

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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Halloween; What is it?

The history goes back many centuries to the Celts in Europe, who were a pagan people who did not know The God of Israel or of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, so they worshipped many false gods. For the Celts, October 31st was believed to be a night when the divide between the physical and spiritual worlds thinned and the souls of the dead, along with goblins, witches and ghosts would come out, and summer time ended the next day on November 1st when the cold and dark of winter death began. Among the Celts was the learned class called the Druids, who governed the Celts; They were pagan priests, teachers and judges that are better known today as the builders of Stone Henge.

Part of their belief was that the light from large fires at night would drive away evil spirits because fire brought light into the darkness. In this practice, we can see that the Celts were aware of the presence of evil spirits in the world, as well as, their desire to be free from them, and this is exactly what Jesus Christ did as "The Light" that came into a dark world of sin/evil setting us free from every evil spirit by giving us The Divine Powers of Faith, Hope and Love to children of God by enlightening the darkness of our minds with the Truths of The Eternal, All-Powerful and Loving God. The pagan Celts would place an offering of food beyond the light of the fire, hoping to appease the evil spirits not to inflict evil upon them. They would put on grotesque masks and animal skulls in hopes of scaring away any evil spirits that were not interested in their offering of food, but one of the diabolic aspects of this pagan religious practice was the killing of human beings as a sacrificial offering to appease their god of the dead called Samhain.

In 43 AD, the pagan Roman Empire had conquered most of the lands of the Celts, who lived in Northern Europe, Britain and Ireland and outlawed the practice of human sacrifices. Later, in 312 AD during the Roman civil war at the battle of the Milvian Bridge near Rome, Constantine had a dream of the Cross of Jesus Christ, Whom Catholic Christians venerated, and the words came to him **"By this sign thou shalt conquer."** Constantine had the Sign of the Cross painted upon all the shields of his soldiers, and he was victorious. Constantine became the Emperor of Rome and accepted the Catholic Faith. Emperor Constantine wrote the Edict of Milan, which granted religious tolerance to Catholic Christians, and the pagan Roman Empire stopped persecuting Catholics and accepted the Catholic Faith. Emperor Constantine also gave land to build Catholic Churches. Catholicism became the primary religious belief of Rome, although many pagan Romans, who worshipped many gods were angered by this Catholic Faith.

In the year 837 AD, Pope Gregory IV transferred the feast of All The Martyrs from May 13th to November 1st in conjunction with the Celtic new year celebration. This Christian Feast originated during the Roman persecution of Catholic Christians. There were so many Catholics martyred for their belief in Jesus Christ that they could no longer be honored individually, so the Church created a feast day to honor their faith and belief in Jesus that empowered them to be faithful to our Lord while enduring terrible persecutions; from the loss of jobs, the confiscation of finances and property, imprisonment, slavery, torture and murder. The Feast of All Martyrs was a time to pray to Jesus to gain protection from evil, as well as, a remembrance and prayers for the dead through the intercessions of the martyred saints. This part of the Catholic Christian Faith made a connection with similar beliefs already held by the pagan Celts, who feared the evil spirits and the dead. This similarity of beliefs opened the Celts to receive further teaching about The Only Begotten Son of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who came to set us free from all evil spirits.

The night of October 31st and November 1st became known as Hallowed Eve (Hallowed = Holy and eve = evening), Holy Evening. November 2nd became known as All Souls Day, where Catholics traditionally went to the cemeteries in a special remembrance and prayer for the souls of the dead. **(Cont. on page 3)**



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30th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time
October
29
2017

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Oct. 30	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Oct. 31	7:00 PM	Mass (All Saints Day)	Colman	All Parishioners
Wed., Nov. 1	11:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:30 PM	Mass at Riverview Mass (All Saints Day) Mass (All Saints Day)	Flandreau Elkton	† Dolores Burggraff † Urban Schwebach † Patrick Frederiksen
Thur., Nov. 2	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- All Souls
Fri., Nov. 3	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Flandreau	----- † Henry Haman
Sat., Nov. 4	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	First Saturday Mass Mass	Flandreau Elkton	Conversion of Sinners All Parishioners
Sun., Nov. 5	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	St. Elizabeth CDA † Brad Bowen
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ WED., NOV. 1

Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Rich Frederiksen
Lect./Comm.: Bill Fargen, Mary Remund
Altar Servers: Andrew Landsman, Garrett Neill
Ushers: Rich Frederiksen, Dwight Gullickson

