

# Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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## A very interesting discussion between a college student and his professor.

"Let me explain the problem science has with religion." The atheist professor of philosophy pauses before his class and then asks one of his new students to stand. 'You're a Christian, aren't you, son?' 'Yes sir,' the student says. 'So you believe in God?' 'Absolutely' 'Is God good?' 'Sure! God's good.' 'Is God all-powerful? Can God do anything?' 'Yes' 'Are you good or evil?' 'The Bible says I'm evil.' The professor grins knowingly. 'Aha! The Bible! He considers for a moment. 'Here's one for you. Let's say there's a sick person over here and you can cure him. You can do it. Would you help him? Would you try?' 'Yes sir, I would.' 'So you're good...!' 'I wouldn't say that.' 'But why not say that? You'd help a sick and maimed person if you could. Most of us would if we could. But God doesn't.' The student does not answer, so the professor continues. 'He doesn't, does he? My brother was a Christian who died of cancer, even though he prayed to Jesus to heal him. How is this Jesus good? Can you answer that one?' The student remains silent. 'No, you can't, can you?' the professor says. He takes a sip of water from a glass on his desk to give the student time to relax. 'Let's start again, young fella. Is God good?' 'Er..yes,' the student says. 'Is Satan good?' The student doesn't hesitate on this one.. 'No.' 'Then where does Satan come from?' The student falters. 'From God' 'That's right. God made Satan, didn't he? Tell me, son. Is there evil in this world?' 'Yes, sir.' 'Evil's everywhere, isn't it? And God did make everything, correct?' 'Yes' 'So who created evil?' The professor continued, 'If God created everything, then God created evil, since evil exists, and according to the principle that our works define who we are, then God is evil.' Again, the student has no answer. 'Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things, do they exist in this world?' The student squirms on his feet. 'Yes.' 'So who created them?' The student does not answer again, so the professor repeats his question. 'Who created them?' There is still no answer. Suddenly the lecturer breaks away to pace in front of the classroom. The class is mesmerized. 'Tell me,' he continues onto another student. 'Do you believe in Jesus Christ, son?' The student's voice betrays him and cracks. 'Yes, professor, I do.' The old man stops pacing. 'Science says you have five senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Have you ever seen Jesus?' 'No sir. I've never seen Him.' 'Then tell us if you've ever heard your Jesus?' 'No, sir, I have not.' 'Have you ever felt your Jesus, tasted your Jesus or smelt your Jesus? Have you ever had any sensory perception of Jesus Christ, or God for that matter?' 'No, sir, I'm afraid I haven't.' 'Yet you still believe in him?' 'Yes' 'According to the rules of empirical, testable, demonstrable protocol, science says your God doesn't exist... What do you say to that, son?' 'Nothing,' the student replies.. 'I only have my faith.' 'Yes, faith,' the professor repeats. 'And that is the problem science has with God. There is no evidence, only faith.' The student stands quietly for a moment, before asking a question of His own.

'Professor, is there such thing as heat?' 'Yes.' 'And is there such a thing as cold?' 'Yes, son, there's cold too.' 'No sir, there isn't.' The professor turns to face the student, obviously interested. The room suddenly becomes very quiet. The student begins to explain. 'You can have lots of heat, even more heat, super-heat, mega-heat, unlimited heat, white heat, a little heat

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**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 29, 2017**

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
<b>Mon., Jan. 30</b>	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
<b>Tues., Jan. 31</b>	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 1:30 PM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	Special Intention ----- -----
<b>Wed., Feb. 1</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass at Riverview Manor Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton  Colman	† All Parishioners † Steven Holloway -----
<b>Thur., Feb. 2</b>	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- Special Intention
<b>Fri., Feb. 3</b>	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 1:30 PM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Ed Mengenhauser -----
<b>Sat., Feb. 4</b>	5:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
<b>Sun., Feb. 5</b>	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	† George/Anastasia Gebhart † Dolores Burggraff

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

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

##### **COLMAN ~ SAT., FEB. 4**

**Lay Minister:** Ryan/Mary Zwart, Maureen Baumberger

**Lect./Comm:** Focus Sunday Students

**Altar Servers:** Austin Gullickson, Eli Bowen

**Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters:** Grades 7-8-9-11

##### **ELKTON ~ SUN., FEB. 5**

**Lay Minister:** Chris Myers, Judy Kampmann

**Lect./Comm.:** Bill Fargen, Sharon Landsman

**Altar Servers:** Jack Skordahl, Billy Stuefen

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Dan Skordahl Family

**Ushers:** Arlo Jurrens, Tom Gebhart

##### **FLANDREAU ~ SUN., FEB. 5**

**Lay Minister:** Tom Stenger, Susan Gross,

Libby Heinemann

**Lect./Comm.:** Denise Wiese, Lisa Rosheim (C)

**Altar Servers:** Anna/Samuel/Matthew Gassman,

Jaelyn Gaspar

**Ushers/Greeters:** Glenn Burggraff & Mike Skroch Families

**Sacristan:** Pam Rorvik-Albers

**Intention of the Holy Father for February:** That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

#### Daily Mass Readings:

Jan 30: Hebrews 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mark 5:1-20

Jan 31: Hebrews 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-32; Mark 5:21-43

