

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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Advent

Advent is a Latin word that means “to come.” As with anything that is coming, we are waiting. When we are waiting for someone special or something special, then we have anticipation expecting the arrival, and we prepare for that coming. Advent is a time to remind us that Jesus will come again a Second Time, however, at The Second Coming, Jesus will come as The Just Judge and not as The Merciful Savior. That is why our Lord calls it a “great and terrible day” (Joel 2:31). Malachi 4:5 calls it “a great and dreadful day,” because everyone will stand before God and give an account of how we used The Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love to change our fallen condition of poverty in The Spirit to become Temples of the Holy Spirit by the way we responded to God and other people in this life. This is why we labor at faithfully preparing ourselves for His Second coming, as it will be our “Final Exam” for entrance into Heaven or hell.

That is why we make efforts to use God’s Grace and recreate our will and desire to be more open to receive God into our hearts during the Advent Season. “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Mt 6:21) Do we love God or evil? Sins are the obstacles that prevent us from receiving our Lord Jesus Christ and having a loving relationship with God. Sin is always a choice to do or to speak evil, which is our refusal to do the good works that God entrusted us to carry out in our lives. Our love of sin/evil prevents us from loving God or others because we love ourselves more than God or others. Repentance is the turning away from sin/evil, which is possible, only if we use The Powers of Faith, Hope and Love of God to open the door of our hearts and make straight a path for The Lord to enter. The only place that God can not go in His creation is into our hearts, or rather, our souls because God wants us to freely love Him. He gave us The Power of “Free Will” to be able to resist The Love of God, if we should desire to love evil. Sin is our personal “no” to God because we say “yes” to evil in our words and actions. God can not come to us, unless we invite Him into our lives, and by going to Confession and acknowledging our sins and repenting of them with a firm act of the will not to commit the sin again, we can meet our Merciful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and receive Divine Mercy to be completely forgiven by God.

The Catholic Church encourages us to have a heart that is pure. A “Pure Heart” is to Love God with all our love. A Pure Heart sets us free from the love of evil so that we are able to Love God, others and ourselves in right ways, rather than in disordered ways. When we achieve a Pure Heart, our minds find the Peace of God that the world does not and can not give, and we begin to discover The Father’s Love that comes to us through Jesus Christ by The Power and Working of The Holy Spirit. God’s Peace comes only when we make the “free will” choice to use God’s Grace to obey His Commandments by turning away (*repenting*) from the sinful/evil ways that cause us to reject God. If we choose to follow The Ways of God that Jesus laid out for us, then every effort that we make in Faith, Hope and Love is strengthened by The Graces given by The Holy Spirit. It is impossible for us to resist our love for sin without God, but with God all things are possible including Holiness of Life, which is to “be perfect just as your Heavenly Father is perfect.” (Mt 5:48) *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

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.

Daily Mass Readings:

Nov 28: Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11; Ps 122:1-9
Nov 29: Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72:1,2,7,8,12,13,17; Luke 10:21-24
Nov 30: Romans 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Matthew 4:18-22
Dec 1: Isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8,9,19-27; Matthew 7:21,24-27
Dec 2: Isaiah 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13,14; Matthew 9:27-31
Dec 3: Isaiah 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:8
Dec 4: Is. 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Romans 15:4-9; Matt. 3:1-12

Ski with the Seminarians

Who: Catholic men 12 years of age & older
What: Mass, Skiing, Pizza, Prayer, Vocation stories

When: December 29th, 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Where: Begin & End at St. Lamberts Church/Ski at Great Bear Sioux Falls

How: \$40 Lift Ticket, Rentals (Ski/Board) & Supper

FREE if you have own ticket & equipment

Sign up online at www.sfvocations.com or call Fr. Shaun Haggerty @ 988-3772

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Nov. 28		No liturgy		
Tues., Nov. 29	7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Colman	† Dale/Dorothy Gust -----
Wed., Nov. 30	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† George Gebhart -----
Thur., Dec. 1	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	† Lucille Jensen
Fri., Dec. 2	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Colman	† Steve Evans -----
Sat., Dec. 3	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Anastasia Gebhart
Sun., Dec. 4	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Ethel Mongold

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SAT., DEC. 3

Lay Minister: Lisa Gebhart, Shari Myers
Lect./Comm.: Mary Remund, Bill Fargen
Altar Servers: Aiden Erickson, Billy Stuefen
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Peter McMahon Family
Ushers: Steve Erickson, Jerome Kirschenman

COLMAN ~ SUN., DEC. 4

Lay Minister: Maureen Baumberger, Ryan Zwart
 Ann Voelker
Lect/Comm: Pete Entringer
Altar Servers: Eli Bowen, Austin Gullickson
Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Ryan Zwart Family

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., DEC. 4

Lay Minister: Dave/Deb Feske
Lect./Comm.: Pat/Amy Weight
Altar Servers: Anna/Samuel Gassman,
 Jaelyn Gaspar, Caleb Dietrich
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling & Vince Klein Families
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

STS. SIMON & JUDE

K of C Meeting: Mon., Nov. 28 - 7:00 PM

Knights of Columbus First Sunday Meal:
 Dec. 4th after Mass, BBQ, Baked Beans, Chips,
 Fruit & Drink. Everyone is welcome.

Choir Practice: Sundays at 9:15 AM in the
 choir loft. New members welcome!

Quilting: Thursday - 8:30 AM in church basement.

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

CDA Gift Shoppe: We have a number of
 items including individual occasion cards, gift
 items, etc. **Newly arrived!** - Advent wreathes,
 candles, and children's Advent calendars.

Paint no longer needed is available. Check table
 in basement to see if you may have use for it.

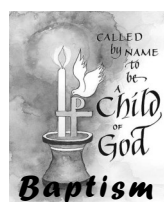
**"Sounds of Christmas" Performance at Abbey of
 the Hills - featuring the St. John's Boys' Choir**
 - Dec. 10 - Tickets at www.abbeyofthehills.com or
 605-398-9200

Christmas at the Cathedral Performance
 - Dec. 15, 16, 17, & 18
 Tickets at www.cfsd.org or 605.988.3765

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.

Advent Baby Shower: We invite you to
 participate in the 24th Annual Advent Baby
 Shower. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including
 clothing sized newborn to 12 months and drop
 off in the church entrance. These gifts will fill the
 needs of people in our parish, Catholic Family
 Services, foster homes, hospitals, domestic
 shelters and other ministries.

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
 Mary Holy Day of Obligation Masses**
 Wednesday, December 7 - 6:00 PM ~ Colman
 Thursday, December 8 - 5:30 PM ~ Elkton
 Thursday, December 8 - 7:30 PM ~ Flandreau



Welcome into our parish family:
OLGC: Rhett Fletcher Beck,
 son of Jared & Sidney (Weber) Beck.

St. Peter: Summitt Lynne Lee,
 daughter of Joshua & Abby (Hemmer) Lee.
 We pray for God's blessings and grace
 that they continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Intention of the Holy Father for December:
 That the scandal of child-soldiers may be
 eliminated the world over.

Nov. 20th
 Our
 Weekly Offering

Flandreau:
 \$2207
Elkton: \$
Colman: \$



"Let's not pretend that
 abortion isn't about
 the mass slaughter of
 innocents."
 Michael Aston