

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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Colman, SD
c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



Ascension:

Today we officially celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, but in actuality, The Feast of the Ascension occurred last Thursday, which was 40 days after the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Most all dioceses in the United States have transferred the celebration to the weekend Mass so more people may hear this very important fact of Faith in Jesus Christ.

The Ascension reminds us of The Grace building upon Grace that comes to us through our Lord Jesus Christ in His ministry of healing and saving Grace as He shares His Divine Life with us. Jesus showed us The Grace of Divine Love and Mercy that He has for each of us, when on the Cross He refused to be angry and said: "Father forgive them, they know not what they do" as He suffered such terrible injustice and cruelty. In this action, we see the extraordinary Power of Temperance to restrain the evil desire of anger. Then Jesus gave Himself over to physical human death but came back to life from the dead in order to show us that death has no power over The Graces of Divine Love. This reassures us that no matter how dead we are in the evil of sin, we can rise from deadness in sin to New Life in Jesus Christ through His Loving Forgiveness of our sins, that enables us to share in His Resurrection Power after our physical death.

In the Ascension, we see that God does not intend that we are to be limited to a life on earth, but that we can be brought into Heaven in and through The Power and Grace of Christ's Love. Our Lord wants us to make the ascent into His Divine Life through The Sacramental Powers that make conversion from evil possible. Faith reveals to us The Knowledge and The Ways of God. As we learn and accept God's Words and Ways, we reject the evil desire of sin. The more we come to know and accept God's Ways, the more God enters into our souls. This is conversion; It is a type of Ascension, in that our souls are being lifted up from the darkness of sin into The Image and Likeness of God. Nothing sinful enters into the Presence of God, and so it is only through conversion from evil desire to God's Loving Desire that we begin to live more fully The Life of Christ and Christ in us. We are being elevated in mind and heart to The Ways of God, and we begin to experience New Life, Holiness of life that is free from evil desire. Then Heaven comes to us in The Peace of Jesus Christ. This is the Peace that the world does not give and cannot give, but only God can give. Jesus expressed this extraordinary Grace and privilege when He said: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, (21) so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." (Jn 17:20-21) This is an amazing statement of Faith that reveals God's Intention for all who believe.

As we come to know, understand and accept God's Words, our souls open up to God, Who shares His Divine Life with us and elevates us to new levels and degrees of His Glory as God. The more we practice Faith in Jesus Christ, the more Jesus becomes present within us and by His Might and Power as God, we are freed from the power of the devil's evil desire in our souls. As The Life of Christ grows within us, we become Holy, and the devil loses power to tempt us to do evil and drag us into hell. Jesus is the Stronger Man, who sets us free from the strong man (*the devil*) Mt 12:29. When Jesus dwells in us, the devil is powerless over us. Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life, and death has no power over Jesus. Through our belief in Jesus, Jesus becomes present in us, and it is Jesus Who shares with us His Divine Power of The Ascension into Heaven. When Jesus is in us, nothing can stop us because Love conquers all things and God is Love. God conquers all evil things because His Love is Infinite and endures forever. The Love of Jesus can dwell within us if we are willing to be obedient to all that Jesus says and does. In Jesus all things are possible for those who believe.

-Fr. Doug Binsfeld

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**The Ascension
of the Lord
May 13, 2018**

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., May 14	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., May 15	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Kenneth Doyle
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Father Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., May 16	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Violet Freidel
	9:00 AM	Mass (Father Osborn)	Colman	-----
Thur., May 17	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	† Dolores Burggraff
Fri., May 18	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Lucille Jensen
	9:00 AM	Mass (Father Osborn)	Colman	-----
Sat., May 19	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., May 20	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	† Peg Houselog
	9:00 AM	Mass (Retired Priest)	Aurora	All Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Clarence Thielsen

CONFESSIONS ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SATURDAY, MAY 19

Lay Minister: Maureen Baumberger,
Mary Beth Zwart, Alice Berg
Lect./Comm.: Kim Froke
Altar Servers: Anna Zwart, Jase Mousel
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Bob Baumberger Family