ELKTON ~ SAT., NOV. 4

Lay Minister: Sharon Landsman, Chris Myers
Lect./Comm.: Judy Kampmann, Lois Stuefen
Altar Servers: Abby Landsman, Aidan Owens
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mary Owens
Ushers: Rich Frederiksen, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ TUES., OCT. 31

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Betty Merges
Lect/Comm: Betty Merges
Altar Servers: Austin/Chandler Gullickson
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Judy Miles

COLMAN ~ SUN., NOV. 5

Lay Minister: Alice Berg, Doug Entringer
Maureen Baumberger
Lect/Comm: Paula Heinricy
Altar Servers: Jake/Jase Mousel
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Bob Heinricy Family

Reminder to fulfill CFSA pledges. Please place your pledge payments in an envelope, clearly marked as CFSA and drop into the weekly collection or mail to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

FLANDREAU ~ WED., NOV. 1

Lay Minister: Tom Stenger, Betty Groos, Susan Gross
Lect./Comm.: Reggie Gassman, John Evans (C)
Altar Servers: Ethan Hoffman,
Erin/James/Matthew Drietz
Ushers/Greeters: Jim/Jan Lahr, Gail Keating
Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., NOV. 5

Lay Minister: Libby Heinemann, Dave/Deb Feske
Lect./Comm.: Tom Luze, Les Heinemann (C)
Altar Servers: Anna/Samuel/Matthew Gassman,
Jaelyn Gaspar
Ushers/Greeters: Jim/Jan Lahr, Gail Keating
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

Daily Mass Readings:

Oct 30: Romans 8:12-17; Ps 68:2-7,20-21; Luke 13:10-17
Oct 31: Romans 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Luke 13:18-21
Nov 1: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12
Nov 2: Wisdom 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
Nov 3: Romans 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Luke 14:1-6
Nov 4: Romans 11:1-2,11-12,25-29; Ps 94:12-18; Luke 14:1,7-11
Nov 5: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1Thess 2:7-9,13;
Matthew 23:1-12



Propagation of the Faith: Thank you to all who have donated. **Envelopes** are still available in the church entrance or you may also use your own clearly marked envelope and drop into the collection within the next few weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

Oct. 22 nd Our Weekly Offering	 Elkton: \$956 Colman: \$6897 Flandreau: \$2752
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STS. SIMON & JUDE

No CCD class on Wed., Nov. 1; attend All Saints Mass as a family at 5:30 PM.

First Reconciliation / First Communion Parent Meeting: Nov. 12 following 10:30 Mass.

The CCD program is looking for donations of money and/or food for the snack and meal program offered to students on Wednesday evenings. K-6 is given a snack during their class time and 7-12 is offered a meal from 6:00-7:15 pm prior to the start of their class. Any questions contact Allison Hamilton 997-3158.

Quilting Thursdays - 8:30 AM in the church basement. Questions, call LaVonne Headrick 633-1739. Everyone is welcome!

Come see the elevator plans!

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Following the 10:30 Mass ~ Church Basement
Information about the elevator addition will be available. The committee will be on hand to answer your questions.

Enjoy a meal of sausage, gravy & biscuits served by the Knights of Columbus – Free will donation.
Reminder ~ Set your clock back one hour!

Hope to see you there!

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These traditional Catholic practices of going to the cemeteries and praying for the dead were quickly embraced by the Celts and the Druids who already had an understanding of the spirits and souls of dead. This teaching of the Catholic Faith helped to bring about the full conversion of these pagan Celt people by the faithful efforts of Catholic priests, monks, nuns and laity, who went to these pagan Celts to share The Catholic Faith with them. The Celts practiced these traditions on the eve of All Saints Day, and to light their way they lit candles placed in carved out pumpkins to protect the candles from being blown out by the wind. The pagan night of darkness and fear of evil became transformed to a Holy Night of Light and prayer to Jesus Christ for the protection from evil spirits and for the conversion of souls. Whether this day remains a Christian Holy Day in our time will depend on what we believe. Will we believe as the Christians or be afraid as the pagans?

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

CCD: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, gr. 1-12. This week we will bring the kids to the church at 7:15 for Mass. Parents can come with them or pick them up after Mass.

