

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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Colman, SD
c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



This weekend is a reminder of the effects of the Supreme Court's decision to permit the murder of a child within the womb of the mother through the surgical procedure of abortion. Since the Roe vs. Wade decision over 59 million human beings have not been given the right to life and were killed before their birth. The other sad and tragic effect is the way it hurts women who have had an abortion. There are many devastating effects that come from serious sin, and among the top of the list is broken relationships. There is excessive guilt and shame that crushes the person, who has entered into serious evil. The interior pain is so great that many people try to escape it through sedating and numbing themselves with drugs or alcohol along vain attempts to find pleasure through sexual promiscuity, but all of these things lead people to other forms of evils that create a terrible poverty of The Holy Spirit in their souls. They become desolate and empty inside, as more and more evil spirits pile into their lives, and these people no longer feel worthy of love, and start to think in their darkness and misery that there is no such thing as love. Their burden is heavy and a most terrible weight of darkness, disillusionment, depression and despair.

When a person is suffering from such evil, they end up hurting and wounding others along the way. Their lives become like the path of a tornado leaving devastating destruction and ruin among many people. This is why our good Lord gives us The Ten Commandments not to do evil. But when we choose to listen to the devil and do his destructive and murderous works, then we willingly give the devil permission to come into our lives, and we experience the presence of evil, and its horrific effects. Satan is the strong man, and he is stronger than any human being. That is why our good Lord has warns us not to have anything to do with the devil's works, because they will wound deeply us and can even kill us.

But we remember that God has given us a way out of the evils of sin. That is why God The Father sends His Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior. We see parables in the Sacred Scriptures about what evil does and what love does. The Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) story tells us about people falling into the devil's hands, and how the devil beats people until they are so badly wounded that they can not longer help themselves and are at the point of death. At the point of such suffering and pain, the person welcomes any help, and so Jesus comes along, The Good Samaritan, who picks us up, cares for us and heals our wounds. Jesus tells us another parable Lk 11:21 of how a strong man's possessions are safe until a Stronger Man comes along and binds up the strong man and takes his possessions. Jesus is saying that satan is the strong man, who has taken possession of us, but Jesus is The Stronger Man, Who binds up satan, and takes us from the devil's power and sets us free.

We know how to get into sin, but so often we do not know how to get out from the evil power of sin. Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life. Jesus offers to us His Divine Power, and allows us to enter into His Most Sacred Heart of Infinite Love in The Sacraments. When we get to that point in life where we realize that we have made a terrible mess out of our lives, and we are helpless to do anything about it, then, if we remember our Faith, we can turn to Jesus Who will help us. We can turn to The One Who Loves us and will always care for us. We can meet our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Confession and receive His Tender Love and Compassion to be completely forgiven. God's Love is far greater than any of our sins, but it takes Faith to overcome our atheistic unbelief to be able to believe. Jesus tells us that Faith is needed, as with **(cont. on page 4)**

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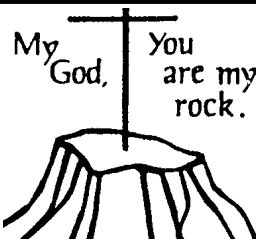
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**3rd
Sunday
Ordinary
Time**

**January
21, 2018**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 22	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Jan. 23	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 1:30 PM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	Special intention ----- -----
Wed., Jan. 24	9:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† George Gebhart -----
Thur., Jan. 25	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Marguerite Strenge
Fri., Jan. 26	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:30 PM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- Intentions of Bing/Annie Garcia -----
Sat., Jan. 27	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Brian Berg
Sun., Jan. 28	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	All Parishioners † Elaine Ahlers
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 27

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Ann Voelker,
Maureen Baumberger
Lect/Comm: Kim Froke
Altar Servers: Anna Zwart, Jase Mousel
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: David Voelker Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 28

Lay Minister: Shari Myers, Lisa Gebhart
Lect./Comm.: Sharon Landsman, Ervin Gebhart
Altar Servers: Abby/Andrew Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Jared Beck Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 28

Lay Minister: Susan Gross, Libby Heinemann,
Dave Johnson
Lect./Comm.: Paul/Jessica Lewis
Altar Servers: Austin/Katherine Kulm
Grace Johanson, Jayden Julson
Ushers/Greeters: Ben LeBrun Family
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 22: 2 Samuel 5:1-7,10; Ps 89:20-26; Mark 3:22-30
Jan 23: 2 Samuel 6:12-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mark 3:31-35
Jan 24: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5,27-30; Mark 4:1-20
Jan 25: Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mark 16:15-18
Jan 26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; Mark 4:26-34
Jan 27: 2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mark 4:35-41
Jan 28: Deut. 18:15-20; Ps 95:1,2,6-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;
Mark 1:21-28

Gray Days:

Be not afraid. I am your God, your Deliverer. From all evil, I will deliver you. Trust Me. Fear not.


