

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
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ST. PETER
Colman, SD
c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



It is in giving that we receive. The giving up of things enables us to share God's Love, and to help us understand The Divine Life of God. As Jesus became a man, He laid aside all of His Glory, Honor and Power as God to be one of us and live among us. The Creator becomes the created. None of us can give that much because none of us have that much to give. None of us have Infinite Power of Love, Intelligence, Wisdom, Strength, Wealth, etc... as a matter of fact, even if every human being from the beginning of time sacrificed all that they had in order to give back to God by giving to others throughout all of human history, even that amount of giving would not amount to a hand full of sand compared to all the sand in the world.

How much is that? There is no humanly accurate way of calculating the grains of sand in the world, but approximations can be made. To calculate the grains of sand in the world, we must assume without proof an average size among all the grains of sand on earth, as well as, an average width, depth and length of all the beaches and deserts on earth, hence, rough estimations are: "7.5 x 10¹⁸ grains of sand, or seven quintillion, five hundred quadrillion grains."

How about the number of stars in comparison to the grains of sand? Similarly, only rough estimations can be made from what we are currently able to observe using the Hubble telescope of: "distant galaxies, faint stars, red dwarfs, everything we've ever recorded in the sky," ...comes to roughly... "70 thousand million, million, million stars in the observable universe (a 2003 estimate), so that we've got multiple stars for every grain of sand"... "the number of stars in the heavens is 'an unbelievably large number,' but then, ... you will find the same number of molecules "in just ten drops of water." (from the website: <http://www.npr.org/sections/krulwich/2012/09/17/161096233/which-is-greater-the-number-of-sand-grains-on-earth-or-stars-in-the-sky>)

Point being: our finite/limited human knowledge and wisdom can not accurately count all the number grains of sand, stars or molecules, neither, can we fully comprehend The Infinite Nature of God and what He sacrificed for us. By considering these three areas of the natural visible creation, we can have a sense of wonder and amazement at The Supernatural Infinite Divine Nature of God. The fact that God chose to limit Himself to the size and strength of a man is an extraordinary sacrifice of self-denial. God made this act of self-denial out of His Infinite Love for each of us, so that He could Personally reveal Himself to us in many varied ways: God used Divine Knowledge and Wisdom to speak to us, and used literary examples of analogies/parables to help us understand natural and supernatural realities; God used His Divine Power to show His Love for us as He served us by miraculously healing the physical bodies of people, and He even raised people from the dead; God used His Divine Power to supernaturally calm storms, walk on water, change water into wine, and ultimately, He changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood in order to nourish us with His Divine Life of Love; God used His Divine Power of Love and Mercy to set human beings free from being slaves to the evils of sin by Forgiving those who will repent of the evil they have done. Jesus drove out powerful demon spirits that possessed people, in order to free them from evil and to be able to love as God Himself Loves. God taught us to the degree that is humanly possible and necessary for us to come to an understanding of The Infinite Spiritual Nature and Power of God's Divine Love.

God bestowed on us every Spiritual Blessing in The Heavens which are found in The Sacraments, if, we have the Faith, Hope and Love to believe and to receive. God showed us and taught us all that we need to do to become fully human and become fully liberated from the evil of sin as we repent and believe. Jesus laid His Infinite Divine Life of Love down for us, so that each of us may have full access to it. It is in giving that we receive. In giving God's Love, we must first receive it from God through acts of Faith, Hope and Love which have their effects in our lives. With God's Love, we also receive understanding of how difficult it can be to Love others more than ourselves by denying ourselves and giving to others. We begin to understand a tiny amount of what God has already experienced by choosing to Love those who do not love Him. God allows us to partake in His Divine Life of Loving and Giving in order to make us and this world a better place. If, we can give His Love with a joyful heart through The Graces of Faith, Hope and Love, then great will your reward be in The Glory of God forever in Heaven.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

4th Sunday of Lent ~ March 6, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., March 7	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., March 8	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Chuck/Martha Gageby
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., March 9	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Anastasia Gebhart
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Thur., March 10	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	8:30 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	† Sherri Eich
Fri., March 11	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	5:30 PM	Mass (Stations at 5:00 PM)	Flandreau	† Steve/Drew Haman
Sat., March 12	7:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Sun., March 13	8:30 AM	Mass	Colman	† Ray/Ethel Heinricy
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Mabel Heinemann

