

(Cont. from page 1) The Socialist Nazi party believed that they were among the intellectual elite, the progressives, the socially cultured and civilized people of their day. Their idealistic and misguided policies led to devastating consequences. Their belief was secular and atheistic, which is the same as our selfish, self-concerned belief of today that is attempting to eliminate God and religion from our society. We are living in an age of unbelief that leads to inflated and disordered human pride and arrogance. Without God, we do not have the source of Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding or Counsel of The Ways of Love. Without God, we will not have the same level of respect for the dignity of human life that God has created, and we will become the misguided judges of both life and death. That was the problem in Socialist Nazi Germany, and all of the Marxist Socialist-Communist governments, who in their ideology, murdered an estimated 70-100 million people after WWII. Both the Marxist Socialist and Communist governments had as one of their goals the elimination of Christianity from society.

Where are we as a nation? Are we such a cultured and civilized society as to allow the legalized killing of innocent human beings? The late Pope John Paul II called us "the culture of death." Can we honestly call our nation Christian? What do you think God's thoughts might be with regard to so many of His children being murdered by our generation through abortions, and all the women who are so deeply wounded emotionally, physically and spiritually by the act of abortion that killed their children? God Loves each and every human being that He creates. God's Love includes abortionists and people who seek to eliminate Christianity, and we should do what God Does. That is the difference between the understanding of an agnostic or atheist and the Christian, who sincerely accepts and believes God's Commandments. Faith and belief in God is all about changing our human ways of thinking and understanding into God's Ways of Thinking and Understanding. That is why a true Christian does not hate! Rather, true Christians pray for the conversion of sinfully misguided people who do evil; We try to give a reasonable explanation of our Christian Faith in order to help non-Christians to understand that certain words and actions are sinful and evil in the sight of God. Evil words and actions separate us from God's Love and leads only to misery. However, if we act in ways that are virtuous according to God, then we allow God's Life of Love to enter our souls, and then we give it to others. This is the Way of Peace. We are to live and speak The Ways of God, to inspire other people to seek God, find His Love and be converted from doing evil ways and begin living and speaking with God's Ways of Truth, Compassionate, Understanding, Knowledge and Wisdom that lift the human mind to be capable of receiving and giving God's Love in this world. Peace begins within each person. Be converted, and be Holy as God is Holy. (1 Pt 1:13-16, Lev. 20:26) May God Bless you.

Diocesan Programs: To register or for information, contact Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, 1-800-700-7867; 605-988-3775 or mculhane@sfcatholic.org.

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One: Weekend Non-Denominational Retreat for adults, **March 3-5** at Broom Tree Retreat Center.

Grieving the Loss of a Child: Six Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm, **Feb. 28 - Apr. 4**, Non-denominational program 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 you survive and learn to live fully again. Cost – Donation.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

**3rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017**



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"The most important function of government is to protect the lives of its citizens."
 (Thomas Jefferson)
 "A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope." (Pope John Paul II)
 "The greatest destroyer of peace in the world is abortion." (Mother Teresa)

The above quotes remind us of realities of a nation under God, and a nation without God, and the sadness and tragedy that it has brought to our nation. This weekend we are reminded of the legalization of abortion that occurred in the U.S. in 1973, and what 44 years of legalized abortion has done in our nation, in the name of "free choice." Approx. 60 million innocent children of God have been murdered, and millions of women have been deeply wounded and go through terrible suffering after the experience of killing through an abortion.

To give some perspective of what 60 million people look like. I looked up the populations of the 54 largest cities in the U.S., which comes to 60,310,322 people. Can you imagine all of the people in those cities being killed in our nation? That is the number of human beings killed through abortion in the U.S. since it was first legalized in 1973. The annual abortion rate in the U.S. is approx. 700,000. The cities in the U.S. that have populations near 700,000 are: Detroit, El Paso, Memphis, Seattle, Denver and Washington D.C.. Can you imagine all of people in one these cities being killed over a one year period in our nation because other people made the choice to kill?