ELKTON ~ SUNDAY, MAY 20

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect/Comm: Sharon Landsman, Judy Kampmann
Altar Servers: Jack Skordahl, Aidan Owens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Tom Landsman Family
Ushers: Bill Stuefen, Rich Frederiksen

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, MAY 20

Lay Minister: Jean McGlone, Marty/Rita Parsley
Lect./Comm.: Pat/Amy Weight
Altar Servers: Tiffany/Toby Taylor, Kelsey Sutton
J.P. Powers
Ushers/Greeters: Dave/Kris Johnson, Ed Duncan
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Daily Mass Readings

May 14: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps 113:1-8; John 15:9-17
May 15: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11,20-21; John 17:1-11
May 16: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-36; John 17:11-19
May 17: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-11; John 17:20-26
May 18: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; John 21:15-19
May 19: Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Ps 11:4-7; John 21:20-25
May 20: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24-34; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13;
John 20:19-23

Catholic Home Mission: Please drop your envelope into the collection or mail to the parish office. Extra envelopes are available in the church entrance. Thank you for your support which helps build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. More information at: www.usccb.org/home-missions

May 6 th Our Weekly Offering	Elkton: \$2273
	Flandreau: \$2323
	Colman: \$1523

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is coming to SS&J!! June 7, 2018 Mark Your Calendars!!



An uninterrupted flow of graces and favors have been reported wherever the statue has traveled, including physical cures (which can only be officially pronounced by Church authorities), and numerous conversions.

"In 1946, I crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the following year, through the Pilgrim Virgin, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favors She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes."

—Pope Pius XII

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00 AM.

K of C Monthly Meal: May 13th after Mass.

“Planting Seeds of Faith” Mother-Daughter Breakfast to be held on Saturday, June 2nd at 10AM in the Sts Simon & Jude Church basement. Tickets are \$7/each and will be sold prior to mass on Sunday, May 20th and 27th, or contact Brenna at: 864-1687 or Jodi at: 864-7996. Please join us for a morning of fellowship!

Offering Envelopes for next year are in the back of church. Please pick up your boxed set. If there is not one with your name, please contact the parish office (997-2610).

Congratulations High School Graduates

Makenzey Burggraff

Jose Cortez

Mara Lunday

Tessa Ryan

Austin Weber



Erin Drietz

Kathy Parsley

Brendan TenEyck

Makayla Welbig

Please pray that they continue to deepen in their faith, hope, and love of the Lord.

Elevator: Construction is progressing well and should be completed early September. Those who have difficulty with stairs may use the east door to the church (by the driveway & mailbox) to enter the church or basement during this time as there are less steps to contend with.

Estimated Total Cost \$493,900

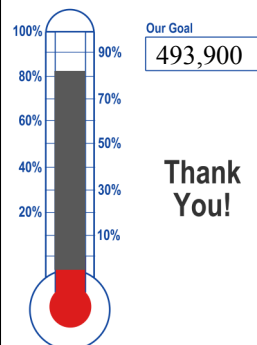
Revenue: Elevator Fund \$273,040

 Outstanding Pledges 30,768

 Parish Savings 100,000

Total Elevator Funds \$403,808

Funds Needed \$ 90,092



Thank You!

Thank you to all who have so generously given!

All donations and memorials are sincerely appreciated.

Please pray that the elevator project is completed safely and without complications.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Finance Council Member Needed for a three year term beginning in June - five meetings per year. Please call the parish office (997-2610) or visit with Lisa Gebhart, Bill Fargen or Arlo Jurrens to volunteer or for more information.

ST. PETER

TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours) 2018!

- **June 17th-22nd** at St. Peter's!!
- Grade school (1st-6th grade) program runs Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm.
- Jr. High/High School runs Sunday-Thursday 7:30pm-9:30pm.
- **COST-FREE.** Registration forms were sent home with kids. Contact Marcie at 530-2219 if you have questions.

