

# Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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## St. Padre Pio Continued: Article #6<sup>th</sup> (edited to fit the bulletin)

“During the last years of Padre Pio’s life Padre Joseph Pius would bring him his food. He was continually amazed to see how little was eaten. More than half the food would be left on the plate. One day his doctor friend was at the door of the cell. Padre Joseph showed him the tray. Of course the doctor didn’t have to be shown the tray. He’d been around Padre Pio for years. But Padre Joseph asked him: “Could he live on what he eats?” The doctor replied straight out, “Not even a one-year old child could!” So how do you explain the existence of this man - not eating enough to sustain the life of an infant, but still bleeding daily from five holes in his body for half a century; sleeping only two hours a night; in fifty years not taking a day’s vacation because he didn’t want one.

Sometimes he would have fevers so high that the doctor had to use a horse thermometer because normal thermometers would shoot the mercury right to the top, so excessively hot was his body. His whole being was such a great operation of God that it was completely without the bounds of human possibility. As a matter of fact when he was twenty-one years old he had been given a month to live because of an infection in his lungs.

In the manner of the saints, who do so much to grab souls back from Satan’s clutches, Padre Pio himself could suffer even physically at the hands of evil spirits. In July of 1964, at about 10 o’clock one night, the monks heard a crash; they came in and found him dumped on the floor. He had been thrown from his bed; his forehead had been split so deeply that a doctor had to be summoned to stitch it up. His eyes were blackened; his whole upper body, front and back, was covered with contusions. So badly was he beaten, in fact, he couldn’t say Mass for several days.

On his little desk below the pictures (*of his parents*) are his books of meditation and the Rosary which he was never without. He took it to bed with him at night, so that the minute he woke up he could start praying Our Lady’s beads. He used to refer to them (*the Rosary beads*) as his WEAPON.

Next to the Rosary is a tiny box containing black fragments. They are actually crusts of blood that would fall from his hands when he would take off his gloves; a pair of his socks are there with the blood stains clearly visible, and there is also a piece of linen used to cover the cross-shaped wound that penetrated his heart. The spiritual lance of mystical love went in the front, through the heart and out his back. Seeing these things marked with his blood, you can see why his confessor wrote to Padre Pio when he was still a very young man, “Your mission is a mission of co-redemption.” How right he was, because Padre Pio became a living crucifix for fifty years!

(website: Padre Pio Foundation of America; under Padre Pio’s cell)

All the remarkable events of Padre Pio’s life were only possible by a special Grace of God that enabled him to accomplish such wondrous things. Eating so little and enduring hunger and physical weakness and pain he suffered. He had The Nourishment of doing The Will of The Father, as Jesus spoke of in Jn 4:32-34. Padre Pio was allowed to receive blows from satan because he could not be tempted to sin against God. Padre Pio was so configured to The Image and Likeness of Jesus, that as Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, he received The Wounds of Jesus. The blood loss through the wounds of the stigmata left Padre Pio with little or no blood left in his body, and miraculously he was able to live. This is similar to Jesus loosing so much **(cont. on page 4)**



We have  
found the  
Messiah

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LORD,  
YOU HAVE  
THE WORDS  
OF  
EVERLASTING  
LIFE.

**2nd  
Sunday  
Ordinary  
Time  
January  
14, 2018**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
<b>Mon., Jan. 15</b>	7:45 AM 11:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mary Bruns funeral service	Elkton Skroch's	-----
<b>Tues., Jan. 16</b>	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	Richard Potvin (health) ----- -----
<b>Wed., Jan. 17</b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† Anastasia Gebhart -----
<b>Thur., Jan. 18</b>	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Charles/Barbara Merges
<b>Fri., Jan. 19</b>	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Trisha Whaley -----
<b>Sat., Jan. 20</b>	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Aaron Scofield
<b>Sun., Jan. 21</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass (Retired Priest) Mass	Elkton Aurora Flandreau	† Jim Oberembt All Parishioners † Frank Bunkers
<b><u>CONFESSIONS</u></b> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

#### **COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 20**

**Lay Minister:** Alice Berg, Ryan/Mary Beth Zwart  
**Lect/Comm:** Jerry Hemmer  
**Altar Servers:** Ben Zwart, Jack Mousel  
**Gifts/Ushers/Greeters:** Judy Miles


#### **ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 21**

**Lay Minister:** Chris Myers, Kelly Neill  
**Lect./Comm.:** Judy Kampmann, Bill Fargen  
**Altar Servers:** Aidan Owens, Alex Landsman  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** John/Char Bauer  
**Ushers:** Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

#### **FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 21**

**Lay Minister:** Dave/Deb Feske, Betty Groos  
**Lect./Comm.:** Les Heinemann, Kris Johnson (C)  
**Altar Servers:** Anna/Samuel/Matthew Gassman  
 Jaelyn Gaspar  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Ben LeBrun Family  
**Sacristan:** LaVonne Headrick

The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tiptoe. -Dwight L. Moody

Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup> Our Weekly Offering		<b>Elkton:</b> \$892 <b>Flandreau:</b> \$3422 <b>Colman:</b> \$740
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### Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 15: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Ps 50:8,9,16,17,21,23; Mark 2:18-22  
 Jan 16: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22,27-28; Mark 2:23-28  
 Jan 17: 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Ps 144:1,2,9-10; Mark 3:1-6  
 Jan 18: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2,3,9-13; Mark 3:7-12  
 Jan 19: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-6,11; Mark 3:13-19  
 Jan 20: 2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Ps 80:2-7; Mark 3:20-21  
 Jan 21: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;  
 Mark 1:14-20

*O Lord, be my helper.*

**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.

**Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain**  
 by Planned Parenthood on 41<sup>st</sup> Street  
**12:00 Noon ~ January 16th.**

"Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never acceptable acts of mercy. They always gravely exploit the suffering and desperate, extinguishing life in the name of the 'quality life' itself."