Most people today can not understand what the people were thinking in the 1930's and 40's as the citizens of Germany supported Adolf Hitler, who murdered between 6-8 million Jews, and started a world war that has an estimated world wide death toll of between 56 to 70 million people. It is very difficult to estimate how many people were killed in the cities that were bombed, due to many of the bodies were either buried in the rubble or incinerated in the subsequent fires. The supporters of Adolf Hitler believed that they were doing something right and just by gaining wealth through war and the elimination of "undesirables" from society. Among the "undesirables" were Jews, people with physical or mental disabilities, homosexuals, and people of the Christian Faiths who opposed the atheistic belief that justifies the murdering of people.

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Liturgy Schedule		Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 23	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton -----
Tues., Jan. 24	7:30 AM	Mass	† Dolores Burggraff
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	-----
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	-----
Wed., Jan. 25	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	† George Gebhart
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	-----
Thur., Jan. 26	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	† Dorothy Groos
Fri., Jan. 27	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	† Steve Evans
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	-----
Sat., Jan. 28	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman All Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 29	8:30 AM	Mass	† George/Anastasia Gebhart
	10:30 AM	Mass	† Steven Holloway
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.			

Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 23: Hebrews 9:15,24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mark 3:22-30
 Jan 24: Hebrews 10:1-10; Ps 40:2-11; Mark 3:31-35
 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 4:21-25
 Jan 27: Hebrews 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40;
 Mark 4:26-34
 Jan 28: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41
 Jan 29: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10;
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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.

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 share their incredible insights on discipleship-focused ministry. For information or to register go to www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/

Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages:

March 31-April 2. 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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 28

Lay Minister: Ann Voelker, Alice Berg, Jerry Hemmer
Lect./Comm: Carter Schmidt
Altar Servers: Kennedi Landis, Carson Voelker
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Ryan Zwart Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 29


Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Lisa Gebhart
Lect./Comm.: Chris Myers, Ervin Gebhart
Altar Servers: Corey/Tyler Jurrens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Chuck/Mary Remund
Ushers: Dan Knuth, Corey Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 29

Lay Minister: Charles Rosheim, Dave/Deb Feske
Lect./Comm.: Pat/Amy Weight
Altar Servers: Luke Behrens, Kelsey Sutton,
 Makayla Welbig, Makenzey Burggraff
Ushers/Greeters: Jesse Gaspar Family
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Gossip: Paul really admonishes people about wasting time gossiping, a sin against the fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill." You kill a person socially, emotionally, and even spiritually inch by inch when you are gossiping about him. Gossips breed distrust, division, discouragement and, finally, despair in the body of Christ. Gossip, in some cases, is exciting to hear; and it means those who are hearing it feel like insiders. Instead of building up, gossiping tears down. Jesus calls us to love others as he has loved us (John 15:12). We cannot be tearing someone down through gossip and think we are loving, obedient Christians. We need to pray to the Lord so that he will heal us of this miserable, bad habit. Our Prayers are powerful because our Lord listens and heals (James 5:16).

Soup/Pie Supper: Jan. 22; 4:30- 7 PM; St. Mary, Dell Rapids.

Jan. 15 th Our Weekly Offering		Colman: \$633 Flandreau: \$2335 Elkton: \$530
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STS. SIMON & JUDE

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

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

Sheets: The quilters need sheets of any size. If you have some that you are no longer using, they can be dropped off in the kitchen. Thank you.

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Choir Practice: Starting January 25th we will be meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 to start practicing songs to sing during Lent and for Easter. Everyone is welcome to join us!

ST. PETER

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

February 11 - Vespers & Valentines
 Celebrate Valentines at The Abbey with an evening prayer service followed by an elegant meal of CHICKEN MARSALA or BBQ RIBS, wine and desserts included. Come for prayer and supper for \$50 per couple, or make it an overnight for \$100. **OVER-NIGHT ROOM PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE!** www.abbeyofthehills.com

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.