

(Cont. from page 1) that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Jesus Christ is the Word of God that came to offer the Light of God to all people. The Light is Holiness, which at times is referred to as the Truth, Love and Power of God that we need to be strengthened in will and desire to seek and to find God throughout this life and be converted from evil and redeemed by Jesus to enter Heaven. We can approach God only to the degree that we have allowed Him into our lives by accepting and following His Commands. The apostle John is telling us in verses #3-4, that all life comes through Jesus and no thing exists without Jesus bringing it into this life, which tells us that God wants the human person to live from the moment that he/she is created. This is the reason for the 5th Command “thou shall not kill”, which prohibits the act of murdering a human being. We must respect all human life as being willed into existence by God at the moment of conception until the moment of “natural death”. If we choose not to believe that it is God Who Wills humans beings into existence, then we will never understand the meaning of God’s words “to the least you do to your brother (*your fellow human being*) you do unto me” (Mt. 25:40), and we will not have the respect to honor and defend the dignity of people from the injustices that originate from selfish human pride in the forms of lying, stealing, drunkenness, sexual immorality, sorcery or murder. Murder is the killing of innocent human beings be it at the earliest stages of life through act of abortion and embryonic stem-cell research or at the end of their lives through euthanasia or by any act of anger or hate. Actions such as these reveal the unconverted evil human nature that does not respect or defend the rights of God found by keeping His Commands which respect the inalienable rights to human life. What we do to others reveals our interior attitude toward God. If we follow “The Golden Rule”, it can keep us from many types of evil, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” (Lk 6:31) We come from God, and may we go to God.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

The 44th Annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 27. The Diocese of Sioux Falls 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, 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 go to <http://www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/>.

Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages: 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.

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.

2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017



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St. Faustina,

“On Friday, after Holy Communion, I was carried in spirit before the throne of God. There I saw the heavenly Powers which continuously praise God. Beyond the throne I saw a brightness inaccessible to creatures, and there only the Incarnate Word enters as Mediator. When Jesus entered this light, I heard these words, **Write down at once what you hear: I am the Lord in My essence and am immune to orders or needs. If I call creatures into being—that is the abyss(((endless depth))) of My mercy.** And at that very moment I found myself, as before, in our chapel at my kneeler, just as Mass had ended. I already had these words written.” (#85, Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary)

After St. Faustina received Holy Communion at Mass, she was taken in spirit to a certain place in Heaven “beyond the throne” where no created being can enter. It is accessible only to The Divine Being Himself, as she sees Jesus, The Second Person of The Divine Trinity, entering into that particular place of Heaven. All that she observes is what she describes as a brightness of God’s Divine Nature that has an intensity through which no created being can approach, and that Jesus tells her that God is not bound to any orders or needs.

With that said, we see the tender compassion of God, Who creates us out of His endless Divine Loving Mercy so that each of us might be able to experience God’s Life of Love for all eternity. God calls us into existence in this world and offers each human being the opportunity of a personal relationship with Him through the Powers of Faith, Hope, and Love so that this journey through earthly life might end with the Blessedness of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. God desires that every person He creates be with Him forever. God creates us so that we may share The Joy of His Life of Love while we live on earth and one day in all its fullness eternally in Heaven.

The scripture that comes to mind is John 1:1-4 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be What came to be (4) through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; (5) the light (Cont on page 4)

Liturgy Schedule		Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 16	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton -----
Tues., Jan. 17	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau † Steven Holloway
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton -----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman -----
Wed., Jan. 18	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton † George Gebhart
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman -----
Thur., Jan. 19	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton -----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman † Charles/Barb Merges
Fri., Jan. 20	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton -----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau † Urban Schwebach
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman -----
Sat., Jan. 21	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman † John/Martha Groos
Sun., Jan. 22	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton All Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau † Steve Evans
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.			

Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 16: Hebrews 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mark 2:18-22
 Jan 17: Hebrews 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-5,9-10; Mark 2:23-28
 Jan 18: Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mark 3:1-6
 Jan 19: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10,17; Mark 3:7-12
 Jan 20: Hebrews 8:6-13; Ps 85:8-14; Mark 3:13-19
 Jan 21: Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14; Ps 47:2-9; Mark 3:20-21
 Jan 22: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1,4,13-14;
 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23

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.

From "The Saints in Season", Edited by Austin Flannery, O.P.
January 17: Saint Anthony, Abbot
 St. Anthony (born in Egypt about 251, died 356) is looked on as the originator of the monastic way of life. On hearing Christ's words to the rich young man (Matthew 19:16-26) read in church, he distributed his wealth among the poor and retired into the desert. Although he lived for most of his life in solitude, disciples gathered around him, thus originating the monastic and religious way of life which has continued until our own day.

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 21

Lay Minister: Rose Shoenrock, Betty Merges, Maureen Baumberger

Lect/Comm: Alice Berg

Altar Servers: Kadance Landis, Lanie Mousel

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

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 22

Lay Minister: Carol McMahon, Kelly Neill

Lect./Comm.: Sharon Landsman, Judy Kampmann

Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Charles Owen Family

Ushers: Dan Knuth, Corey Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 22

Lay Minister: R. Parsley, J. Redder, P. Rorvik-Albers

Lect./Comm.: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Erica Rorvik (C)

Altar Servers: Xavier/Marianna/Isabella Pavlis, Kathy Parsley

Ushers/Greeters: Jesse Gaspar Family

Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

ST. PETER

Altar Society Meeting: Tues., Jan. 24th - 6:00 PM. All ladies welcome.

Homemade Soup & Pie Supper:

Jan. 22; 4:30-7:00 PM; St. Mary, Dell Rapids.

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

Jan. 1st
 Our
 Weekly Offering



Colman: \$6602
Flandreau: \$2946
Elkton: \$1469

STS. SIMON & JUDE

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

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

Thank you for your faithful gift of \$150 to us in December. We are grateful for your help. We can purchase needed items locally with these funds. In December we gave food relief to 65 families & 227 clients. Thanks.

Blessings, The Breadbasket



Welcome into our parish family: **Walter David Weight**, son of Pat & Amy

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

K of C Mtg: Mon., Jan. 23 - 7:00 PM.

Father Flood

