

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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Christmas Reflection:

As we continue to celebrate this Christmas season mindful of the Most Holy Night when our God was born to us, we continue to reflect upon This Path of Holiness that is found only by those who follow Jesus in the humble acts of Faith, Hope and Love. Jesus so humbled Himself as Lord God The Almighty to become a human being. Remember the human beings who were informed of this miraculous virgin birth by the Power of The Holy Spirit. First was Mary herself, as she accepted her lowly and insignificant status before the angel Gabriel as betrothed and now mother. Elizabeth, a devout and faithful woman, who upon Mary's greeting received the Holy Spirit and prophesied Divine Truth that Mary is The Mother of God. St. Joseph also a devout and faithful man, has this Divine Truth revealed to him by an angel in a dream. Then upon that Night of our Savior's Birth, an angel appears to the lowly uneducated shepherds in the field, announcing the Good News that The Savior has been born, and then a host of angels appear filling the sky with radiant light and singing Glory to God in the Highest. Meanwhile, the rest of the world remained in darkness, unaware of God's Presence.

Remember, every story in the Bible is instruction for us, as each of these events proclaim what Jesus said, "At that very moment he rejoiced [in] the Holy Spirit and said, I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, you have revealed to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. (22) All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." (Lk 10:21-22)

Our Lord does not want us to be childish and immature, but to have the trust that a child has in the love of his/her parents. Jesus tells us to "be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." (Mt 10:16) This means that we are to use The Knowledge and Wisdom of The Holy Spirit to express God's Goodness and Truth in Holy ways never doing anything evil. However, when people become aware of their intelligence, the danger is that they begin to rely upon themselves and not upon God, clinging to what they know and exclude The Source of their Knowledge and Wisdom. I heard recently that an atheist is touting a study claiming that atheists are more intelligent than people who are religious. I do not know whether that is in truth or not, as many of the greatest minds through the history of the sciences were Catholic Christians. But even if the study is true, it matters not. "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange of his life? (27) For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct." (Mt 16:27) If we can humble ourselves to seek and to serve God, then we will receive God. If we exclude God while we live, then we will never receive God, like the rest of the world on that most Holy Night which remained in darkness.

God has come to all and gives Himself to all of us, but God is received only by those who will "repent and believe in the Gospel." (Mk 1:15) Humble yourselves like Jesus by trusting The Will of God The Father, just as every saint has done by humbling themselves through their

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

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And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9



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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 9	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Jan. 10	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Minnie Schmidt ----- -----
Wed., Jan. 11	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† George Gebhart -----
Thur., Jan. 12	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Lucille Jensen
Fri., Jan. 13	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Steve Evans -----
Sat., Jan. 14	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Joe/Frances Klein
Sun., Jan. 15	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass (Retired Priest) Mass	Elkton Aurora Flandreau	All Parishioners All Parishioners † Urban Schwebach
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 14

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Doug Entringer
Lect/Comm: Betty Merges
Altar Servers: Logan Voelker, Ava Mousel
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Ray Luze Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 15

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Mary Remund/Kelly Neill
Altar Servers: Aiden Erickson, Billy Stuefen
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mary Owens
Ushers: Dan Knuth, Corey Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 15

Lay Minister: Dave Johnson, Jean McGlone, Bev Minor
Lect./Comm.: Denise Wiese, Margie Powers (C)
Altar Servers: Hannah/Marie Parsley, Ted/Toby Taylor
Ushers/Greeters: Jesse Gaspar Family
Sacristan: Bev Minor

Intention of the Holy Father for January: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 9: Isaiah 42:1-7; Ps 29:1-10; Matthew 3:13-17
Jan 10: Hebrews 2:5-12; Ps 8:2-9; Mark 1:21-28
Jan 11: Hebrews 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mark 1:29-39
Jan 12: Hebrews 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mark 1:40-45
Jan 13: Hebrews 4:1-5,11; Ps 78:3-8; Mark 2:1-12
Jan 14: Hebrews 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-15; Mark 2:13-17
Jan 15: Isaiah 49:3-6; Ps 40:2-10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3;
John 1:29-34

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trials and sufferings so that Jesus could be their strength and then Jesus became powerfully present in them. Jesus tells us "Take up your cross and follow me." (Mt 16:24) Take up your weaknesses and inabilities that cause you pain and difficulty, bring them to Jesus, given them to Jesus and always humbly ask Jesus to come to you in a new and powerful way by being born into you. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Mt 7:7) All Good Things will be given to you "pressed down shaken together and over flowing." (Lk 6:38) Let Jesus live in you now and be the Saint that God has created you to be. "Glory to God in the Highest and peace to people of good will" [God's Holy Will] (Lk 2:14). Do God's Will, and be Holy! *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

<p>Jan. 1st Our Weekly Offering</p> 	<p>Flandreau: \$2654 Elkton: \$1572 Colman: \$1838</p>
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STS. SIMON & JUDE

K of C Sunday Meal: January 8th (today) after Mass. Serving Penne Pasta with Marinade Sauce. Everyone is welcome!

Council Meeting: Thur., Jan. 19 - 6:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM. Any questions, call LaVonne Headrick at 633-1739

CDA Gift Shoppe: We have a number of gift items including individual occasion cards.



