# **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL** ST. PETER

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### Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima: (Part 3)

"Almost eight months had passed since the last apparition of the Angel. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta continued to practice what the Angel had taught them, praying and offering sacrifices to the Lord. Lucia was ten, Francisco was eight and Jacinta was seven. They chose to pasture their sheep at the Cova da Iria, or Cove of Irene. It was there that the Blessed Virgin under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary appeared on six occasions in 1917.

At that time the First World War raged in Europe, in Moscow, Lenin prepared the revolution that would overturn the Russian social order and eventually engulf almost half the peoples of the earth in Communism. It was in that context that heaven descending to earth to provide the antidote to the moral and social evils of the world - the message of Fatima.

1<sup>st</sup> Apparition of Our Lady; The Virgin Mary, Mother of God Apparition of 13 May 1917



Leading their flock out from Aljustrel on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the three children passed Fátima, where the parish church and cemetery could be found, and proceeded a kilometer or so north to the slopes of the Cova. Here they allowed their sheep to graze as they played in the pasture land sprinkled with the occasional oak tree. After having had their lunch about noon they decided to pray a rosary, although in a somewhat truncated fashion, saving only the first words of each prayer. Shortly, they were startled by what they later described as "lightening in a clear sky." Thinking that a storm might be approaching they debated whether they should take the sheep and go home. Preparing to do so they were again surprised by a strange light. And we began to go down the slope driving the sheep towards the road. When we were half-way down, near a holm oak there [the large tree which today is encircled with an iron fence], we saw another flash of lightening, and after a few steps we saw on a holm oak [a small one lower on the hillside] a lady dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, giving out rays of clear and intense light, just like a crystal goblet full of pure water when the fiery sun passes

through it. We stopped astounded by the Apparition. We were so near that we were in the light that encircled her, or which she radiated, perhaps a meter and a half away [4-5 feet].

"Please don't be afraid of me, I'm not going to harm you." Lucia responded for all three, as she would throughout the apparitions. "Where are you from?" "I come from heaven." The Lady wore a pure white mantle, edged with gold and which fell to her feet. In her hands the beads of a rosary shone like stars, with its crucifix the most radiant gem of all. Still, Lucia felt no fear. The Lady's presence produced in her only gladness and confident joy. "And what do you want of me?" "I want you to return here on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months, and at the very same hour. Later I shall tell you who I am, and what it is that I most desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time." "And shall I go to heaven?" "Yes, you will. "And Jacinta?" "She will go too." "And Francisco?" Francisco, too, my dear, but he will first have many Rosaries to say. For a few moments the Lady looked at Francisco with compassion, tinged with a little sadness. Lucia then remembered some friends who had died. "Is Maria Neves in heaven?" "Yes, she is." "And Amelia?" "She is in purgatory. Will you offer yourselves to God, and bear all the sufferings He sends you? In atonement for all the sins that offend Him? And for the conversion of sinners?" "Oh, we will, we will!" "Then you will have a great deal to suffer, but the grace of God will be with you and will strengthen you." Lucia relates that as the Lady pronounced these words, she opened her hands, and we were bathed in a heavenly light that appeared to come directly from her hands. The light's reality cut into our hearts and our souls, and we knew somehow that this light was God, and we could (Cont. on page 3)



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15th Sunday in **Ordinary** Time July 16 2017

	Liturgy	/ Schedule	Location	Mass Intention
Mon., July 17	7:45 AM 11:15 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	
Tues., July 18	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 11:15 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Dolores Burggraff  All Parishioners
Wed., July 19	9:00 AM 11:15 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass	Elkton Colman	All Parishioners All Parishioners
Thur., July 20	7:45 AM 11:15 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass	Elkton Colman	 All Parishioners
Fri., July 21	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 11:15 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass	Elkton Flandreau Colman	 † Steve Evans All Parishioners
Sat., July 22	7:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Sun., July 23	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Bernetta Seifert † Lawrence Doyle
	Confe	ssions ~ 1/2 hour prior to ea	ach weeken	d Mass.

