

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



Feast of the Ascension occurs forty days after our Lord Jesus gave life back to His dead body on The Feast of The Resurrection, which is celebrated on Easter Sunday. The Ascension occurs every year on a Thursday, so it has come to be known as “Ascension Thursday”, which would have been last Thursday. However, many people were not attending this Holy Day of Obligation, so many of the bishops in the United States chose to move the obligation of Ascension Thursday to the following Sunday so that more people would be in attendance and hear it. The obligation of the Feast of the Ascension is now celebrated on Sunday.

During the Easter Season, we remember that Jesus did not leave His physical human body dead in the grave, as we saw with The Resurrection, nor did He leave His human body here on earth, but rather, Jesus took it with Him into Heaven. Not only did Jesus take His human body with Him into Heaven, but His humanity remains fully united to His Divine Nature.

God The Father makes it possible for every human person to approach Him now in this life through the powers of Faith, Hope and Love in order to prepare us to meet God in the next life after our death in His Kingdom in Heaven. Jesus told us, “I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn 14:16). Jesus opens a path to Heaven, and Jesus is The Path for those who faithfully follow Him. Jesus did only what The Father was doing (Jn 5:19), by being obedient to The Will of God The Father because He Loved the Father more than Himself and more than all people or things. This Love enabled Him to serve The Father by relieving people of their spiritual sufferings through the teachings of Faith, Hope and Love for the forgiveness of their sins, and by relieving their bodily sufferings through miraculous healings.

Ascending into Heaven with His physical human body, Jesus makes it possible for humanity to follow Him through faithful obedience to God our Father. The Feast of The Ascension is all about Jesus opening Heaven to all Baptized human beings, who willingly convert to God’s Ways in the teachings of Faith, Hope and Love. Not only do we have access into Heaven, but we can become greater in Holiness than the angels, as the apostle Paul tells us that “if we persevere we shall also reign with him.” (2 Tim 2:12) Angels are all around God’s Throne in Heaven, but Jesus, in His human nature sits on The Throne of God. This means that God The Father will allow faithful human beings to somehow and to some degree share in The Glory and Honor of our Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven through all Eternity. St. Paul simply says: “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,” (1 Cor 2:9). Meaning that no human being has thought of or even imaged the Glory and Honor that God has prepared for those who love Him.

This is the envy of satan and the other demons, who hate human beings because, not only are we created in The Image and Likeness of God, but we are allowed to share in The Divine Life of God to an even greater degree than the angels. **If**, we are obedient to all of God’s Commandments: The 10 Commandments; Then to Jesus’ Commandments of receiving The initial Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love by being Baptized into The Divine Life of The only Begotten Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ; **Then**, to practice these Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love by learning about God and the evils of sin so that we may repent of sin, by trusting enough in Jesus’ Infinite Love to ask for Divine Mercy in The Sacrament of Confession so that we may be fully restored as brothers and sister in Jesus Christ, which at the same time, gives us the status of adopted sons and daughters of God The Father Almighty. These privileged mysteries of our Baptism into Jesus Christ, and His Divine Mercy to forgive our mortal sins, grants us the next privilege, honor and blessing to be nourished by The Divine Life of God in The Most Holy Communion, as we receive The precious Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is in and through these Sacramental Graces that God shares all of the Spiritual Blessings In Heaven of Divine Life with us, so that one day, we may be fully converted into The Image and Likeness of God, which is The Wedding Garment (Mt 22:11-14) required of everyone to enter God’s Wedding Banquet with humanity in Heaven. We are to become like Jesus Christ in His obedience to God The Father’s Will in all things. Jesus tells us “ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Mt 7:7 or Lk 11:9) Practice your Faith, Hope and Love in Jesus Christ in order to know Him and to Love Him so that you may be at peace by trusting in The Infinite Love and Mercy that God has for each one of you and every human being. Then “you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free. (Jn 8:32) *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

Feast of the Ascension ~ May 8, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., May 9	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., May 10	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Rich Johnston
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., May 11	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Chuck Gageby
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Thur., May 12	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	† dec. J.P. Heinricy Fmly
Fri., May 13	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	Samantha Luze Birthday
Sat., May 14	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Les Meyer
Sun., May 15	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	† William P. Nelson
	9:00 AM	Mass (retired priest)	Aurora	All Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Mabel Heinemann

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., May 14

Lay Minister: D. Entringer, J. Hemmer, B. Merges
Lect./Comm.: Pete Entringer
Altar Servers: Eli Bowen, Monte Berg
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bob Baumberger Fmly

