

# Catholic Tri-Parish Community

STS. SIMON & JUDE

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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ST. PETER

Colman, SD  
c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



## Saint Faustina, “Darkness and Temptation”

“My mind became dimmed in a strange way; no truth seemed clear to me. When people spoke to me about God, my heart was like a rock. I could not draw from it a single sentiment of love for Him. When I tried, by an act of the will, to remain close to Him, I experienced great torments, and it seemed to me that I was only provoking God to an even greater anger. It was absolutely impossible for me to meditate as I had been accustomed to do in the past. I felt in my soul a great void, and there was nothing with which I could fill it. I began to suffer from a great hunger and yearning for God, but I saw my utter powerlessness. I tried to read slowly, sentence by sentence, and to meditate in this way, but this also was of no avail. I understood nothing of what I had read.

The abyss of my misery was constantly before my eyes. Every time I entered the chapel for some spiritual exercise. More than once, all through Holy Mass, I had to struggle against blasphemous thoughts which were forcing themselves to my lips. I felt an aversion for the Holy Sacraments, and it seemed to me that I was not profiting from them in any way. It was only out of obedience to my confessor that I frequented them, and this blind obedience was for me the only path I could follow and my very last hope of survival. The priest explained to me that these were trials sent by God and that, in the situation I was in, not only was I not offending God, but I was most pleasing to Him. ‘This is a sign,’ he told me, ‘that God loves you very much and that He has great confidence in you, since He is sending you such trials.’ But these words brought me no comfort; it seemed to me that they did not apply to me at all.

One thing did surprise me: it often happened that, at the time when I was suffering greatly, these terrible torments would disappear suddenly just as I was approaching the confessional; but as soon as I had left the confessional, all these torments would again seize me with even greater ferocity. I would then fall on my face before the Blessed Sacrament repeating these words; Even if You kill me, still will I trust in You!’ [cv. Job 13:15 “*Slay me though he might, I will wait for him;*”] It seemed to me that I would die in these agonies. But the most terrible thought for me was the conviction that I had been rejected by God. Then other thoughts came to me why strive to acquire virtues and do good works? why sacrifice myself all the time? what good is it –if I am already rejected by God? why all these efforts? And here, God alone knew what was going on in my heart. (#77; Divine Mercy in My Soul)

Once when I was being crushed by these dreaded sufferings, I went into the chapel and said from the bottom of my soul, ‘Do what You will with me, O Jesus; I will adore You in everything. May Your will be done in me, O my Lord and my God, and I will praise Your infinite mercy.’ Through this act of submission, these terrible torments left me. Suddenly, I saw Jesus, who said to my soul, **I am always in your heart.** An inconceivable joy entered my soul, and a great love of God set my heart aflame. I see that God never tries us beyond what we are able to suffer. Oh, I fear nothing; if God sends such great suffering to a soul, He upholds it with an even greater grace, although we are not aware of it. One act of trust at such moments gives greater glory to God than whole hours passed in prayer filled with consolations. Now I see that if God wants to keep a soul in darkness, no book, no confessor can bring it light.” (#78; Divine Mercy in My Soul)

St. John of The Cross wrote about “the dark night of the soul” and this is what St. Faustina experienced. Sometimes in life, we feel like we are all alone and abandoned by God because no matter how hard we try to pray with heartfelt devotion, our efforts seem to be futile. Such a situation teaches us that it is not by the strength of our will that we become Holy, but by God’s Will that we can become Holy as God is Holy. This reminds us to persevere and never stop asking God to come into our lives to help us, heal us, strengthen us and save us. Such spiritual darkness occurs in order to keep us humble by piercing

through our spiritual pride that can cause us to think we are Holy when we are not. Walking humbly with God is all Grace, and this Grace comes through our persistent and Faithful asking God to help us do His Will no matter how we feel.

*Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

## 3rd Sunday Of Lent March 19, 2017



Harden Not  
Your Hearts

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
<b>Mon., March 20</b>	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
<b>Tues., March 21</b>	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Dr. Thomas Jueschke
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
<b>Wed., March 22</b>	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	All Parishioners
	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
<b>Thur., March 23</b>	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
<b>Fri., March 24</b>	1:30 PM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
	5:30 PM	Mass ( <b>Stations at 5:00 PM</b> )	Flandreau	† Dolores Burggraff
<b>Sat., March 25</b>	7:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Joseph Blinstrup/JoAnn Schmidt
<b>Sun., March 26</b>	8:30 AM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Mark McGlone
<b>CONFESSIONS</b> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass. During Lent - each Friday following the 5:30 PM Mass.				



### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

#### **ELKTON ~ SAT., MARCH 25**

**Lay Minister:** Kelly Neill, Lisa Gebhart  
**Lect./Comm.:** Ervin Gebhart, Bill Fargen  
**Altar Servers:** Alex/Andrew Landsman  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Lance Weber Family  
**Ushers:** Dwight Gullickson, Steve Erickson

#### **COLMAN ~ SUN., MARCH 26**

**Lay Minister:** Alice Berg, Jerry Hemmer, Ann Voelker  
**Lect/Comm:** Roger Merges  
**Altar Servers:** Kaylee Voelker, Anna Zwart  
**Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters:** Bob Baumberger Family

#### **FLANDREAU ~ SUN., MARCH 26**

**Lay Minister:** Pam Rorvik-Albers, Charles Rosheim, Tom Stenger  
**Lect./Comm.:** Pam Rorvik-Albers, Erica Rorvik (C)  
**Altar Servers:** Erin/James/Matthew Drietz, Cade LeBrun  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Bing Garcia Family, Craig Shea  
**Sacristan:** Tammy Stenger

**Intention of the Holy Father for March:** That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**Evil Mountains.** Faith and obedience will remove mountains, mountains of evil, mountains of difficulty.

But they must go hand in hand.

*From God Calling by A.J. Russell*

### Daily Mass Readings:

Mar 20: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Romans 4:13-22; Matthew 1:16-24  
Mar 21: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35  
Mar 22: Deut. 4:1-9; Ps 147:12-20; Matthew 5:17-19  
Mar 23: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-9; Luke 11:14-23  
Mar 24: Hosea 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-17; Mark 12:28-34  
Mar 25: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10;  
Luke 1:26-38  
Mar 26: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13; Ps 23:1-6; Ephesians 5:8-14;  
John 9:1-41

### **Stations of the Cross**

#### **SS&J, Flandreau**

~Wednesdays at 7:15 PM (led by CCD Students)

~Fridays at 5:00 PM followed by Mass & Confessions

#### **St. Peter, Colman**

~Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (led by CCD Students)

#### **OLGC, Elkton**

~Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (led by Parishioners & Students)

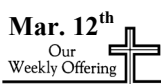
#### **St. William, Aurora**

~Wednesdays at 7:00 PM (led by CCD Students)

### **Communal Penance Services**

**April 2nd - 1:30 PM** ~ Tri-Parish at Sts. Simon & Jude. Fr. Doug Binsfeld, Fr. William Osborn and Fr. Terry Anderson will be available.

**April 9th - 1:30 PM** ~ St. Thomas More, Brookings



**Flandreau: \$1806**

**Elkton: \$614**

**Colman: \$956**

**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)

## **STS. SIMON & JUDE**

**Quilting:** Thursdays at 8:30 AM.

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Wednesdays - serving 5:15-7:30 PM in the church basement.

**Choir Practice:** Sundays at 9:15 in choir loft. Everyone is welcome!

### **Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates**

#### **St. Peter**

Alec Landis      Tell Miles  
Garrett Satterly      Alex Voelker  
Madison Voelker



#### **Sts. Simon & Jude:**

James Auren      Jose Cortez  
Anna Gassman      Madeline Hursey  
Marianna Pavlis      Kelsey Sutton  
Grace Johanson      Hannah Parsley

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
Taryn Krog

**Confirmation at SS&J, Flandreau  
Wednesday, April 5 ~ 6:30 PM**

## **CFSA 2017 UPDATE**

**Sts. Simon & Jude:** Goal \$32,000

Pledged: \$22,875; Received to date: \$20,465  
Participation: 64 out of 238 families (27%)

**Our Lady of Good Counsel/St. Wm:** Goal \$24,000

Pledged: \$14,840; Received to date: \$14,290  
Participation: 23 out of 135 families (17%)

**St. Peter:** Goal \$17,400

Pledged: \$10,275; Received to date: \$8775  
Participation: 40 out of 133 families (30%)

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!** If you are unable to participate financially, fill out your card and offer a prayer for the success of Catholic Family Sharing Appeal.



**Friday Lenten Fish Fry  
at Sts. Simon & Jude, Flandreau  
March 24, starting at 6:00 PM**

Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Salad, Bread, Drink  
and Dessert, all for \$8.00.

Joint project with the K of C and CDA.

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 6:30.  
Everyone is welcome to join us!

**Lenten Soup Suppers:** Wednesdays at 5:30.  
No soup supper or CCD on April 5th due to Confirmation.

**OLGC Pasture Land Lease Auction:**  
Monday, March 27 - 10:00 AM at St. Mary's Hall.

## **ST. PETER**

**Lenten Soup Supper Schedule:**  
Serving 5:15-6:45

March 22 – Hope Group      March 29 – KC's  
April 5 – Charity Group      April 12 – CDA

**St. Peter Youth Group** will be selling ***Eileen's Colossal Cookie Dough*** on Sun., March 19th after Mass. They will have the cookie dough available that day. Chocolate chip, monster, oatmeal, snicker doodle, peanut butter, M&M and oatmeal raisin. The cost is \$15 and will make 33 cookies.

