

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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Religion and Election Reflections:

Some people feel that they will compromise their Christian morality by voting for either of our candidates because they are so immoral, and prefer not to vote. Unfortunately, neither candidate is without sin and there is little chance that either will be canonized. However, the presidential election will influence Constitutional liberties, especially, the Freedom of Religion, which will be further effected through the nomination of Supreme Court Justices, who will either support or oppress the God given morality as the foundation of The Constitution of the United States. The loss of Religious Freedom directly influences the right and dignity of human life that is taken away through abortion, embryonic stem cell research, cloning and euthanasia. The loss of Religious freedom adds to the demoralizing and redefining of marriage and removing God given standards of sexual restraint and decency which will add to the confusion of one's gender identity; The loss of Religious Freedom also limits the God given rights of parents in the raising and educating their children with God given moral values in our educational system. This list can go on, but to make the point brief, we need to be aware of politicians who support Christian moral values and those who support atheistic non-Christian moral values.

If we choose the candidate who opposes less God given moral virtues, then that is a good thing. If a candidate is willing to restrict but not eliminate abortion as opposed to the one who promotes abortion, then that is a better choice because it is a choice for a greater good. To vote for a candidate who promotes un-Christian policies, because you support them, and you reject a candidate who upholds Christian policies, is indeed sinful. The evil of abortion surpasses all of the other issues of evil, because without the right to life, you have no rights! So issues about insurance, immigration, racism, education, jobs, war and peace, etc..., all of these issues mean nothing to the people who do not have the right to life, because they are dead through a legalized free will choice to kill. If we do not have the right to life, then we do not have the right to pursue liberty or justice.

We need to elect politicians who base their thoughts and beliefs of good and evil on what God declares to be Good or evil. As the lines are being drawn more radically and clearly by the candidates, we clearly know which one upholds more policies that comply with God given morality or which one rejects God given morality. As candidates in our national elections impose greater consequence with regard to the Freedom of religion that permits us to live and practice God's Truths in our lives, we are faced with far more serious decisions that end up opposing God. If we reject God's Commands, then we reject God, and that is a deadly sin which brings eternal condemnation upon a soul, hence it is very important to know and understand what the candidate's policies are. Jesus informed us; "If you love me then you will keep my Commandments" (Jn 15:14), and "Woe to the world because of things that cause sin(((evil)))! Such things must come, but woe to the one through whom they come!" (Mt 18:7) I can only warn you to avoid intrinsically evil things that are greatly offensive to God and will separate us from God, but every person has the absolute freedom of conscience to choose good and reject evil or not. Always seek the Lord, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 6, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Tues., Nov. 8	7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Colman	our country -----
Wed., Nov. 9	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† Anastasia Gebhart -----
Thur., Nov. 10	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- † Lawrence Mousel
Fri., Nov. 11	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Flandreau	----- † Garland/Richard Mengenhauser
Sat., Nov. 12	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Bob Harming
Sun., Nov. 13	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Dolores Burggraff
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., NOV. 12

Lay Minister: Dave/Carol McMahon
Lect./Comm.: Judy Kampmann, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Corey/Tyler Jurens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Dale/Maxine Lynn
Ushers: Kevin P. Myers, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ SUN., NOV. 13

Lay Minister: Alice Berg, Rose Shoenrock, Jerry Hemmer
Lect./Comm.: Ann Voelker
Altar Servers: Chandler Gullickson, Walker Olivier
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bob Baumberger Family


FLANDREAU ~ SUN., NOV. 13

Lay Minister: Libby Heinemann, Betty Groos, Susan Gross
Lect./Comm.: Tom Luze, Kris Johnson (C)
Altar Servers: Kelsey Sutton, Hannah/Kathy/Maria Parsley
Ushers/Greeters: Todd Dietrich Family
Sacristan: Bev Minor

Intention of the Holy Father for November:

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain
 by Planned Parenthood on 41st Street
12:00 Noon ~ November 8th

Oct. 30 th Our Weekly Offering 	Flandreau: \$1686
	Propagation of Faith: \$2368
	Elkton: \$1672
	Propagation of Faith: \$380
Colman: \$2261; Propagation of Faith: \$240	

Daily Mass Readings:

Nov 7: Titus 1:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Luke 17:1-6
 Nov 8: Titus 2:1-14; Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29; Luke 17:7-10
 Nov 9: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-12; Ps 46:2-9;
 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17; John 2:13-22
 Nov 10: Philemon 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Luke 17:20-25
 Nov 11: 2 John 4-9; Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18; Luke 17:26-37
 Nov. 12: 3 John 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Luke 18:1-8
 Nov 13: Malachi 3:19-20; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12;
 Luke 21:5-19