ELKTON ~ SUN., MAY 15

Lay Minister: Chris Myers, Rich Frederiksen
Lect/Comm: Sharon Landsman, Beth Frederiksen
Altar Servers: Abby/Alex Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mike Vaske
Ushers: Rich Frederiksen, Jerome Kirschenman

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., MAY 15

Lay Minister: Libby Heinemann, Dave Johnson, Jean McGlone
Lect./Comm.: Les Heinemann, John Hess (C)
Altar Servers: Erin/James/Matthew Drietz, Jaelyn Gaspar
Ushers/Greeters: Jerrelyn Haman, Marsha Wiese, Jeanne Larson
Sacristan: Carol Parsley

Intention of the Holy Father for May: That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Daily Mass Readings:

May 9: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; John 16:29-33
 May 10: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11,20-21; John 17:1-11
 May 11: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30,33-36; John 17:11-19
 May 12: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2,5-11; John 17:20-26
 May 13: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; John 21:15-19
 May 14: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps 113:1-8; John 15:9-17
 May 15: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-34; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

A Day of Intercessory Prayer Scheduled for Saturday, May 21

– Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring “A Day of Intercessory Prayer for Priests, Deacons and Religious at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish, Flandreau, beginning with Holy Mass at 9:00 AM. Join us as we pray for our priests and the men and women who serve us through their vocation to the priesthood or religious life. For more information, contact Jane Barz, cottonwoodfrm@santel.net or (605) 940-4101

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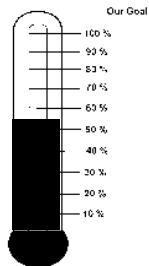
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Finance Council Position for a 3-year term is vacant. If you would like to serve as a finance council member, call the parish office 997-2610.



Flandreau: \$3235
Elkton: \$1768
Colman: \$1204

STS. SIMON & JUDE



Elevator Project \$70,000 Matched Giving Update: Currently we have received or have pledged \$37,195 which will be matched dollar for dollar for a new church elevator. Thank you to those who have given so generously!

Celebration Committee: 100 years ago our church building was erected. If you would like to help plan an event to celebrate this milestone. Please call Allison Hamilton, Reggie Gassman, Joan Severtson or the parish office (997-2610).

Offering Boxed Sets for July 2016-June 2017 are in the back of church. Please pick up your box.

Religious Shop: Boxed cards, Confirmation and 1st Communion items, gift items. Stop in and visit.

Wanted: Storage cupboard/cabinet or display case. Please contact Pam (530-8665) if you have one you would like to get rid of.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: July 31-Aug. 4

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a summer catechetical youth program will be held at SS&J.

For grade school children (grades 1-6) Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess.

For junior and senior high school youth, Sunday-Wed. 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM. TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN! The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is contagious - come join us!

Congratulations and God's Blessings upon our First Communicants

Ella Hoffman
Jacob Klein
Justin Klein
Abigail Lewis
Valeria Sotelo
Ave Trottier

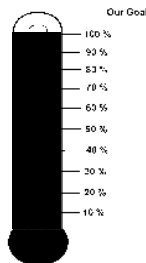


We pray that they may continue to grow in their Faith, Hope, and love of Jesus.



Welcome into the parish family to **Brody Lawrence Klein**, son of Brian & Angela Klein. We pray for God's blessings and grace that they continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

ST. PETER



Roofing Project \$40,000 Matched Giving Update: Currently we have received or have pledged \$44,250. \$40,000 will be matched dollar for dollar for the reroofing of the church and rectory. Thank you to those who have given so generously!

CDA Meeting: Thur., May 12 - 6:30 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: July 17-22

Summer Bible Camp: TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a summer catechetical youth program will be held at St. Peter Parish hall.

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TRI-PARISH

Altar Server Appreciation Party: May 15th for altar servers from all three parishes at Buffalo Wild Wings in Brookings. Meet at 1:00 PM at Sts. Simon & Jude Church and rides will be provided. Carpools from Colman & Elkton can also be arranged. RSVP to Jim Redder (864-1514).



Reminder to pay CFSA pledges. Thank you.