Feb. 1: Hebrews 12:4-15; Ps 103:1,2,13-18; Mark 6:1-6

Feb 2: Malachi 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Feb 3: Hebrews 13:1-8; Ps 27:1-9; Mark 6:14-29

Feb 4: Hebrews 13:15-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mark 6:30-34

Feb 5: Isaiah 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

#### **Youth Discipleship and Evangelization**

For more information and to register go to [www.sfcatholic.org/youth/](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/)

**Going Deeper Retreat:** March 3-5

**High School D-Camp:** June 19-22  
July 9-12

**Junior High D-Camp:** July 13-16

**Sioux Falls SEARCH:** February 10 – 12  
May 5 – 7

#### **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 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM at SS&J, Flandreau

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Our  
Weekly Offering



**Flandreau:** \$1695

**Elkton:** \$1240

**Colman:** \$906

## STS. SIMON & JUDE

**K of C First Sunday Breakfast:** - Feb. 5th; Egg bake, Fruit, Bun, Drinks. Everyone is invited.

**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.

**The Moody County Ministerial Association** will be serving **"The Banquet" on May 30.** We are serving the same meal as last year (BBQ's, potato salad, baked beans, and watermelon wedges) and will plan for 450 minimal. We are in need of hamburger, donations, and workers. If you can help out, call Jane DeLay at 997-2758 or contact me at: [jane.delay@k12.sd.us](mailto:jane.delay@k12.sd.us). Thank You for your generosity and your help in feeding those less fortunate.

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

[www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish](http://www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish)

**Abby of the Hills Events:** For more information and to register go to [www.abbeyofthehills.com](http://www.abbeyofthehills.com)

- 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!**

- February 17 - 19 - **Men's 12-Step Spiritual**

**Retreat:** This retreat is for MEN who practice, or wish to practice, a 12-Step Program. COST: \$155 pp single rm, \$135 pp double rm, \$115 with no lodging. Includes: meals and snacks (no meal Fri. evening – eat before!) Feb. 17 – Check-in at 6:00pm, Feb. 19 – Concludes at 10:30am

- March 12, 2017 - **St. John's University Men's**

**Choir Concert - 2:00pm:** The Saint John's University Men's Chorus is the select male voice touring ensemble of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. *"We get to a level of performance where it just pours out of you and becomes a reflection of your emotions."* - Director, Dr. Axel Theimer. Come experience the sounds and the emotions. Open to the public - Free Will Offering.

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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!

**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, 2017 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Deacon Ralph Poyo and Bob Rice will be sharing their incredible insights on discipleship-focused ministry. For more information or to register go to <http://www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/>.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages:** The next Retrouvaille weekend is 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

Father Flood



**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.

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or no heat, but we don't have anything called 'cold'. We can hit down to 458 degrees below zero, which is no heat, but we can't go any further after that. There is no such thing as cold; otherwise we would be able to go colder than the lowest -458 degrees. Everybody or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-458 F) is the total absence of heat. You see, sir, cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat we can measure in thermal units because heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it.' Silence across the room. A pen drops somewhere in the classroom, sounding like a hammer. 'What about darkness, professor. Is there such a thing as darkness?' 'Yes,' the professor replies without hesitation. 'What is night if it isn't darkness?' 'You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is not something; it is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light, but if you have no light constantly you have nothing and it's called darkness, isn't it? That's the meaning we use to define the word. In reality, darkness isn't. If it were, you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn't you?' The professor begins to smile at the student in front of him. This will be a good semester. 'So what point are you making, young man?'

'Yes, professor. My point is, your philosophical premise is flawed to start with, and so your conclusion must also be flawed.' The professor's face cannot hide his surprise this time. 'Flawed? Can you explain how?' 'You are working on the premise of duality,' the student explains. 'You argue that there is life and then there's death; a good God and a bad God. You are viewing the concept of God as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, science can't even explain a thought.' 'It uses electricity and magnetism, but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing. Death is not the opposite of life, just the absence of it.' 'Now tell me, professor. Do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey?' 'If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, young man, yes, of course I do.' 'Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir?' The professor begins to shake his head, still smiling, as he realizes where the argument is going. A very good semester, indeed. 'Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an on-going endeavor, are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you now not a scientist, but a preacher?' The class is in uproar. The student remains silent until the commotion has subsided. 'To continue the point you were making earlier to the other student, let me give you an example of what I mean.' The student looks around the room. 'Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the professor's brain?' The class breaks out into laughter. 'Is there anyone here who has ever heard the professor's brain, felt the professor's brain, touched or smelt the professor's brain? No one appears to have done so... So, according to the established rules of empirical, stable, demonstrable protocol, science says that you have no brain, with all due respect, sir.' 'So if science says you have no brain, how can we trust your lectures, sir?' Now the room is silent. The professor just stares at the student, his face unreadable. Finally, after what seems an eternity, the old man answers. 'I guess you'll have to take them on faith.' 'Now, you accept that there is faith, and, in fact, faith exists with life,' the student continues. 'Now, sir, is there such a thing as evil?' Now uncertain, the professor responds, 'Of course, there is. We see it Everyday. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in The multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.' To this the student replied, 'Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light.' The professor sat down."

PS: The student was Albert Einstein. Albert Einstein wrote a book titled 'God vs. Science' in 1921

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