nolic Tri-Parish Commu STS. SIMON & JUDE OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ST. PETER 105 S. Bates St. PO Box E Colman. SD FLANDREAU, SD 57028 **ELKTON, SD 57026** c/o Sts. Simon & Jude

From the Pastor

In the working of God's plan of Salvation, justice works through all things, as our Lord tells us in the scriptures: "Make no mistake: God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows. (8) because the one who sows for his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows for the spirit will reap life from the spirit. (9) Let us not tire of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:7-9) These words apply to each individual and society that human actions have

consequences in this life and in the eternal life that is coming.

Acts of love create other actions of love, by our openness to carry out God's Will of Love in this world. It is through our freewill choice to allow The Holy Spirit of God to work in us and through us, as we participate in building up The Kingdom of God on earth through the practice of our Faith, Hope and Love, which begins in our hearts in order to prepare us for Eternal Life with God in His Kingdom of Heaven. In the same manner, acts of evil create other actions of evil by our willingness to do satan's bidding and allow the devil to work in us and through us to destroy The Kingdom of God in our hearts and on earth by destroying Faith, Hope and Love in our hearts, which prepares us for eternal life away from God forever in hell.

Many actions are evil in themselves because they are opposed to love. Since God is Love Itself, every evil action is a rebellion against God; Evil actions are an outward sign revealing the human person's innermost disposition refusing to love. Abortion is one of those actions of evil. Abortion is a surgical procedure that kills the innocent human being in the mother's womb. Abortion is a form of homicide called murder because it is an intentional act of killing an unborn human being. Murder is the type of killing that God forbids in the 5th Commandment.

As long as a society accepts and permits such grave human acts of evil toward human beings, that society will receive the same injustice of evil that it inflicts upon others. Our Lord warns us that "you will reap what you sow." (Gal 6:7) In other words, if you deal out death, then death will come to you. The result is the loss of peace in the soul of the person who murders, and the people within such a corrupt society that permit murder will not have peace among fellow citizens or other nations. The security of the citizens in that society will be lost because of the corruption that it inflicts upon others, be it the loss of respect for fellow citizens or people of other nations, the loss of health, or the loss of wealth or simply said, the nation rejects God's protection from evil by committing evil. Such are the just punishments for the evil actions.

Depending upon each person's cooperation with evil, and whether or not each individual repents of the evil committed, so will depend their eternal salvation. Now is our time of choosing or rejecting God by the decisions we make as to how we live our gift of human life, be it in union with God's Will or opposed to God's Will. The question that we need to ask in regards to abortion is: Will we cooperate with God in defending human life and assist human beings who defend life, or will we cooperate in with the killing of human life and assist those who seek to destroy human life.

Now is the time for each of us to build up The Kingdom of God within ourselves and our society. Now is the time of Mercy, as we can repent of evil and pray for conversion of all people to repent of evil and turn to Jesus. Pray that all people will see the injustice of evil and repent of evil actions so that our nation can truly be one nation under God giving justice and peace for all, including the unborn human beings. Fr. Doug Binsfeld

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 17, 2016 FATHER DOUG BINSFELD, PASTOR 997-2610 FAX: 573-2080 EMAIL: frdougbinsfeld@sfcatholic.org MARILYN SCHWEBACH, secretary 997-2610 FAX: 573-2080 EMAIL: simonjude@iw.net OFFICE HOURS: WED., THUR., & FRI. 9:00-4:00 SISTER BENEDICTA LONG (ELKTON) 542-8221 ~ FATHER WILLIAM OSBORN (COLMAN) 605-660-3206

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 18	7:30 AM 7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton	
Tues., Jan. 19	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	
Wed., Jan. 20	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† Anastasia Gebhart
Thur., Jan. 21	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	 All Parishioners
Fri., Jan. 22	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	 † Mark C. Hess
Sat., Jan. 23	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 24	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	† G'Ann Hegerfeld† Patricia Fargen
	Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.			

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 23 Lay Minister: Alice Berg, Julie Entringer Mary Beth Zwart Lect./Comm.: Paula Heinricy Altar Servers: Monte Berg, Garrett Satterly Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bob Baumberger Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 24

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon Lect/Comm: Lois Stuefen, Judy Kampmann Altar Servers: Corey/Tyler Jurrens Greeters/Gift Bearers: Robert/Joyce Otkin Ushers: Dan Knuth, Corey Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 24 Lay Minister: Tom Stenger, Dave/Deb Feske Lect./Comm.: John Evans, Jerry Doyle (C) Altar Servers: Madeline/Libby Hursey, Austin Kulm Kelsey Sutton Ushers/Greeters: Jesse Gaspar Family Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

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Jan. 10th

Flandreau: \$2040 Elkton: \$846 Colman: \$489

Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 18: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21-23; Mark 2:18-22 Jan 19: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22,27-28; Mark 2:23-28 Jan 20: 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Ps 144:1-2,9-10; Mark 3:1-6 Jan 21: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3,9-13, Mark 3:7-12 Jan 22: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-6,11; Mark 3:13-19 Jan 23: 2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Ps 80:2-7; Mark 3:20-21 Jan 24: Nehemiah 8:2-10; Ps 19:8-10,15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Intention of the Holy Father for January: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist. -- Pope St. Gregory the Great

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

<u>SS&J</u>: 5:45 PM for Pre,K-6; 7:15 PM for 7-12.