*St. John Paul II*

## **STS. SIMON & JUDE**

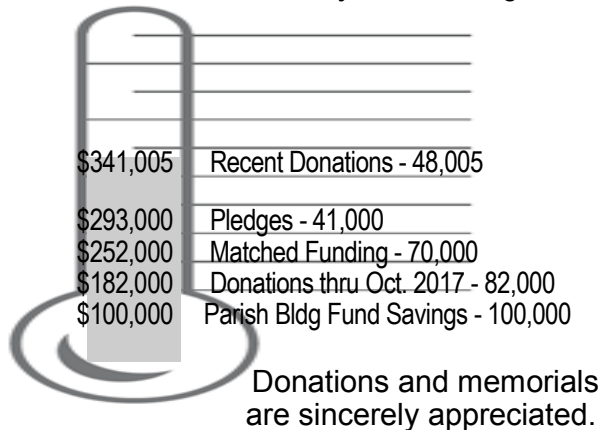
**CCD:** Wednesdays ~ 5:45 - 7:00 gr. K-6  
~ 7:15 - 8:30 gr. 7-12

**Preschool CCD Teacher Needed** beginning on January 31. Please call Laura (530-9428) or Marietta (864-3182) to volunteer.

**Quilting:** Thursdays - 8:30 AM.

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

\$445,000 Elevator Project Fundraising Goal



**Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting:** Thursday, January 18 - 6:30 PM.

**We Remember:** Mary Bruns - funeral service, 11:00 Monday at Skroch's Chapel; visitation Sunday 5-7:00 PM. May the Lord grant her eternal peace, and give her family and friends hope and comfort.

### **Friend in Drudgery**

It is the daily strivings that count, not the momentary heights. The obeying of My Will day in, day out, in the wilderness plains, rather than the occasional Mount of Transfiguration.

Perseverance is nowhere needed so much as in the religious life. The drudgery of the Kingdom it is that secures My intimate Friendship. I am the Lord of little things, the Divine Control of little happenings.

Nothing in the day is too small to be a part of My scheme. The little stones in a mosaic play a big part.

Joy in Me. Joy is the God-given cement that secures the harmony and beauty of My mosaic.

*From God Calling by A.J. Russell*

## **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.

**D-Camp:** Register before February 1st to receive \$50 off of your 2018 D-Camp registration! Enter the promotional code "early" to at [www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/](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. **Feb. 9-11** at St. Thomas More, Brookings, SD. 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](mailto:tgeiver@sfcatholic.org).

**Homemade Soup/Pie Supper:** Jan. 21, 4:30-7:00 PM; St. Mary Hall, Dell Rapids

### **A PRAYER**

Be heralds of hope.  
Be messengers of Joy.  
Be true workers for justice.  
Let the Good News of Christ radiate from your hearts,  
and the peace he alone gives remain forever in your souls.

-Pope John Paul II

**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.

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blood in the Agony in the Garden and at the Scourging and still able to carry the Cross and stay alive long enough in suffering to atone for our sins. Such a miraculous transformation of a human being can only occur through the perfection of The Divine Powers of Faith, Hope and Love along with a very special gift of Grace that created Padre Pio with such a love of God to do what our Lord Jesus Christ did in suffering for others. Padre Pio had great Faith, Hope and Love to enable him to carry such a heavy burden of pain and suffering for so many years as an offering for the sins of people. God our Father in Heaven allows each us to partake in the sufferings of Christ, though not to the degree of Padre Pio. God The Father allows each us to suffer with Jesus in our own way so that we may practice greater Faith, Hope and Love so as to become a sign to others of Jesus present in us. Our Faith, Hope and Love through suffering gives greater glory and honor of The Father, as we accept suffering for the salvation of souls and our own salvation in union with The Suffering of Jesus (2 Cor 1:5-6). In addition, we can also share in the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven. Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has prepared for those who love Him." (1 Cor 2:9) *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

## Pray for Vocations!

### The Abbey of the Hills Retreats

Register at [www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com](http://www.AbbeyOfTheHills.com) or call 605-398-9200

- Sat., January 27, 9:00-4:00 PM Fr. Brian Simon will facilitate a Men's One Day Silent Retreat.
- February 2-4, Fr. Tom Anderson will offer a weekend retreat entitled, "Teach us to Pray".

### Broom Tree Retreats:

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

Father Flood



### Did You Know, that after Conception?

- 18 days a baby's heart begins to beat
- 43 days brain coordinates movement
- 7 weeks a baby can hiccup
- 8 weeks organs can function
- 9 weeks has permanent, individual fingerprints
- 10 weeks can feel pain
- 12 weeks a baby can smile, suck their thumb and make a fist

- ♦ Over 2 million couples wait to adopt – including children of all races & those with special needs.
- ♦ Any textbook will confirm what every doctor knows:

### **LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION**

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