HAND IN HAND

If faith is scarce, it is because there is too much selfishness in the world, too much egoism. Faith, in order to be authentic, has to be generous and giving. Love and faith go hand in hand. -Mother Teresa

Wednesday Religious Education (CCD)
SS&J: 5:45 PM for K-6; 7:15 PM for 7-12. Meal served at 6:15 PM.
ST. PETER: 6:00 PM for gr.1-6; 7:00 PM for 7-12.
OLGC: 6:30 PM; Meal served at 5:30.

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Quilting Thursdays at 8:30 AM. Any questions, call LaVonne Headrick at 633-1739.

Bell Choir Practice every Wednesday

6:00-6:30 PM ~ 7th/8th grade bell choir practice
6:30-7:00 PM ~ High school bell choir practice

Knights of Columbus 1st Sunday Meal:
Nov. 6th, serving French Toast, Sausage, Fruit.
Proceeds will benefit the Steve Evans Family.

Bible Study: Friday - 10:30 AM at Tonya Pavlis home 864-1538 or Monday - 7:00 PM in church basement.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Get into the holiday spirit with the ladies of OLGC Guild! Join us in Lake Benton for supper and a play: A Christmas Carol at Lake Benton Opera House Friday, November 18th, 7:30; Supper before the play, 5:30 at the Country House in Lake Benton. Call for play tickets (\$13) at 507-368-4620, tell them you are with Elkton's OLGC Guild group. E-mail kirschenman@itctel.com to add your name to the OLGC party at the Country House! (Supper at your own expense) Come join us—and bring friends!

Our Lady of Good Counsel will be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** again this year. Last year we were able to send 20 shoe boxes, full of items, to children around the world who would not otherwise receive anything for Christmas. If you would like to donate money or items, please contact Sharon Landsman at 592-0627 or 542-4434. We need to send the boxes by November 14th.

Knights of Columbus will host their annual Father/ Son/ Daughter Pheasant Hunt on Sunday, November 6 at 1:00pm at the farm of Leslie Heinemann, 3 miles NW of Flandreau. Any questions, call 997-2654. Refreshments will be served about 5pm for those who would like to come but not hunt.

CDA Court Lady of Peace #1708 local education contest for youth 4th-12th grade and adult CDA members. Winning entries are forwarded on to state and potentially to the national competition. Entry Divisions include: Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. See a CDA member or go to <http://www.catholicdaughters.org/> for forms and details. Entries are due in by February 15th, 2017.

ST. PETER

CDA Meeting: Thur., Nov. 10 - 6:30 PM.

Broom Tree Retreats:

For more information and to register please call (605) 263-1040, email broomtree@sfcatholic.org or visit our website www.broom-tree.org

--**Spiritual Exercises Conference - November 11-12;** Prayer with Scripture, *Directed by Jessi Kary, AO*, During this overnight conference you will receive instruction on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Jessi Kary, AO, originally a Sioux Falls native, is the National Director of the Pro Sanctity Movement. A seasoned teacher and Spiritual Director, she spends a good deal of time instructing people in the art of prayer. This conference will primarily teach praying with the Scriptures using Ignatian principles.

--**Days of Recollection:** Begins at 10 a.m. and includes conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and 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.

November 15 directed by Fr. Tom Anderson -
Prayer: The Soul of the Family

December 6 directed by Fr Steven Jones -
Experience the 3 Comings of Christ in Advent

--**Couples Retreat - December 2-4 directed by Ed & Jen Hogan with Father Dan Andrews;** During this retreat couples will have the blessed opportunity to spend time together receiving from the very heart of God. The environment at Broom Tree makes for a perfect couples get-away...no TV, no radio, no phones or computers, just beautiful, peaceful surroundings, good food, and all the time and good direction you need to experience renewal in your marriage. Register early.

--**One day silent retreat – December 10 directed by Father Joe Vogel:** designed as an introduction to Ignatian silent retreats, 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. It includes an orientation to silent prayer, entering into grand silence and spending the day with the Lord there. Holy Mass will be offered as well as time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, the Rosary and two meditations spread through the day. And just like other silent retreats, lunch will also be served in silence. You will have time to take a walk on the grounds, pray and quiet your soul. Cost is by donation.