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Discipleship Day: Registration is now open for Discipleship Day 2018! This year's theme is To Do Your Will Is My Delight. Come find freedom in total surrender to God and engage with others actively involved in discipleship. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/discipleshipday

“I do not believe the promises of the Declaration of Independence are just for the strong, the independent, the healthy. They are for everyone - including unborn children.” *George W. Bush*

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

Banquet: The Moody County Ministerial Assoc. will be serving the Banquet in Sioux Falls on May 29th. We will need 125# of ground beef and 50 dozen cookies (**NO bars**), 6-8 workers at 2:00 PM and 40-45 workers at 5:15 PM. Please call Jane DeLay to volunteer (997-2758). They also need clean containers with lids and plastic bags (mark items for “The Banquet” and leave in SS&J kitchen). Items for the banquet will be picked up on the 29th at 10:00 AM.

Join hundreds of single Catholics of all ages at the National Catholic Singles Conference, **June 8-10** at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul-Airport Mall of America. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, prayer, food, fellowship and more! Visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com for information and to register. Use promo code NCSCMSP to receive a special discount! (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

Young Adult Retreat: Save the Date! The annual Diocesan Young Adult Retreat will be held the evening of Oct 5th – 7th at the Broom Tree Retreat Center. Watch the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls Facebook page for more details coming in June.

Broom Tree Events: For more information and to register call (605) 263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org or www.broom-tree.org Prayerful donations are requested.
Silent Retreats:

- Women's: June 21-24, Aug. 9-12, Sept. 6-9
 - Men's: May 17-20; September 20-23
- Days of Recollection:** 10:00 AM thru mid-afternoon
- May 15 – “The World’s Greatest Treasure: Friendship with God” directed by Father Joe Vogel

Intention of the Holy Father for May:

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

“BISHOP’S CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT”

Benefiting Seminarian Education

Fishing for a Few Good Men

The 22nd Annual “*Bishop’s Charity Fishing Tournaments*” are scheduled for **Monday, June 4th** at Big Stone City - Lakeside Park and **Monday June 11th**, at Pierre - Oahe Downstream Recreation Area (located 5 miles north of Pierre). We are excited to announce our new Pierre location and hope you will join us!

Even if you are not a fisherman, you can support the events by joining us, following the fishing tournaments, for Mass celebrated by Bishop Swain (at 3:30 pm) followed by an outdoor social and prime rib dinner. We will be blessed to have twelve of our seminarians present at these tournaments, so this would be a great opportunity to meet these fine men.

Your participation will go a long way to support our future priests! For more information or to register, contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765, toll free at 1-888-246-3386 or on-line at www.ccfesd.org.

The Office of the Marian Apostolate will host the recitation of the Most Holy on the Feast of the Visitation, Thursday, May 31 at 6 p.m. in the Mother's Garden near the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Sioux Falls. All are invited.

Pilgrimage to Poland - Honoring the life and legacy of Pope St. John Paul II – with Bishop Paul J. Swain – Oct. 12-20, 2018: “I am grateful to be able to lead this pilgrimage to Poland. Not only will we visit sites important to Pope St John Paul II’s life, but also those of St Faustina and St Maximillian Kolbe among others. I invite you to join me.” For more information, contact the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern SD at 605-988-3708. Registration requested by June 7th. Contact Peter’s Way Tours at 800-225-7662.

JPII Rocky Mountain Vocation Expedition

July 29-August 4; For men 16 and older
Cost is only \$500; www.sfvocations.com

Youth Grief Camp-for Youth and their Families at Broom Tree Retreat Center, **June 16-17**. This 2 day camp will include fun activities, discussion and support. The Grief Camp is non-denominational and is offered free of charge. Call Catholic Family Services at 1-800-700-7867 or 605-988-3775 for more information.

The new monastery located on the grounds of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph is nearing completion. It will soon be the permanent home of the Perpetual Adoration Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Before the monastery’s cloister is closed, **the faithful are invited to open houses which include guided tours of the new facility.** These will be held:

- Tuesday, May 29 4-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 30 4-7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 2 1-4 p.m.
- Sunday, June 3 1:30-4 p.m.

Other events relating to the consecration of the chapel and the closing of the cloister will not be open to the public due only to limited seating in the new chapel.

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.