Congratulations to our High School Seniors

St. Peter

Colt Hawkins	Brooke Heinricy
Allison Hemmer	Hunter Miles
Tyrell Miles	Riley Voelker

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Brandon Stuefen
Bobbi Huber
Nicholas Krog
Domonic Mertens
Heidi Stoltenburg
Cameron Harming
Parker Spiering



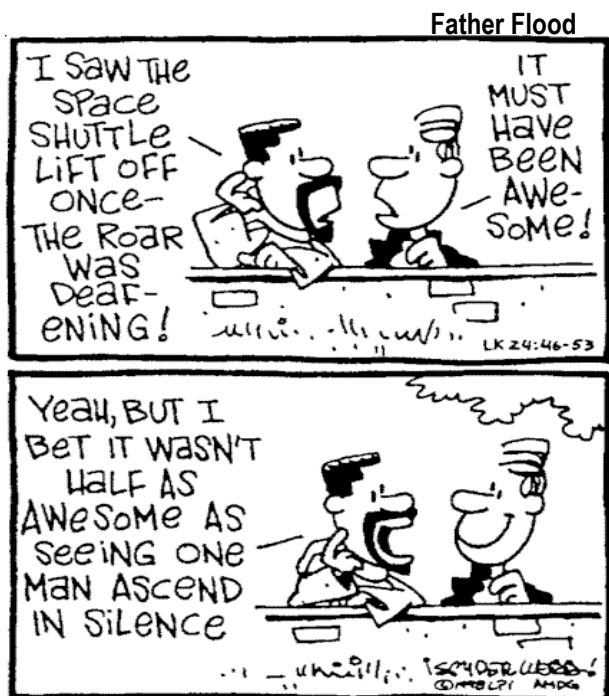
May God continue to bless you and direct your paths.

Eucharistic Holy Hour on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity: May 22nd at 3:00 PM in Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Madison. We will adore Our Eucharistic and Risen Lord Jesus Christ, honor Our Blessed Lady during her month of May and pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Swain, all priests, deacons, consecrated persons and the laity. Confessions will be available.

Director of Campus Ministry: Dakota State University, Madison SD: The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls is seeking a qualified individual to fill the full-time position (30 hours/wk) of Director of Campus Ministry on the campus of Dakota State University in Madison, South Dakota. The Director of Campus Ministry will work with the Director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls to create, maintain and evangelize the Catholic community on the campus of Dakota State University. To obtain a job description or further information, please contact Twila Roman, HR Director, at troman@sfcatholic.org. Resume and cover letters may be emailed to her or sent to her at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Joyful Noise Concert and Getaway at the Abbey of the Hills: Saturday May 28, 1-6 PM; Bring a lawn chair and join us for a concert of Christian and popular music! Overnight packages available with the music continuing around the campfire! For more information or to book your room visit or call 605-398-9200.

Read our parish bulletins on-line:
www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish



D-Camp: June 13-16 (Gr. 9-10); July 10-13 (Gr. 11-12); July 14 - 17 (Gr. 7-8) Contact Mary Anderson at 988-3766 or visit www.sfcatholic.org/youth.

The CDA will put \$100 toward registration fees for any youth from SS&J interested in attending D-Camp.

JP II Vocations Camp: May 31-June 2 or June 3-June 5; For boys age 12-16; Cost \$185; **Register by May 17** at www.sfvocations.org or call 988-3772.

JPII Rocky Mountain Expedition: July 31-Aug. 6 Vocations Discernment Retreat for men 16 or older
The Vocations Director, Fr. Shaun Haggerty, will be leading the expedition, along with Fr. Jordan Samson, and several seminarians. We will be base camping at Lottis Creek Campground, CO and doing day excursions as well as staying at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver, CO. **COST IS ONLY \$450;** Can't Afford it? The Knights of Columbus are willing to help. (Details online) All food and gear is included in the price package. **PAYMENT IS NEEDED BY JULY 15TH;** www.sfvocations.org or call 605-988-3772 .

Broom Tree Day of Recollection:
May 10 - True Devotion to the Holy Spirit -
Directed by Father Andrew Dickinson
Begins at 10:00 AM and include 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. www.broom-tree.org

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: May 13-15, **Strictly Confidential.** A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to *men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents* who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational. For registration materials & more information, call Margi at 605-988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 or email mculhane@sfcatholic.org.

Grieving the Loss of a Spouse: Six Tuesday evenings 6:30pm - 8:30 pm. **June 7- July 12** at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, SF. Non-denominational; Cost - Donation; Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Salad Luncheon: Thur., May 12, 12:00 Noon; Flandreau United Methodist Church; Dr. Scott Petersen will speak on mission trip to Haiti. All women are invited.

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.