

# Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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c/o Sts. Simon & Jude



## The Marian Apparitions at Fatima (part I) Apparitions of the Angel at Fatima:

In rural Portugal of 1916, it was normal to see children leading their family flocks to pasture. This is what the children of the Marto and Santos families, cousins all: Lucia Santos, Francisco Marto and his sister Jacinta. They gladly undertook this chore, and would take their families few sheep to graze on small plots of land owned by their parents in different parts of the mountainous plateau on which the village of Fátima was located and the village of Aljustrel, where the children lived. Two favorite grazing areas were near an outcropping called Loca do Cabeco (Place of the Head) and the Cova da Iria (Cove of Irene) at some distance beyond Fátima.

### First Apparition of the Angel:

In the spring of 1916 Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, first encountered the heavenly messenger. Lucia tells of that first meeting in her memoirs: "We went on that occasion to my parents' property, which is at the bottom of the Cabeco ((*pronounced: Ka-base -oh*)), facing east. It is called Chousa Velha. About the middle of the morning it began to drizzle and we climbed up the hill, followed by our sheep, in search of a rock that would shelter us. And so it was that we entered for the first time into that blessed place. It is in the middle of an olive grove that belongs to my godfather, Anastacio. From there one can see the village where I was born, my father's house, and also Casa Velha and Eira da Pedra. The olive grove, which really belongs to several people, extends as far as these places.

We spent the day there, in spite of the fact that the rain had stopped and the sun was shining in a clear sky. We ate our lunch and began to say the Rosary. After that we began to play a game with pebbles. We had only been at it a few moments when a strong wind began to shake the trees and we looked up to see what was happening, since it was such a calm day. And then we began to see, in the distance, above the trees that stretched to the east, a light whiter than snow in the form of a young man, quite transparent, and as brilliant as crystal in the rays of the sun. As he came near we were able to see his features. We were astonished and absorbed and we said nothing to one another. And then he said: "**Do not be afraid. I am the angel of peace. Pray with me.**" He knelt, bending his forehead to the ground. With a supernatural impulse we did the same, repeating the words we heard him say: "**My God, I**

**believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.**" After repeating this prayer three times the angel rose and said to us: "**Pray in this way. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are ready to listen to you.**" And he disappeared. He left us in an atmosphere of the supernatural that was so intense we were for a long time unaware of our own existence. The presence of God was so powerful and intimate that even among ourselves we could not speak. On the next day, too, this same atmosphere held us bound, and it lessened and disappeared only gradually. None of us thought of talking about this apparition or any pledge of secrecy. We were locked in silence without having willed it."

The intense effect that the apparition of the Angel had on the children, quite different from the more serene experience of the Virgin the following year. Lucia states, "I don't know why, but the apparitions of our Lady produced in us effects quite different from the angel's visitations. We felt in both instances the same intimate happiness, peace and joy, but instead of the physical prostration the angel imposed, our Lady brought a feeling of expansion and freedom; and instead of this annihilation in the divine presence, we wished only to exult in our joy. There was no difficulty of speech when our Lady appeared; there was rather on my part a desire to communicate.

This difference can perhaps be explained in this way. The angels of whatever choir share in common with God a spiritual nature, unmixed with matter. The goodness of their being, filled with the divine justice according to the degree of glory granted to each, radiates that holiness unmediated, though proportioned to the capacity of human beings to experience it. Not without reason, Scripture shows how easily an angel appearing to men can be confused with God Himself (Rev 19:10, 22:9). When our Lady appears, however, although her glory is greater than that of the highest seraphim her human nature cloaks that glory in the familiar, just as did Our Lord's human nature, even after the Resurrection.

Although the angels, too, can appear in more mundane fashion, it must have suited the divine purposes to reveal to the children something of the holiness of God. Lucia tells us of the lingering effect it had on them. "His words sank so deeply into our minds that we never forgot them, and ever after we used to spend long periods on our knees repeating them, sometimes until we fell down exhausted. ([www.ewtn.com/fatima/apparitions/angel1.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/fatima/apparitions/angel1.htm))

*Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
<b>Mon., Sept. 14</b>	7:30 AM 7:45 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton	----- -----
<b>Tues., Sept. 15</b>	7:30 AM 7:45 AM	Mass Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau Elkton	† Lloyd Fields -----
<b>Wed., Sept. 16</b>	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† A. Gebhart (healing)
<b>Thur., Sept. 17</b>	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Colman	----- All Parishioners
<b>Fri., Sept. 18</b>	7:45 AM 9:00 AM	Prayer/Communion Service Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton Flandreau	----- dec. CDA Members
<b>Sat., Sept. 19</b>	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
<b>Sun., Sept. 20</b>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass (retired priest) Mass	Elkton Aurora Flandreau	† Lloyd Fields All Parishioners † Frances Loiseau
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

#### **COLMAN ~ SAT., SEPT. 19**

**Lay Minister:** