

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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Marijuana Use:

What are the reasons for people to use Marijuana? Some use it for medical reasons, but by far the majority uses it for the sole purpose of getting high. Do the benefits outweigh the problems of marijuana use? For people who have legitimate illnesses, there are chemicals found in marijuana called cannabinoids, that can treat or ease the suffering of some illnesses. There are 100 different cannabinoids found in marijuana: cannabidiol (CBD) is used for severe childhood epilepsy; another called tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), shows some evidence of increasing the effectiveness of radiation in killing some cancer cells and potential benefits in numerous other treatments, however, it also happens to be the mind altering chemical in marijuana. When marijuana is used as a medicine for legitimate therapeutic purposes, it is a good. Marijuana still needs to be regulated by a licensed physician to prescribe therapeutic dosages to avoid the abuses of the drug. The FDA has approved these chemicals found in marijuana in a pill form called dronabinol and nabilone, however, the therapeutic effects are still being studied. The pill form avoids the some of the negative effects of smoke, such as, COPD, cancer causing effects, not to mention the pungent odor. However, illegal manufacturing of the THC into aerosol, liquid, paste or pill forms poses serious health risks psychologically and physically and spiritually. Statistics show that 10% of marijuana users become addicted.

The difference between “drug use” and “medicinal use” of a chemical is basically the type and amount of chemical that is used. In a nutshell, chemicals either stimulate or sedate in the human body. Medicinal use takes moderate amounts of a chemical, referred to as “therapeutic levels” that treat illnesses or reduce the symptoms of illnesses. Drug use takes excessive amounts of a chemical to stimulate or sedate the brain to experience euphoria, intoxication, or “the high”, which impairs a person’s ability to think clearly and respond rationally. The danger is when we intentionally seek to alter our conscious state of mind, we become debilitated and less free to think rationally. Such altered levels of cognition result in irrationally bad decisions based on a false perception of reality. Some of the negative psychological effects of marijuana generally result in forms of isolation that stem from altered states of over confidence, superiority and lethargy; to paranoid levels of fear that lead to anxiety and depression. Some of the negative physical effects are: reduced brain development resulting in lower IQs, this is primarily seen among teenagers because their brains are still in the process of developing; This dynamic also occurs in the babies of pregnant women. There are numerous other physical and psychological problems, which can be found in the websites listed below.

Whenever we become dependent upon anything or anyone other than God, we lose some of our personal freedom, and become spiritually unhealthy. Our Lord wants us to live in The Freedom that God gives us as His children free from evil things rather abusing our freedom to do evil things. Immoral words and actions will always harm ourselves and other people. When our perception of reality is reduced and altered, then we diminish our ability to rationally respond in an appropriate way to the situations circumstances in life. Any state of drug induced condition, be it alcohol, marijuana or other, will have the same debilitating effects. In the Bible, God condemns drunkenness, (1 Cor 6:10; Gal. 5:21;) because drunkenness or any form of intoxication is a deliberate choice to reduce our ability to think rationally and perceive the reality around us correctly. This impaired level of consciousness leads to misguided and bad decisions that can have devastating effects in the life of the inebriated person, as well as, the people who suffer from the bad decisions of intoxicated human beings. God wants us to avoid such evils and that is why He condemns the human actions that inflict so much pain and suffering upon people.

Pope Francis has denounced the legalization of drugs and the trend of offering addicts narcotics as a substitute for harder drugs. “Drug addiction is an evil, and with evil there can be no yielding or compromise,” ... “Here I would reaffirm what I have stated on another occasion: No to every type of drug use. ... But to say this no, ‘one has to say ‘yes’ to life, ‘yes’ to love, ‘yes’ to others, ‘yes’ to education, ‘yes’ to greater job opportunities. If we say ‘yes’ to all these things, there will be no room for illicit drugs, for alcohol abuse, for other forms of addiction.” (International Drug Enforcement Conference in Rome, 6-20-15.)

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

Sources of the above information and for a much more in depth level of knowledge and understanding go to the websites:

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/legalizing-pot-erodes-communities-and-laws-panel-warns-92053/>

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana>

<http://www.drugfreeworld.org/drugfacts/marijuana/the-harmful-effects.html>

<http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/marijuana-medicine>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3442177/>

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Sept. 7	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
Tues., Sept. 8	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Special Intention
	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Wed., Sept. 9	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† A. Gebhart (healing)
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
Thur., Sept. 10	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., Sept. 11	7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Elkton	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Colman	-----
	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	All Parishioners
Sat., Sept. 12	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Neva Luze
Sun., Sept. 13	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Mabel Heinemann

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

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., SEPT. 12

Lay Minister: Mary Sweeney, Maureen Baumberger
Rose Shoenrock

Lect./Comm.: Paula Heinricy

Altar Servers: Carter Schmidt, Ava Mousel

Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bill Miles Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., SEPT. 13

Lay Minister: Chris Myers, Lisa Gebhart

Lect/Comm: Bill Fargen, Ervin Gebhart

Altar Servers: Brandon/Billy Stuefen

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Chuck Hegerfeld Family

Ushers: Cory Stuefen, Rich Frederiksen

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., SEPT. 13

Lay Minister: John Hess, Jean McGlone,
Libby Heinemann

Lect./Comm.: Paul & Jessica Lewis

Altar Servers: Matthew/Erin/James Drietz,
Grace Johanson

Ushers/Greeters: John/Sharon Duncan, Dave/Kris Johnson

Sacristan: Carol Parsley

Intention of the Holy Father for September:

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

Daily Mass Readings:

Sept 7: Colossians 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-9; Luke 6:6-11

Sept 8: Micah 5:1-4; Ps 13:6; Matthew 1:1-23

Sept 9: Colossians 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3,10-13; Luke 6:20-26

Sept 10: Colossians 3:12-17; Ps 150:1-6; Luke 6:27-38

Sept 11: 1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14; Ps 16:1-11; Luke 6:39-42

Sept 12: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Luke 6:43-49

Sept 13: Isaiah 50:4-9; Ps 116:1-9; James 2:14-18;

Mark 8:27-35

Young Adult Retreat: Young adults (ages 21-40) are invited to a weekend of prayer, community, and fun October 2-4 at Broom Tree Retreat Center! The retreat begins Friday at 7:30 pm and ends Sunday at 11:00 am. Cost is \$115 for a double room or \$175 for a single. All meals provided. Don't miss this wonderful retreat – invite a friend! Contact Mary Andersen at 988-3766 or mandersen@sfcatholic.org with any questions. To register, please go to: <http://www.sfcatholic.org/AdultFormation>

Prayer Intentions: Pam Rorvik-Albers will be leaving for a pilgrimage to Rome with Cross Catholic Outreach on Sept. 12th. If you have prayer intentions that you would like for her to take along, please call her at 997-3718, 530-8665, or email prorvikalbers@gmail.com

New Web Address to find Parish Bulletins on-line: <http://www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish>

 <p>Aug. 30th Our Weekly Offering</p>	<p>Flandreau: \$2138 Elkton: \$1180 Colman: \$570</p>
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ST. PETER

Altar Society Meeting: Tues., Sept. 8 - 7:00 PM in the parish hall. We will discuss the fall parish dinner and some other misc. items.

Needed: Religious Education Teachers who would be willing to help teach the High School class. Please contact Joy 864-8113.

Needed - Director of Religious Education: Call Fr. Doug at 997-2610.

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Dinner-Sept. 27th.

Religious Education Classes begin Wed., Sept. 9th; 6:00 for elementary; 7:00 for HS.

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

“All in God’s Plan” will be held in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, September 17, 6:15 P.M. at St. Michael’s Parish. “All in God’s Plan” is a program for Mothers & Daughters and Fathers & Sons to come together in separate gender sessions to learn age appropriate information about human sexuality, human development, and chastity formation. For more information and to register visit: www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife, or call 988-3755.