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., MARCH 12

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect/Comm: Mary Remund, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mike Stoltenberg Family
Ushers: Bill Stuefen, Steve Erickson

COLMAN ~ SUN., MARCH 13

Lay Minister: Alice Berg, Rose Shoenrock,
Maureen Baumberger
Lect./Comm.: Kim Froke
Altar Servers: Kadance Landis, Ben Zwart
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Dan Miles Family

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., MARCH 13

Lay Minister: Betty Groos, Dave Johnson, Jean McGlone
Lect./Comm.: Brenda Doyle, Jerry Doyle (C)
Altar Servers: Hannah/Kathy/Marie Parsley, Kelsey Sutton
Ushers/Greeters: Bing Garcia Family
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

Intention of the Holy Father for March:

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Feb. 28th
Our
Weekly Offering

Flandreau: \$2534
Elkton: \$975
Colman: \$1018



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Sun., March 13 - 1:30 PM ~ SS&J, Flandreau

Fr. Doug/Fr. Al Krzyzopolski/Fr. Rodney Farke

Sun., Mar. 20 - 1:30 ~ St. Thomas More, Bkgs

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

March 24 - Holy Thursday Mass

6:00 PM ~ Colman

7:00 PM ~ Elkton (Fr. Osborn)

8:00 PM ~ Flandreau

March 25 - Good Friday Liturgy

6:00 PM ~ Colman

7:00 PM ~ Elkton (Fr. Osborn)

8:00 PM ~ Flandreau

March 26 - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 PM ~ Colman

March 27 - Easter Sunday Mass

8:30 AM - Elkton

10:30 AM - Flandreau

*(**Note date changes from the Lenten mailing**)*

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Choir Practice: Sunday at 9:00 AM in Choir Loft.

Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesdays ~ 5:30 PM in the church basement. All are welcome!

Bell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

◆ **Wednesdays at 7:15** led by CCD students

◆ **Fridays at 5:00** led by Fr. Doug, followed by Mass at 5:30

FISH FRY: Fri., March 11th ~ 5:30-7:00 PM in the church basement. Enjoy fish, cheesy potatoes, salad, bread, drink and dessert all for \$8.00 after the 5:00 PM Stations of the Cross and 5:30 PM Mass.

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.

First Sunday Meal: Sun., March 6th (today) - Cold pork sandwiches, beans, chips, fruit & drink.

Open House Baby Shower for April (Keating) Hartman at the SS. Simon & Jude Church basement on Saturday, March 12 from 10:00-12:00. She is registered at buybuybaby.com Gender?

Lost & Found: Please check the table in the church entrance. There are a lot of items including a set of car keys.

CFSA 2016 UPDATE

Sts. Simon & Jude: Goal \$34,000

Pledged: \$25,035; Received to date: \$22,665

Participation: 66 out of 243 families (27%)

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Goal \$24,800

Pledged: \$15,465; Received to date: \$13,930

Participation: 23 out of 114 families (20%)

St. Peter: Goal \$18,500

Pledged: \$10,828; Received to date: \$9103

Participation: 43 out of 135 families (32%)

Every gift is important to the success of CFSA, we ask you to return your card as soon as possible. **Thank you to those who have already given for your generosity!**

ST. PETER

***** Thursday daily Mass - 8:30 AM this week.**

Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesday~5:00 PM.

Stations of the Cross: led by CCD students - Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 6 from 9-11 a.m. in memory of Sandy Entringer and Gary Hemmer. Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee will be served. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to the St. Peter Youth Fund. Everyone is welcome.

Father Bill Osborn will be celebrating 50th anniversary as a priest on March 6th in Huron at the 10:30 Mass. A luncheon will follow. On March 13th he will be celebrating the anniversary of his first Mass with a 11:00 Mass in Miller.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Lenten Soup Supper: Wednesday~5:30 PM.

Stations of the Cross: led by CCD students - Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

Adult Faith Formation: Monday, March 7th at 7pm at St. Mary's Hall. Open to All. Topic is Catholic Social Teaching.