Operation Christmas Child: Our CCD has started accepting donations for Operation Christmas Child so if anyone would like to donate items, bring them to Sharon Landsman or contact her at 542-4434. **There can be no toothpaste and no candy.**

ST. PETER

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Necrology

Sts. Simon & Jude

Rose A. Holvig	12/02/2016
Thomas E. Jueschke	01/13/2017
Rita M. Walker	02/24/2017
Florence Mengenhauser	05/20/2017
Betty A. Kringen	05/30/2017
James L. Schmidt	06/22/2017
Henry E. Haman	10/07/2017
Frank E. Bunker	10/10/2017

St. Peter - No funerals

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Coretta Charitat	04/18/2017
Patrick J. Frederiksen	08/20/2017

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

All Saints Day ~ November 1st Holy Day of Obligation Masses

Colman - Tues., Oct. 31 - 7:00 PM

Flandreau - Wed., Nov. 1 - 5:30 PM

Elkton - Wed., Nov. 1 - 7:30 PM



November/December Mass Schedule

Elkton- Saturday at 5:00 PM

Colman - Sunday at 8:30 AM

Day of Recollection at The Abbey of the Hills: Tuesday, November 14th~10:00 AM-3:00 PM.

Join Fr. John Helmueller as he explores the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Lunch is included. Cost is a free will offering. Registration is required for meal planning purposes. Please register at www.abbeyofthehills.com

Grieving Loss During the Holidays: Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM, **Nov. 7 – Dec. 12** at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, SF. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register. Cost –Donation.

Living with Chronic Illness group. This is an educational supportive group that meets the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 PM, for those living with chronic illness **and** their care givers. Meets at Catholic Family Services 523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls. For more details please call CFS at 605-988-3775.

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC: January 17 - 21. The Diocese of Sioux Falls will be participating in the march and invites you to come along. The pilgrimage will include participation in the March, Catholic youth rally and some free time to visit sites at our Nation's Capital. Details at sfatholic.org/marchforlife

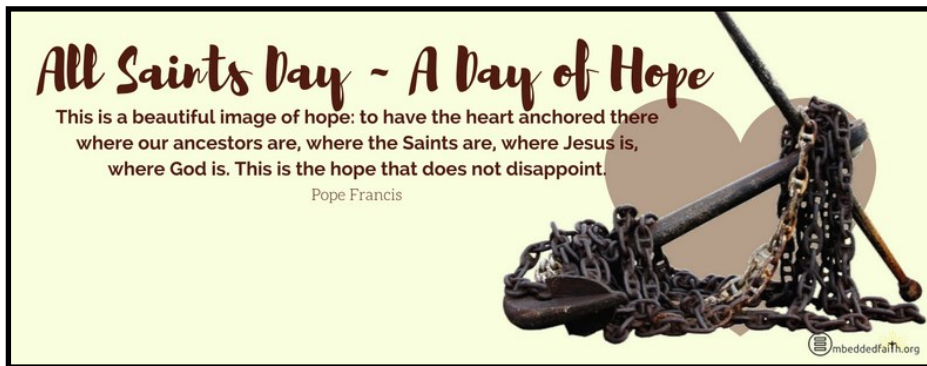
Intention of the Holy Father for November: That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

You are invited to one of this year's Catholic Conversations series hosted by Holy Name in Watertown, **Saturday, November 18th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.** Dr. Chris will provide insight into the rising number of people leaving the Church and what we can do to stop and even reverse it. For more information contact the Holy Name parish office. Come join the conversation!

Parish Mission at St Thomas in Madison: November 19-21, 7:00-8:00 pm nightly. There is no registration, Free will offering. Come for one night or two or all three! The speaker is nationally known author & speaker, Jon Leonetti. You may have heard him on Spirit Catholic Radio out of Nebraska or on EWTN TV and radio shows over the past few years.

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.

- Turkey Dinner:** Oct. 29, 11:00 - 1:30; St. George, Hartford, SD
- Soup Supper:** Oct. 29, 3:30 - 6:30; St. Joseph Parish at Taopi Hall, Colton, SD
- Turkey Dinner:** Nov. 5; St. Thomas More, Brookings; Serving at 11:00, 12:00 & 1:00
- Homemade Soup Supper:** Nov. 5, 4:30-7:00; St. Mary, Dell Rapids, SD



Father Flood



What is Your Identity? Vocations Director, Fr. Shaun Haggerty will be taking men 16 years of age or older to visit different seminaries. This is a great time to consider God's call for you, along with having a lot of fun and fellowship. There will be prayer, college classes, great food, sports, hanging out with priests, etc. See if you are to be a priest!
St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul, MN ~ Nov 16th - Nov 18th
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN ~ Dec 2nd - Dec 4th
HOW CAN I GO? Cost is Free, Go to www.sf vocations.com