

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
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We continue to remember that God is with us and has given us the responsibility of building up the kingdom of Heaven here upon earth. This is why we practice our Faith, Hope and Love of God so that The Things of God are important to us, and we strive to serve The Lord by carry out God's Will of Love in our lives, as we assist others to have a better life.

This past week there were between 500-700,000 people marching for life in Washington D.C. alone. This number does not count all the other prolife events throughout our nation. There are millions of people in our nation offering up prayers and sacrifices to build up a culture that respects human life within our society. We pray for the increase of Faith, Hope and Love in the hearts of all people, so that our first response to our fellow human beings is one of concern and proper care. One such example is seen in the following story concerning a difficult pregnancy.

The following story comes from the Life Site News website:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/in-your-light-we-see-light-inspiring-stories-that-moved-hearts>

"When LSN ran the story of Stacie Crimm, an Oklahoman mother diagnosed with head and neck cancer who decided to put her own life on the line rather than expose her unborn baby to a potentially fatal course of chemotherapy, Lianna became inspired to share her own story:

I simultaneously found out that I had cancer and was pregnant with my fifth child. The doctors even told me that test results showed that my baby would be born with Spina bifida. They tried to convince me to abort. They thought I was crazy for refusing treatments for a baby that may not live anyways. But God gave me peace in my decision. I not only gave birth to a perfectly 100 percent healthy baby boy, but my cancer actually went into remission on its own.

No one had an explanation for this. But I know doctors don't know everything. Sometimes God chooses to heal our bodies from cancer here on earth, and others He heals in heaven. In my case, we have a testimony of His Glory and a reason for why we choose to believe in Him and follow after Him.

In a culture saturated with death, darkness, and terrifying signs of moral decay, the above stories are like sun rays on a dreary day. Such stories must be told and retold so that everyone fighting for life and family values will never lose sight of what the fight is all about. Such stories of heroism, sacrifice, and love inspire us all to hold fast and never surrender. Light is always stronger than darkness. These stories have the power to dispel the darkness and give hope. In their light, people from every walk of life see light. Such stories ultimately become the threads that make up the fabric of a beautiful culture of life."

As we practice our Faith, Hope and Love of God, then what is important to God becomes important to us as we follow God's Will of Love. The woman in the story reveals that her first response and only concern was to work at preserving life despite the physicians who thought that her choice not to have an abortion was foolish. Sometimes the decisions are very difficult, and there are many reasons that justify sin and even murder, but Faith in God gives us reasons to have Hope in choosing to work at making life better rather than destroying life. The Cross of Jesus shows us that even through great difficulty and suffering that God's Love prevails through faithful, loving resistance to evil and will end in The Resurrection to New Life. God has created each of us, and He can just as easily heal and strengthen each of us with His Infinite Love and Mercy. As Jesus told St. Faustina, "The greater the sinner, the greater his right to My Mercy." (#423, Divine Mercy) Pray for people, who are struggling through the trials of life, and pray for people who have not made good decisions in their time of trials, so that they may have the Faith to know and trust that there is Hope in the Fount of Mercy found in Jesus' Infinite Love and Tender Compassion to forgive them.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 24, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Jan. 25	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Jan. 26	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Carol (Hoss) Olson
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., Jan. 27	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Jim/Patricia Fargen
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Thur., Jan. 28	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., Jan. 29	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Melanie Sutton Lloyd
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Sat., Jan. 30	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 31	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	† Nancy DeVries
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Marcella Hoisington

Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JAN. 30

Lay Minister: Mary Sweeney-Gengler, Doug Entringer, Ryan Zwart

Lect./Comm.: Jerry Hemmer

Altar Servers: Carter Schmidt, Austin Gullickson

Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bob Heinricy Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., JAN. 31

Lay Minister: JoAnn Schmidt, Kelly Neill

Lect/Comm: Sharon Landsman, Ervin Gebhart

Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Charles Owen Family

Ushers: Dan Knuth, Corey Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JAN. 31

Lay Minister: Tony/Denise Firman, Betty Groos

Lect./Comm.: John Hess, Les Heinemann (C)

Altar Servers: Hannah/Kathy/Maria Parsley
Cade LeBrun,

Ushers/Greeters: Jesse Gaspar Family

Sacristan: Bev Minor

Daily Mass Readings:

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 3:31-35

Jan 27: 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5,27-30; Mark 4:1-20

Jan 28: 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Ps 132:1-5,11-14; Mark 4:21-25

Jan 29: 2 Samuel 11:1-17; Ps 51:3-7,10-11; Mark 4:26-34

Jan 30: 2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mark 4:35-41

Jan 31: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; Ps 71:1-6,15,17;

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

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 devil strains every nerve to secure the souls which belong to Christ. We should not grudge our toil in wresting them from Satan and giving them back to God.