**Thank You:** The Entringer and Hemmer Families would like to thank everyone who attended the St. Peter Youth Breakfast on March 5. A special thank you to Dakota Layers for donating the eggs, the Confirmation class for helping serve, and to everyone who helped in any way. God bless everyone for keeping the memories of Sandy and Gary alive.

**Will you be celebrating 25, 50, 60, 65 or more than 65 years of marriage in 2017?** Please call the parish office (997-2610) to be included in the Annual Anniversary Masses with Bishop Swain.

**WANT TO HAVE YOUR BEST LENT EVER?** Sign up for daily 2-3 min. inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and his Dynamic Catholic organization. Just go to [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com) and sign up. It's easy and absolutely amazing to listen to.

**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.

**Couples Retreat:** Directed by Deacon James Keating, April 7-9, 2017 "Marriage is not a 'self-help' relationship. It is a deep partnership with Christ...The couple is not supposed to do all the 'work' of love; they are called to let Jesus gift them with his own spousal love." But how do we get off the marriage treadmill once we're on it? What is God inviting us to instead? Join us during this retreat as Deacon James Keating points us to a more excellent way. To register or for more information call 605-263-1040, email [broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:broomtree@sfcatholic.org) or visit our website [www.broom-tree.org](http://www.broom-tree.org)

**Men's Lenten Mini-Retreat:** Sunday, March 26 at St. Ann Church, Humboldt, 2:00-5:15 PM. Welcome all men (18 and older). What to expect? Reflections, Personal Prayer time. *The sensation that one has given an afternoon to prayer this Lent.* A meal will conclude the day. There is NO cost. Sponsored by the Montrose/Humboldt Knights of Columbus. For more information call 363-5068 or 770-1652.

**Grieving Loss From Suicide:** 6 week program-April 18-May 23, from 6:30 – 8:30pm at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. For families who have lost a loved one from suicide. The suddenness of the death, the confusion and the painful reactions are significant topics of the program. This is a time when professional support is needed. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. Non-denominational. Cost- Donation Call 988-3775 or email [cfs@sfcatholic.org](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org) with any questions or to register.

**Children's Grief Program** directed by Mary Weber begins Thursday April 6th, 5:30-7:30 PM at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. 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.

**Holy Hour** in the Cathedral of St. Joseph on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, **Saturday, March 25th**, beginning at 10:30 AM. **The Relic of the True Cross, which is currently in our Diocese, will be present.** All are invited.

**"All in God's Plan":** Tuesday, April 18, 6:15 PM at Holy Spirit Parish, Sioux Falls. 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. For more information and to register: [www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife](http://www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife), or call 988-3755.

**Retrouvaille: Help for Troubled & Strained Marriages:** March 31 – April 2 at the Abbey of the Hills. This is a confidential weekend that offers hope and help for couples to heal and renew their marriage relationship. For general information or to register visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call 988-3755.

**Abby of the Hills Events:** For more information and to register go to [www.abbeyofthehills.com](http://www.abbeyofthehills.com)  
**March 24-26. . . . Mixed 12-Step Spiritual Retreat**

**Bishop Hoch Scholarship 2017-2018:** \$1,000.00 scholarship to enable a student (new, already in college or non-traditional) to attend either Mount Marty College, Yankton or Presentation College, Aberdeen. Contact [tgeiver@sfcatholic.org](mailto:tgeiver@sfcatholic.org) for more information.



**40 Days For Life Campaign ~ March 1-April 9:** Pray for the campaign, the unborn babies, mothers, fathers and families affected by abortion. Spend an hour in prayer wherever you are at or join us on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, at 6511 W 41<sup>st</sup> St, across from Roosevelt High School.

Father Flood



**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 SF Convention Center. For information or to register [www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/](http://www.sfdiscipleship.org/discipleshipday/)

**Ham Dinner:** March 19, 11:00-2:00 PM; St. Patrick, Montrose

**Soup and Pie Luncheon:** March 19, 11:00-1:00 PM; Trent Gym. Proceeds go to Trent Area Scholarship Endowment. Free will offering.

**Breakfast fundraiser** for Moody County Team of Angels Foundation: March 19; 7:30 AM-1:00 PM; Bill Janklow Community Center, Flandreau; French toast, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, coffee.

**Pork Loin Dinner & Auction:** March 26, 11 – 1:00 PM Live Auction with Chuck Sutton starts at noon. St. Thomas School, Madison.

**Ham Dinner:** March 26, 11-1:30 PM; St. Leo, Pipestone, MN.

**Annual Carnival & Auction:** April 2; Begins at 11:00 AM; St. Mary Catholic School, Dell Rapids, SD.

**Baked Potato Bar:** April 2, 11:00-1:00 PM. St .Leo, Pipestone; Luis Perez medical expense benefit