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.

Necrology

Sts. Simon & Jude

Patricia M. Fargen	11-19-2015
Minnie V. Schmidt	02-15-2016
Frances A. Kittelson	02-27-2016
Charles Tufty	03-14-2016
Lucille B. Jensen	04-13-2016
Dolores M. Burggraff	04-17-2016
Dorothy Gust	05-01-2016
Ruth E. Quinn	05-12-2016
Urban A. Schwebach	06-18-2016
Dennis L. Rice	08-08-2016
Steven J. Evans	10-07-2016

St. Peter

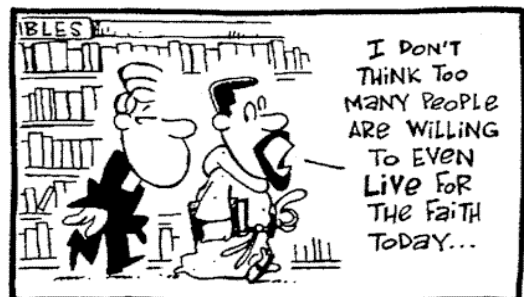
Sheri L. Eich	01-03-2016
Joseph Heim	07-08-2016
Gladys M. Heinricy	08-26-2016

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Richard M. Gebhart	11-30-2015
Anastasia B. Gebhart	01-13-2016
Paul A. Erschens	02-09-2016
Charles F. Gageby	02-10-2016
William P. Nelson	04-18-2016
George Gebhart J.	06-11-2016
Donald F. Schmidt	06-25-2016
Edward J. Langin	07-02-2016
JoAnne M. Schmidt	08-12-2016

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen

Father Flood



Angel Tree Program helps families in need and elderly members of Moody County have a merry Christmas. If you are eligible or think you may be, contact the ICAP office Wed-Fri at 997-2824 or egeary@interlakescap.com to receive an application. Donations may be dropped off or mailed to 112 E. Pipestone, Flandreau.

Grief Programs: To register or for more information, contact Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. 1-800-700-7867; 605-988-3775 or mculhane@sfcatholic.org.

~ **Grieving Loss During the Holidays:** Nov. 8-Dec. 13, Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Catholic Family Services; For adults who have lost loved ones. Cost –Donation.

~ **Grieving a Loss during the Holidays: a day workshop at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison,** Sat., Dec. 10, 10a.m.-3p.m.“ presented by Dr. Marcie Moran. Open to the public, free. To register or for more information, contact the parish office 256-2304 or Catholic Family Services.

"Helping Families with Incarcerated Loved Ones": Saturday, November 12, 10:00am-3:00pm at Siouxland Library Main Branch - 200 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls. Presented by Dr. Marcie Moran & staff. Offered free of charge. Pre-registration is encouraged. Lunch is provided. Call [1-800-700-7867](tel:1-800-700-7867) to register or for more information.

The Matthew Ministry – A Ministry of Inner Healing: December 2-4; Facilitated by Jane Barz & Mike Snyder
Feeling hurt inside and you have tried various forms of counseling, prayer or confession without significant relief? Many people say they understand why they feel the way they do but nothing changes or they have confessed their sins only to do the same thing over and over again. If you find yourself in this pattern, you are not alone. You do not have to stay stuck in this cycle. We have witnessed hundreds and hundreds of men, women and children freed by getting to the source of their hurts and having the Healing Spirit of Christ set them free. Registration fee is \$200/person and includes lodging, meals and all materials. Register on line at www.abbeyofthehills.com or call Valari at 605-398-9200.

Turkey Dinner: Nov. 6; serving at 11:00, 12:00, 1:00; St. Thomas More, Brookings

Soup Supper: Nov. 6; 4:30-7:00 PM; St. Mary, Dell Rapids

Election Day Lunch: Nov. 8; 11-1:00; United Methodist, Flandreau

8th Annual 'Twas the Month before Christmas' Fair: Sat., Nov. 12; 9AM-2PM; St. Mary's Gym, Dell Rapids; Over 40 Vendors, Lunch. Free childcare while you shop! Get a head start on Christmas list!

Pancake Breakfast: Nov. 13; 9:00-12:30; St. Leo, Pipestone; Veterans Eat Free!

IN THE NETHERLANDS, REQUESTS FOR "HASTENED DEATH" WERE WITHDRAWN BY **85%** OF PATIENTS WHEN THEIR SYMPTOMS WERE BETTER CONTROLLED.



Every Suicide is Tragic
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