- Preschool class begins January 27th
- **<u>ST. PETER</u>**: 6:00 PM for elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.
- Coordinator for the CCD program needed Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

OLGC: 6:30 PM - all grades

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Adult Faith Formation Opportunity: Monday, January 25th - 7:00 PM at St. Mary's hall. Topic is: A LOVE THAT LASTS. Everyone welcome!

Guild Meeting: Sunday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's. The meeting will kick off the New Year and activities and events will be planned.

Council Meeting: Tues., Jan. 26 - 5:30 PM.

The Elkton Public School will be hosting a benefit for Tammy Busselman (a teacher) on January 31st. The funds will help cover medical costs. Her children are part of our CCD program. We would like to put together a basket or two for a raffle as part of this benefit. If you would like to donate money towards this basket, please contact Sharon Landsman at 542-4434.



Congratulations to **Bobby** and Ashlyn (Landsman) Punt who were married this weekend.



If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you. Especially anticipate the needs of those who are ashamed to beq. To make them ask for alms is to make them buy it.

-- St. Thomas of Villanova

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Council Meeting: Thur., Jan. 21 - 6:30 PM.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM

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 at 864-1538.

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Preschool CCD Class begins January 27th.

Dear Friends from St Simon & Jude: thank you for your faithful support all year & your recent gift of \$150. It helps us purchase needed items like bread, milk, eggs & meat locally. In 2015 we gave food relief to 753 families. Your help was vital to our ministry. Blessings The Breadbasket

ST. PETER

Council Meeting: Thur., Jan. 14 - 5:30 PM.



Welcome into the parish family to Baptism Nora Gracelynn Heinricy daughter of Christopher & Gena Heinricy.

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

Father David Roehrich's 60th Birthday: You're Invited to join St. Teresa, St. Patrick & Good Shepherd in celebrating Fr. David's 60th birthday. The event will be held at the Bridges (golf course), Beresford on January 23rd. Social hour at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm, Dance to follow. Mass will be at St. Teresa. Beresford at 4:00 PM. The event is free and we welcome the entire family. Bring a favorite Fr. David story! Questions, contact Linda Peterson 605-660-3112 or St. Teresa 605-763-2028.

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.

"God's Mercy, Our Mercy," a Year of Mercy Parish Mission at St. Katharine Drexel in Sioux Falls on Sunday, January 24th-Wednesday, January 27th. Bill Wegner of Good News International will offer presentations each evening at 7 p.m., and after the 8 a.m. Mass on Mon.-Wed., Jan. 25th-27th. His presentations will be different each day. A freewill offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome to come. Please call the Parish Office with any guestions: 275-6870.

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 <u>www.retrouvaille.org</u> or call 988-3755 to register.

Soup/Pie Supper: January 24th, 4:30-7:00 PM; St. Mary's Hall, Dell Rapids. All you can eat.



Broom Tree Retreats

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

Day of Recollection: February 16 - 10:00 AM

Parables that Laugh and Weep - Father Al Krzyzopolski Includes conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. *Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register*. A prayerful donation is requested.

Women's Silent Retreat: Feb. 18-21, Mar. 3-6, May 12-15; June 16-19

Men's Silent Retreat: Feb. 25-28, April 7-10; Aug. 18-21

2016 World Youth Day: The Office of Discipleship and Evangelization is sponsoring a pilgrimage to **Krakow**, **Poland for World Youth Day on July 23-Aug. 2, 2016**. All participants must be 18 years of age on the date of departure. For more info., call Mary 605-988-3766.

New 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.

Help for the military and their families: The St. Raphael Fund is meant to assist the military and their families in meeting needs not supported in other ways. The goal is encourage healthy families and to provide care for those who serve. Applications for funds can be sent to St. Raphael Fund, 523 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or any diocesan Catholic Family Services Office, 1-800-700-7867. Donations to the fund can be sent to the same address.

Make this Valentine's Day your most memorable yet! Do you feel as if you are living a "married singles" lifestyle? Do you and your spouse only communicate about schedules and logistics? Reclaim the love, romance, and excitement that God wants your marriage to be and attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The weekend involves 15-20 couples, but the focus of the weekend is on the **couple**, not group sessions. A series of presentations are given by a team of Catholic couples and a priest. Register today for the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter **February 12-14** Weekend at Broomtree Retreat Center in Irene. www.sdwwme.org or call 362-0924.