Welcome into our parish family:
Bree Noelle Pisawis, daughter of
Kaitlin Rice & Dom Pisawis.

We pray for God's blessings and grace that they continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

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

January 7:

Saint Raymond of Penyafort Priest

St. Raymond was born at Penyafort in Catalonia about A.D. 1175. He was already renowned as a teacher and scholar when he entered the Dominican order in 1222. One of his great services to the Church was his codification of ecclesiastical laws in the five books of "Decretals". He was also a zealous pastor of souls, much sought after as a confessor. He showed a particular love for the poor whom he called his 'creditors' and he worked hard to secure the release of Christian captives. Not all saints live to a great age, so it is worth recording that St. Raymond was a hundred years when he died!

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

ST. PETER

Council Meeting: Thur., Jan. 12 - 5:30 PM.

The 44th Annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 27, 2017. The Diocese of Sioux Falls will be participating in the March and invites you to come along. The pilgrimage will include participation in the March, the Catholic youth rally, some free time to visit sites at our Nation's Capital, and time at the National Basilica. www.sfcatholic.org/youth/march-for-life-pilgrimage

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, 2017 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Deacon Ralph Poyo and Bob Rice will be sharing their incredible insights on discipleship-focused ministry. For more information or to register go to <http://www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/>.

Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages: The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 31 – April 2. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. Please contact 605-988-3755 to register. For general information visit: www.retrouvaille.org.

Resources on Medical Decisions and End-of-Life Care. Visit the Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife for various resources, including a diocesan booklet, a sample Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, a planning guide, prayers, links, articles, and more. Perhaps a loved one is in the hospital after a tragic injury or a parent is in a nursing home with a terminal illness. Suffering and death affects us all. Preparing spiritually and practically for an unexpected illness or our end-of-life care can alleviate much anxiety—not only for ourselves, but our loved ones.

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.

NFP CLASSES AVAILABLE: Did you know that couples from our diocese are teaching Natural Family Planning in person and through online courses that couples can take in the comfort of their own home? Visit the "Natural Family Planning" page of the OMFRL website and click on "Scheduled Classes" to see a listing of available classes.

Father Flood



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.

~ **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat –January 13-15 - Strictly Confidential.** A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational.

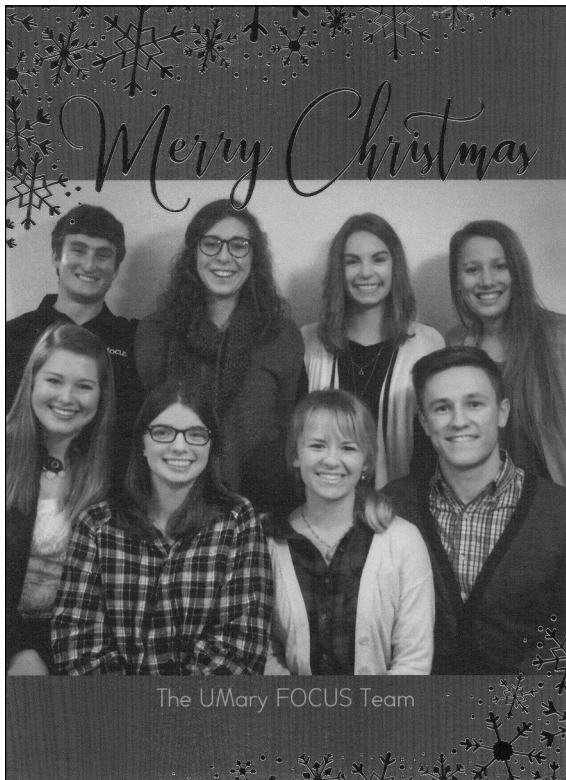
~ **Grieving the Loss of a Spouse:** Tuesdays 6:30pm – 8:30pm **Jan. 10 – Feb. 14** at Catholic Family Services. Non-denominational- Cost –Donation.

~ **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide - Winter Session** begins **January 11** at St Mary School, 2001 S 5th Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. Scholarships are available.

Resources on Marriage, Family & Respect Life

Visit the diocesan Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life website at www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife for information and updates on human sexuality, ways to enhance and strengthen marriages and families, and defend a culture of life. View videos, sign up for an e-newsletter, and join the Facebook page online, or call 605-988-3755 for more information.

Homemade Soup & Pie Supper: January 22nd, 4:30-7:00 PM; St. Mary Hall, Dell Rapids.



Would you recognize Mary if she came to your home,
 Would you welcome her in and tell her she's not alone?
 Or would you send her back out to the cold dark night,
 To give birth in a manger with not a doctor in sight?
 Would you truly see the star in the Bethlehem sky,
 Or would you give it one look, and then pass it by?
 Would you believe the talk around town,
 when the sun rose the next day,
 That a Savior Jesus was born, and he has come to save?
 Would you notice these things in a world like today's,
 Or would you just put them off because you were afraid?
 So during this Christmas season take a leap of faith,
 Put your hope in God and let love guide your way.

Note:
 This is a Christmas greeting received at the parish office for all three parishes from April Entringer whom we support as a FOCUS missionary at UMary in Bismarck, ND

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Merry Christmas!
 Thanks for your support & prayers!
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