Daily Mass Readings:

Mar 7: Isaiah 65:17-21; Ps 30:2-6,11-13; John 4:43-54

Mar 8: Ezekiel 47:1-12; Ps 46:2-9; John 5:1-16

Mar 9: Isaiah 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-18; John 5:17-30

Mar 10: Exodus 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; John 5:31-47

Mar 11: Wisdom 2:1,12-22; Ps 34:17-23; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Mar 12: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-12; John 7:40-53

Mar 13: Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)

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

ST. PETER: 6:00 PM for elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.

◆ Coordinator needed - Call Fr. Doug 997-2610

OLGC: 6:30 PM - all grades

Tri-Parish Confirmation

Wed., April 6th, ~ 6:30 PM at St. Peter, Colman

Help For Couples to Heal and Renew Their Marriage Relationship ~ RETROUVAILLE; March 18-20 at Broom Tree Retreat Center. Retrouvaille is a confidential 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.

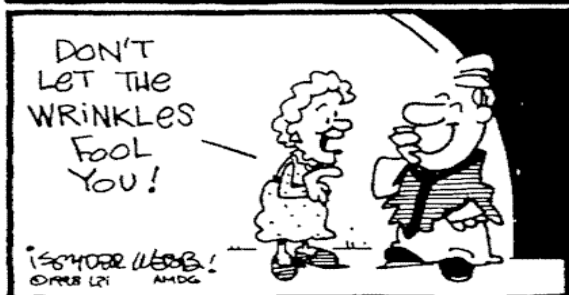
Seminary Visit: March 12 -14 to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN. **For men 16 years of age or older.** Cost is Free. Go to www.sfvocations.com to sign up or Email: frshaunhaggerty@sfcatholic.org

40 Days for Life: Feb. 10-March 20: prayer vigils held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 6511 W. 41st St. in Sioux Falls. For more information please visit the website at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/sioux-falls/calendar/> or call 605 261-5649.

Best Lent Ever Program: You will receive daily inspirational emails, including short videos from Matthew Kelly, based on his new book "**Rediscover Jesus**". You can learn more about the program, sign up, and find resources to share at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

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.

Father Flood



Up With People with their new show **The Journey.** Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. **O’Gorman Performing Arts Center**

Tickets: 988-3765; order at cfsd.org; purchase at any Sioux Falls Hy-Vee.

“All in God’s Plan”: Thurs., April 14th ~ 6:15 PM at **Holy Spirit Parish, SF.** A program for Mothers & Daughters and Fathers & Sons to come together in separate gender sessions to learn age appropriate information about human sexuality, human development, and chastity formation. To register visit: www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife, or call 988-3755.


Pork Loin Dinner & Auction: Sunday, March 13; 11:00 AM in the St. Thomas School gym, Madison.

Crystal Theatre Breakfast: Sunday, March 13; 8:00 AM -1:00 PM; W.J. Janklow Community Center; scrambled eggs with ham, french toast, fruit cup and beverage.

Elevator Fund donations for SS&J, Flandreau
Donations matched up to \$70,000

Church/Rectory Roofing donations for St. Peter, Colman
Donations matched up to \$40,000

Special Envelopes are available in the church entrance and may be returned by dropping into the weekly collection or mailing to the parish office, 105 S. Bates St., Flandreau, SD 57028. Contributions may also be placed in any envelope that is clearly marked.



NEW!! Children's Grief Program directed by Mary Weber begins Thursday April 7 –April 28 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls SD. This four-week program is designed for children according to their age and specific loss. To register for this program or for more information contact Catholic Family Services [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775).

Day of Renewal Sponsored by Charismatic Renewal March 12 —9:00 am - 3:00pm, St Lambert Parish—A Day of Renewal Introducing 'The Year of Mission and Mercy'. Topics to be covered are: Renew Our Zeal for Souls, Promote the Life In The Spirit Seminars and Promote A Culture of Pentecost. Speakers include Deacon John Devlin, Jane Barz and Deacon Henry Knapp. Registration requested for planning purposes. Free will offering will be taken for the day and lunch served (Gluten Free Options for lunch included). For more information call/text 605.940.4101, email cottonwoodfrm@santel.net or go to www.aioyfulshout.com.