Never forget your "Thank You." Do you not see it is a lesson? You *must* say "Thank You" on the grayest days. You *must* do it. All cannot be light unless you do. There *is* gray-day practice. It is absolutely necessary.

My death upon the Cross was not only necessary to save a world, it was necessary if only to train My disciples. It was all a part of their training: My entering Jerusalem in triumph; My washing the disciples' feet; My sorrow-time in Gethsemane; My being despised, judged, crucified, buried.

Every step was necessary to their development—and so with you.

If a gray day is not one of thankfulness, the lesson has to be repeated until it is. Not to everyone is it so. But only to those who ask to serve Me well, and to do much for Me. A great work requires a great and careful training.

From God Calling by A.J. Russell

<p>Jan. 14th Our Weekly Offering</p> 	<p>Elkton: \$1566 Flandreau: \$2041 Colman: \$447</p>
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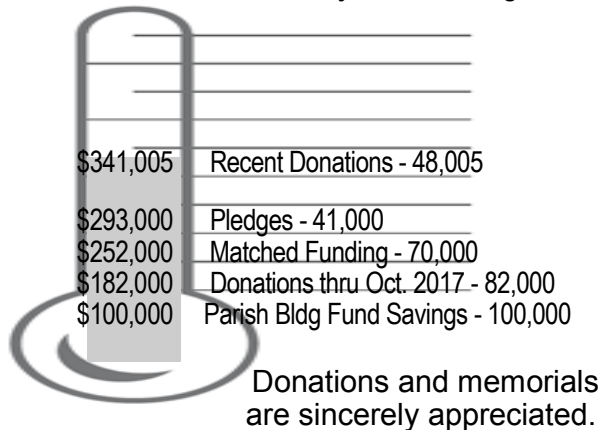
CCD: Wednesdays ~ 5:45 - 7:00 gr. K-6
~ 7:15 - 8:30 gr. 7-12

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



K of C Meeting: Mon., Jan. 22 - 7:00 PM.

ST. PETER

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

TH' BIBLE SEZ -



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.

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

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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.

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/.

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.

Telling Words From Abortionists: Doctors who carry out abortions are often torn by the contradiction that they became doctors to preserve life, but use their profession to end it.

Here are some eye-opening confessions from current and former abortionists:

"They [the women] are never allowed to look at the ultrasound because we knew that if they so much as heard the heart beat, they wouldn't want to have an abortion." -**Dr. Randall, former abortionist**

"Even now I feel a little peculiar about it, because as a physician I was trained to conserve life, and here I am destroying it." -**Dr. Benjamin Kalish, abortionist**

"All of a sudden one noticed that at the time of the saline infusion there was a lot of activity in the uterus. That's not fluid currents. That's obviously the fetus being distressed by swallowing the concentrated salt solution and kicking violently and that's to all intents and purposes, the death trauma... somebody has to do it, and unfortunately we are the executioners in this instance." -**Dr. Szenes, abortionist**

"I got to where I couldn't stand to look at the little bodies anymore." -**Dr. Beverly McMillan, former abortionist**

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Faith all things are possible (Mt 19:26), even getting into Heaven. If our Faith is strong enough to believe in Jesus, then we will once again find peace in our souls. Just like The Father restored the prodigal son back to full sonship, so Jesus restores those who seek His Mercy to the full status as sons and daughters of God. This is why we call Jesus our Savior, because He comes to us in our brokenness to deliver us from the miserable power of the devil. Pray especially for those who do not believe, and when you pray, pray gratitude and thanksgiving that God has answered your prayers. Thankfulness and gratitude are signs of great Faith in God. The Grace that comes from your prayers, can bring The Saving Power of God to many people.

Fr. Doug Einsfeld

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.

Pray for Vocations!

The Abbey of the Hills Retreats

- Register at 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 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

Grieving the Loss of a Child:

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm **February 27-April 3**, Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, SF. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register, the program is non-denominational. Cost – Donation. For adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief; designed to be educational and will offer positive suggestions to help people to survive and learn to live fully again.

Beautifully Made: A Women's Conference ~ April 14, 2018:

Lisa Cotter will be one of the Keynote speakers for Beautifully Made. Lisa Cotter is a nationally sought-after speaker on the topics of relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence. She is a graduate of Benedictine College; since 2007, she and her husband, Kevin, have served FOCUS as a family. Lisa and Kevin are the co-authors of "Dating Detox". Lisa is the founder of Made to Magnify, a ministry with a mission to help people become saints — because it's worth it. Sign up at www.sfcatholic.org/WomensConference for the latest news and updates!

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

Father Flood

