - 7:00 gr. K-6
~ 7:15 - 8:30 gr. 7-12

Quilting: Thursdays - 8:30 AM.

Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00 - call Libby at 997-2654 if interested.

First Sunday Meal: January 7th after Mass. K of C's will be serving BBQ's, Beans, Chips, Fruit, Juice & Coffee.

\$445,000 Elevator Project Fundraising Goal



LOVE BANGS THE DOOR

Life with Me is not immunity *from* difficulties, but peace *in* difficulties. My guidance is often by *shut* doors. Love bangs as well as opens.

Joy is the result of faithful trusting acceptance of My Will, when It seems *not* joyous.

Saint Paul, *my* servant, learnt this lesson of the banged doors when he said "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Expect rebuffs until this is learned—it is the only way.

Joy is the **daughter of calm.**

From God Calling by A.J. Russell

Celebrate the feast of Christmas every day, even every moment in the interior temple of your spirit, remaining like a baby in the bosom of the heavenly Father, where you will be reborn each moment in the Divine Word, Jesus Christ.

-- St. Paul of the Cross

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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

Guild Meeting: January 28th after focus mass at St. Mary's. The agenda will include selecting officers and looking at new ideas for guild. If you are interested in serving as an officer or know someone who would like to fill a position please contact Mary Remund.

ST. PETER

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

Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting: Thursday, January 11 - 5:30 PM.



Resolution for New Year

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies.

Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?

As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life.

Let us do more to change our culture of death.

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.

Living with Chronic Illness group. This is a free educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month, for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. The next meeting dates are **January 9 and February 6.** Meets at Catholic Family Services- 523 N. Duluth Ave. SF. For more details please call 605-988-3775.

Grieving the loss of a spouse - six Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **January 9-February 13** at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, SF. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. For adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. The program will offer assistance in coping with this change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational- Cost –Donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

One Day Retreat for Grieving the Loss of a Loved One on **Saturday, January 13** from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Parish in Milbank, SD. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This retreat is for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. It is non-denominational and is offered free of charge. To register, call St. Lawrence Parish at 605-432-9122.

The Abbey of the Hills invites you to “rediscover peace”. Register at www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com

- Tues., January 9, 10:00 - 3:00 PM, Day of Recollection - Fr. Brian Simon presents on the Principle and Foundation of Spiritual Life.
- Sat., January 13, 9:00-4:00 PM, Dr. Teri Kemmer will facilitate a Women's One Day Silent Retreat.
- Sat., January 27, 9:00-4:00 PM Fr. Brian Simon will facilitate a Men's One Day Silent Retreat.

Broom Tree Retreats:

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

Couples retreat - Feb. 9-11 – directed by Fr. Jeff Norfolk

Inner healing retreats – March 2-4, October 12-14

Catholic Conversations: Saturday, January 13, 9:30 - 3:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Hall. Dr. Chris, Renee Leach and Missy Baumberger will be presenting on encountering God through Scripture. This is a free event! Lunch provided, registration required - www.sfcatholic.org/catholicconversations.

D-Camp: Register before February 1st to receive \$50 off of your 2018 D-Camp registration! Enter the promotional code “early” to apply the discount at <http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/>.

Going Deeper: A retreat for high school youth desiring to grow in the faith and deepen their prayer life. St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings, SD will be hosting this retreat weekend on **Feb. 9-11.** 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.



Epiphany

Father Flood