Since the Lord has called us to do great things
... we are greatly bound to bless and praise God.
—St. Clare of Assisi

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Religious Education Classes will begin on Wed., Sept. 9th - 6:30 PM.

Guild Officers Needed: Looking for someone, male or female, to fill the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer beginning January 2016. If anyone is interested in a position please contact Nancy (542-2063).

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Dinner-Oct. 18th.



Please pray for **Lindsey Weber & Adam Steffes** who will be married on September 12th.

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First Wednesday Night CCD for K-12: September 9th at 6:00 PM at the CCD Center, followed by mass at 6:15, dismissed after mass, parents please join us if you can! First night of regular CCD class will be September 16th, 5:45-7:00 PM for K-6, 7:15-8:30 PM for 7-12.

First Sunday Meal: September 6th after mass, join us for a meal of hamburger hotdish.

Bible Study: There will be an evening women's bible study starting up in September. If you are interested please contact Amy Weight. Amy.Weight@k12.sd.us or 605-651-0095. We will pick an evening once we see who all is interested.

Bible Study: Fridays at 10:30 AM. Call Tonya at 864-1538 for more information. Everyone is invited.



Welcome into the parish family:
Reed Steven Christenson,
son of Daron & Jesselyn.

We pray for God's blessings and grace that they continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Discovering Your Gifts and Putting them to Use for the Kingdom: When we were baptized and confirmed, God gave each of us gifts – literally, superpowers! – that are meant to be used to build up His Kingdom. But what are the gifts we've each been given, and how do we use them? **To answer those questions,** a Called & Gifted workshop – sponsored by the Office of Adult Discipleship & Evangelization and led by a team from the Catherine of Siena Institute – will be held this fall at St. Michael's Parish in Sioux Falls on **September 11th and 12th.** Lunch will be provided. There will be an opportunity for a free will offering. **So save the date!!** For more information and to register for this amazing workshop visit our website: www.sfcatholic.org/adultformation. Feel free to call Mary Andersen at 605-988-3766 or (mandersen@sfcatholic.org) with any questions.

CFSA Pledge Reminder: 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!



FALL. IN LOVE. AGAIN.
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
SEPTEMBER 11-13 ~ IRENE, SD
SDWWME.org (605)362-0924

Its Back to School Time! Vacations, family reunions, and summer camps are almost over—its been busy! Have you had a chance this summer to grow in your relationship with your spouse and God? Turn your heart and mind to your spouse, and dedicate a weekend to knowing your lover on a deeper level by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at Broomtree Retreat Center **Sept. 11-13.** Go to wwme.org to register, or call Dawn/John Elsinger at 362-0924.

Guest Day Salad Luncheon at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Flandreau; **September 10** at Noon; All women are welcome; Craig Severtson will be talking about his involvement in "Helping Kids Round First Base" to help the people of Nicaragua.

Grieving the Loss From Homicide- Sept.22-Oct.27, a six week program held every Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. 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 Sioux Falls. To register or questions call 988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org

Holy Land pilgrimage this fall: Fr. Michael Wensing is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land **Oct 29-Nov 6.** You may call Peter's Way (the Tour agent) at 1-800-225 7662 for more information. The trip is limited to 50. Ask for Amy Choi, the tour planner. Flights are to and from Sioux Falls.

The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide-Session begins Wednesday, September 9th at St Mary School, 2001 S. 5th Ave, Sioux Falls. Sessions are held Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Margi at Catholic Family Services, 988-3775 mculhane@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

Children's Grief Program NEW!! Children's grief program **"Seeing Through the Rain"** by Mary Weber begins **Thursday September 10th** through October 15, from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls. This six-week program is designed for children according to their age and specific loss. To register for this program or for more information contact Catholic Family Services **988-3775**. Second session of "Seeing Through the Rain" will be October 29 - December 10.

Chicken Supper: Sept. 13; 4:00 - 6:30 PM; St. Joseph, Jasper, MN

Father Flood



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 6, 2015

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OFFICE HOURS: WED., THUR., & FRI. 9:00-4:00

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