-- St. Sebastian

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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



Flandreau: \$1922
Elkton: \$658
Colman: \$920

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

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

◆ Preschool class begins January 27th

ST. PETER: 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

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****Note change of date** Adult Faith Formation Opportunity:** Tuesday, February 2nd - 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.

Broom Tree Retreats

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

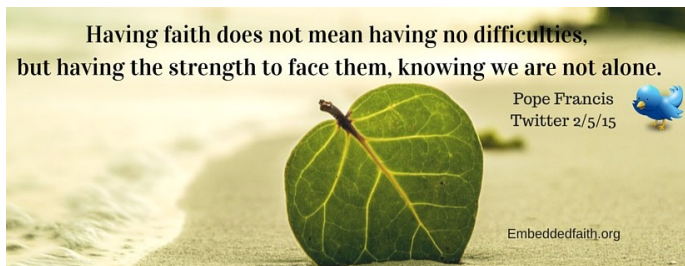
Day of Recollection: February 16 - 10:00 AM

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



Living with Chronic Illness support group meets the first Tuesday each month, 1-3:00 p.m. for those living with chronic illness and their care givers. Next meeting at St. Lambert, 1000 S. Bahnson Ave Sioux Falls on **February 2**. Details - call Margi at Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775.

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Preschool CCD Class begins January 27th.

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 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 864-1538.

KC Meeting: Mon., Jan. 25 - 7:00 PM.

ST. PETER

Coordinator for the CCD program needed - Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

Jesus & the Gospel Diocesan Workshop: Gospel means "Good News," yet many people think of Christianity as neither good nor as newsworthy, but instead as boring advice and rules we have to follow. The truth is, following Jesus and living His Gospel makes life an adventure, in which we see everything differently because of Him! Attend a free diocesan workshop at **St. Thomas More Parish on January 30, 2016 from 9:30-11:30 AM** to discover how Jesus Christ desires to transform your life and how to share that Good News with others.

"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 questions: 275-6870.

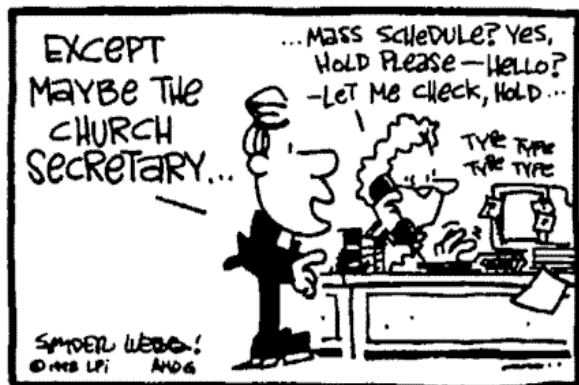
Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in SS&J Parish Basement.

Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class to sign-up and give baptismal information.

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 www.retrouvaille.org or call 988-3755 to register.

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.

Father Flood



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.

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

Grieving the Loss of a Child: Six Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm **March 1-April 5**, Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register, the program is non-denominational. Cost – Donation. This program is for adults who have lost a child and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. The program is designed to be educational and will offer positive suggestions to help people to survive and learn to live fully again.

Making Valentine's Day plans? How does a romantic candlelight dinner featuring a sit-down, Italian meal of salad, homemade lasagna, and wine or sparkling grape juice sound? Add to that a cheesecake dessert and you have a perfect meal! The Tri-Parish youth will host this supper on Sunday, February 14th at St. Leo Parish Hall, Pipestone all for only \$15 per person. (Snow Make-Up Date is Sunday, February 21, 2016.) Tickets are available by calling the Tri-Parish Office (825-3152). Catholic United Financial is sponsoring this event and will provide a matching grant of up to \$1,000 for the youth.

Resources Available for Those Struggling with Pornography. Are you or a loved one trying to quit pornography? There is help and confidential assistance available, including prayers, counseling, testimonies, and a "10 Practical Steps to Quitting Pornography" handout. To learn more visit www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife or call 988-3755.

God gave Himself to you: give yourself to God.
-- Blessed Robert Southwell