#### **MINISTERS OF SERVICE**

#### ELKTON ~ SAT., JULY 22

Lay Minister: Kelly Neill, Sharon Landsman Lect./Comm.: Lois Stuefen, Bill Fargen Altar Servers: Billy Stuefen, Alex Landsman

**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Dan Knuth **Ushers:** Rich Frederiksen, Steve Erickson

#### COLMAN ~ SUN., JULY 23

Lay Minister: Maureen Baumberger, Ann Voelker,

Doug Entringer

Lect/Comm: Carter Schmidt
Altar Servers: Jack/Jase Mousel, Ar

**Altar Servers:** Jack/Jase Mousel, Anna Zwart **Gifts/Ushers/Greeters:** Bob Heinricy Family

#### FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JULY 23

**Lay Minister:** Dave/Deb Feske, Susan Gross **Lect./Comm.:** John Evans, Brenda Doyle (C) **Altar Servers:** Kelsey Sutton, Luke Behrens,

Tiffany/Toby Taylor

Ushers/Greeters: Pete/Alyce Kontz, Marsha Wiese

Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Intention of the Holy Father for July: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

July 9<sup>th</sup>
Our
Weekly Offering

Flandreau: \$1891 Elkton: \$1146 Colman: \$933

#### Daily Mass Readings:

July 17: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Matthew 10:34-11:1 July 18: Exodus 2:1-15; Ps 69:3,14,30-34; Matthew 11:20-24 July 19: Exodus 3:1-6,9-12; Ps 103;1-7; Matthew 11:25-27 July 20: Exodus 3:13-20; Ps 105:1,5-9;24-27; Matt 11:28-30 July 21: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-18; Matt. 12:1-8 July 22: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1,23-24,10-15; John 20:1-2,11-18 July 23: Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16;

Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

#### Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

# Walk Humbly

Fear of what others will say is want of trust in Me. This must not be. Convert all these difficulties into the purification of your characters.

See yourselves as those around you see you, not as you wish to be, and walk very humbly with your God.

I will set you on high because you have known My Name, but it must be a purified you to be so exalted.

From God Calling by A.J. Russell

**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.

#### STS. SIMON & JUDE

Council Meeting: Thur., July 20 - 6:30 PM.

**Dear friends & Knights of Columbus**, We are grateful and thank you for the gift of \$150 this guarter and the K.C. gift in June of \$250. We appreciate your financial support very much to purchase needed items and operate. In June we gave food relief to 79 families serving 283 clients. Blessings, The Breadbasket

Benefit for Tyler & Sarah KillsAHundred sponsored by the area churches - August 20th, 10:00 - 2:00. Watch bulletin for more details.

**Peter's Pence Collection**: Support the charitable works of the Holy Father. **Envelopes are available** in the church entrance or use your own clearly marked envelope and drop into the collection.

# **Elkton Saturday Mass Time**

will change to 5:00 PM starting on August 5th.

The normal Mass time from then on will be 5:00 PM for the Saturday rotations at Elkton.

Colman will continue to have a 7:00 PM Mass for each of their monthly Saturday rotations during daylight savings time.

#### ST. PETER

# Totus Tuus this week! Come join us and have FUN!

Gr. 7-12: 7:30-9:30 PM (Sunday-Thursday) Gr. 1- 6: 9:00 - 2:30 PM (Monday-Friday)

Parish Potluck: Wednesday, July 19 - 6:00 PM. Evervone is invited!



Welcome into the parish family to Olivia Paige McGuire, daughter of Thomas & Alyssa McGuire. We pray for God's blessings and grace that they continue to follow Baptism the way of Jesus Christ.

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Landscaping: A proposal for landscaping improvements on the parish grounds has been developed and is on display in the church Please stop by and check it out. entrance. Donations and/or Memorials are being accepted for this project.

Judge a tree from its fruit; not from the leaves. - Euripides

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see ourselves embraced in it. By an interior impulse of grace we fell to our knees, repeating in our hearts: "Oh, Holy Trinity, we adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the Blessed Sacrament."

