

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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God allows us to practice Faith through difficulties in order for us to acquire Patience and greater merit in order to give us honor.

St. Faustina,

"[Once] when I saw how much my confessor [*probably Father Sopocho*] was to suffer because of this work which God was going to carry out through him, fear seized me for the moment, and I said to the Lord, 'Jesus, this is Your affair, so why are You acting this way toward him? It seems to me that You are making difficulties for him while at the same time ordering him to act.'

Write that day and by night My gaze is fixed upon him, and I permit these adversities in order to increase his merit. I do not reward for good results but for the patience and hardship undergone for My sake." #86

St. Faustina is given another insight into the value of difficult situations which can help us to become Holy, as she sees the difficulties that her spiritual director will experience. The more we strive to overcome our impatience by resisting the temptation to be frustrated, discouraged, depressed, irritated and/or angry about things that are not going our way; the more we overcome the temptations of the devil. Weakness in Faith causes us to doubt that God is working something good through all of our difficulties. The struggle of resisting emotional discouragement and depression or irritation and anger by trusting in God is a practice of our Faith, Hope and Love that closes the door of our soul to the devil and opens it for God. As we practice our Faith, Hope and Love in the face of our weaknesses, limitations and inabilities, we trust that God is present in each particular situation and circumstance that otherwise appears to be an obstacle to us. However, all of these situations are helping us to become more like Jesus through practicing the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love which lead us to God's Infinite Goodness and Love that is always

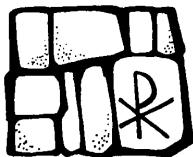
with us. Even though eye does not see, nor ear has heard, nor have we even conceived how truly and profoundly God is present to those who believe. Often times in our doubt, we think that God's Ways have changed, or we say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25) But God says, "rather, is it not that your ways are not fair?" (Ezekiel 19:29) So often in our limited human knowledge and understanding, we fail to see God doing a greater and more powerful work in our souls. God says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. (9) As high as the heavens are above the earth, so are high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:7)

Practicing Faith, Hope and Love is never easily done, because it requires us to reject and overcome certain thoughts and emotions coming from our limited human knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the things that cause us to misunderstand what God is doing. Acts of Faith, Hope and Love lift our thoughts and emotions to a higher plain in God's Spiritual Life, as we strive **not** to respond to situations with only our natural human knowledge but with Divine Knowledge that comes from The Words of God to help us understand that the difficulty may not be so much outside of us as it is within us. The Words of God help us to recognize our bad thoughts and attitudes that come from our unconverted fallen human nature disposed to responding with the evil that leads us into discouragement, depression or irritation and anger, all of which, harbors and promotes contempt and justifies our self righteous bad attitude toward others. Acts of Faith, Hope and Love help us to acquire a new attitude of humble loving service to God, as we strive to respond as Jesus responded to difficult situations. The Powers of Faith, Hope and Love enabled Jesus in His human nature to speak truthfully and lovingly to all people, whether they

were friends seeking to follow Him or enemies seeking to destroy Him. Be like Jesus by practicing The Divine Powers of Faith, Hope and Love and become a new Creation. Do not be afraid, all that is needed is Faith!

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

THE STONE REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE
CORNERSTONE.



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**5th
Sunday
of
Easter
May
14
2017**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., May 15	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., May 16	7:30 AM 7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Elkton Colman	† Dolores Burggraff ----- -----
Wed., May 17	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	All Parishioners -----
Thur., May 18	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Lucille Jensen
Fri., May 19	7:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Flandreau Colman	----- † Jaxon Boomsma -----
Sat., May 20	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Mary Ann Klein
Sun., May 21	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass (Retired Priest) Mass	Elkton Aurora Flandreau	† G'Ann Hegerfeld All Parishioners † Mabel Heinemann
CONFESSIONS ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., MAY 20

Lay Minister: Mary Zwart, Mary Gengler
Maureen Baumberger
Lect/Comm: Chuck Richter
Altar Servers: Carson/Logan Voelker
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Duane Voelker Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., MAY 21

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Sharon Landsman, Judy Kampmann
Altar Servers: Alex/Andrew Landsman
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Bill/Vickie Fargen
Ushers: Arlo Jurrens, Cory Stuefen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., MAY 21

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Charles Rosheim
Tom Stenger
Lect./Comm.: John Hess, Denise Wiese (C)
Altar Servers: Hannah/Kathy/Maria Parsley
Tiffany Taylor
Ushers/Greeters: Jerrelyn Haman, Ed Duncan,
Jeannie Larson
Sacristan: Carol Parsley

Intention of the Holy Father for May:

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

Daily Mass Readings:

May 15: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26
May 16: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13, 21; John 14:27-31
May 17: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; John 15:1-8
May 18: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11
May 19: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; John 15:12-17
May 20: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-5; John 15:18-21
May 21: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15-18;
John 14:15-21

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

Pride Bars The Way:

Obedience is one of the keys unlocking the door into My Kingdom, so love and obey. No man can obey Me implicitly without in time realizing My Love, in his turn responding by love to that Love, and then experiencing the joy of the beloved, and the lover.

The rough stone steps of obedience lead up to the mosaic of Joy and Love that floor My Heaven. As one on Earth who loves another says, "Where you are is home," so it is in relation with Me. Where I am is My Home— is Heaven.

Heaven may be in a sordid slum or a palace, and I can make My Home in the humblest heart. I can only dwell with the humble. Pride stands sentinel at the door of the heart to shut out the lowly, humble Christ.