The children remained kneeling in the flood of this wondrous light, until the Lady spoke again. mentioning the war in Europe, of which they had little or no knowledge. Say the Rosary every day, bring peace to the world and an end to the war. After that she began to rise slowly in the direction of the east, until she disappeared in the immense distance. The light that encircles Her seemed to make a way amidst the stars, and that is why we sometimes said we had seen the heavens open.

The days that followed were filled with excitement, though they had not intended it that way. Lucia had cautioned the others to keep their visitor a secret, correctly perceiving the difficulties they would experience if the events became known. However, the joy of seven year old Jacinta could not be contained, and she rather promptly forgot her promise and revealed all to her mother, who patiently listened but gave it little credence. Her brothers and sisters piped in with their questions and jokes. Among the interrogators only her father, "Ti" Marto, was inclined immediately to accept the tale as true. He believed in the honesty of his children, and had a simple appreciation of the workings of God, such that he became the first believer in the apparitions of Fátima.

Lucia's mother, on the other hand, when at last she heard what had transpired, believed her own daughter to be the instigator of a fraud, if not a blasphemy. Lucia would quickly learn what the Lady meant when she said they would suffer a great deal. Maria Rosa was unable to get Lucia to recant, even under threats. Finally she hauled her before the parish priest, Fr. Ferreira, with no better success. On the other hand, Lucia's father, who was not especially religious, was practically indifferent, attributing all of it to the fancies of women. The next few weeks, as the children awaited their scheduled appointment with the lady in June, would reveal that they had few believers, and many detractors, in Aljustrel and Fátima."

(www.ewtn.com/fatima/apparitions/angel1.htm)

# <u>Diocesan Youth Events</u> Rocky Mountain Vocations Expedition

July 30-Aug. 5 <u>www.sfvocations.com</u>
 We will climb a 14,000 ft mountain, White
 Water Raft for two days and relax at the end in the Rocky Mountain Hot Springs. Everyday will be filled with Prayer, Mass, Confessions, Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, etc.

The 23rd Annual "BISHOP'S Cup" Benefiting Broom Tree Retreat & Conference Center: Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Minnehaha Country Club. There will be a morning and an afternoon flight offered this year. Participants will have the opportunity to play in the Bishop's Scramble or the Bishop's Challenge with the overall low net in each category taking home the coveted crystal trophy for their parish. For more details on the rules, schedule and to register, visit <a href="www.ccfesd.org">www.ccfesd.org</a> Register on-line at <a href="www.ccfesd.org">www.ccfesd.org</a> or contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765 or toll free at 1-888-246-3386.

<u>Grieving the Loss of a Spouse:</u> Six Tuesdays 6:30–8:30 pm. <u>Aug. 1-Sept. 5</u> at Catholic Family Services, SF. Non-denominational; Donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.



# Reserve your tickets now

# **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE**

August 5, 2017 • Sioux City Convention Center • 801 4th St Sioux City, IA

Advance ticket: \$25 per person • Day of the conference: \$30 per person

Registration beginning at 8 am, conference begins at 9 am. Lunch is included in admission fee at no additional cost.

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Return to: <b>Queen of Peace, Inc</b> P O Box 1707 Sioux City, IA 51102	donat spons	unable to attend but am enclosing a tion in the amount of \$ to sor Clergy guests or help offset costs. or \$\text{you}!	

When the world was suffering the devastations of World War One, Our Blessed Mother appeared in Fatima to three shepherd children with a message on the path to peace, and a warning if her words were not heeded, there would break out another more disastrous war. We did not listen. The Second World War did come as predicted. Is there still a relevance for us today? The answer is a resounding "YES!" Come to hear once again the messages and secrets of the Blessed Mother at **Our Lady of Fatima 100**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Conference: The Path to Peace**. For more information, call 712-239-8670 or send us a message at info@trinityheights.com

# Ice Cream Social:

Flandreau Redeemer Lutheran, July 16, 11-1:00; BBQ, beans, chips, pie, cake, homemade ice-cream.

#### **Father Flood**