From God Calling by A.J. Russell

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STS. SIMON & JUDE

Finance Council Member Needed

- ◆ Three year term - 5 meetings/year
- ◆ Contact: parish office (997-2610)
Bruce Park (term expiring)
Ben LeBrun
or Ed Duncan

Offering envelopes for the coming year are in the back of church. Pick up your boxed set.

Ministry Schedules for June - Sept. are in the church entrance for those whom I do not have an email address.

CDA's Little Shop of Blessings:

First Communion gifts, Mother's Day gifts, etc. are available as well as cards in Spanish.

Please Pray for our High School Graduates



Tegan Lacey
Xavier Pavlis
Dylan Rice
Ted Taylor

Meet & Greet Sr. Gianna (Melissa Heinemann)

Sunday, May 28 after Mass

In church basement

Bring a salad or dessert to share ~ sandwiches provided. Everyone is invited!

Workers needed at "The Banquet" on May 30th:

Serving at 5:15; or preparation at 2:00
Contact Jane DeLay at 997-2758 or jane.delay@k12.sd.us. Thank You .



Special Collection: Help complete a beautiful mosaic that will adorn the **Trinity Dome** in Washington, DC. **Envelopes are available in the church entrance** or you may also use your own clearly marked envelope and place your donation into the weekly collection basket. www.trinitydome.org

Spiritual Adoption

Month 8

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long finger-nails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thank to you and your prayers, I'll see them soon.

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Tom Landsman (term expiring)
Arlo Jurrens
or Lisa Gebhart



Please pray for our First Communion Students

Rebecca Armstrong

Justin Cuautle

Camila Cuautle

Johana Cuautle

Brooklyn Frerichs

Claire McMahon

Gabriela Mejia-Valencia

Joseph Nibbe

Marvin Ramirez

Chastelyn Ramirez

Melanie Fuentes Ramos

Samantha Stein

1st Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 21st at the 8:30 AM Mass.

LORD JESUS, HEART OF GOD

SUMMER FAITH CAMP (Bible School)

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Ps 9:1

When? July 5-8, 9:00-1:00 PM (Lunch provided)

Party on July 8th to celebrate the last day!

Where? St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, Lake Benton ~ Transportation Provided

Who? Preschool - 6th Grade; \$10/ student

Register? Contact Sharon Landsman at 605-542-4434

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Bob Hemmer (term expiring)
Andy Groos
or Roger Merges

Three Altar Society Officers Needed:

- ◆ Two-year term
- ◆ Contact Carmen Keupp
Val Luze
or Marie Miles

**The 21st Annual
"BISHOP'S CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT"
Benefiting Seminarian Education**

Monday, June 5th - Big Stone City Lake

Monday June 12th - Lake Oahe

Even if you don't fish - Join us for Mass celebrated by Bishop Swain (at 3:30 pm) followed by an outdoor social and prime rib dinner. 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.

**Holy Smoke Car Show
Benefiting Seminarian Education
July 22 - O'Gorman High School**

Car Show, Poker Run, Pig Roast Dinner, Fun Zone for the Kids, Mass, Seminarian Trike Race, Raffle, Music, All-Day Concession. Full Schedule and registration at HOLYSMOKECARSHOW.ORG

Diocesan Youth Events

High School D-Camp - June 19-22 & July 9-12

Junior High D-Camp - July 13-16

www.sfcatholic.org/youth/events/d-camp/

Vocation Camps @Abbey of the Hills

- May 24-26, & May 28-30 www.sfvocations.com

Rocky Mountain Vocations Expedition

- July 30 – Aug. 5 www.sfvocations.com

Discipleship Camp: The Knights of Columbus will provide financial assistance for those youth interested in attending Discipleship Camp. Please contact Reggie Gassman or Jason Heinemann.

**Come enjoy the musical talents of these talented groups on
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND at Abbey of The Hills**

Doc Holiday Band - Roman and Friends - Big Al - Pot Luck String Band
Joyful Noise features a blend of popular music and religious songs with an acoustic emphasis. From Gospel to Jimmy Buffett, and Spiritual to Bruce Springsteen. Bring your lawn chairs for a day of great music! Rain or Shine! We have lots of sheltered space if the skies don't cooperate.

Extend the Fun into the evening - Stay Overnight!
Concert Special - room pricing of \$83 (tax included) for those who wish to stay at the Abbey, includes breakfast and, weather permitting, a bon fire!
Cost: Free Will donations accepted and appreciated for the concert \$83.00 for a room (includes tax and breakfast)

www.abbeyofthehills.com/upcoming-events

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.

Surviving Divorce Program begins Tuesday, May 23, 6:30-8:30 pm at **St. Thomas More Parish Brookings, SD.** Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register call 605-692-4361 or email info@stmbrookings.org. Scholarships are available.

Grieving the Loss From Homicide

Tuesdays June 6-July 18, 6:30 - 8:30PM
Presented by Dr. Marcie Moran, this is a program for adults who have lost a loved one from the tragic and senseless crime of a murder. This loss has a unique intensity that requires special and educational assistance toward adjustment. Located at Catholic Family Services, 523 N. Duluth Ave., SF. To register or questions please call 605-988-3775 or e-mail at cfs@sfcatholic.org

**Ten Things We Want You to Know
About the Catholic Faith (Cont.)**

7. We believe that one way Jesus keeps His promise to be with us is through the 7 Sacraments...

We can see, touch, taste and smell as well as hear; God made us that way! In the Sacraments we personally experience the presence of Jesus in ways that complement our encounter with Him in the Bible. In Word and Sacrament Jesus has a personal relationship with us as our Savior.

To be continued in subsequent bulletins.

From the Archdiocese of Indianapolis
<http://www.archindy.org/yearoffaith/10things.html>

Father Flood

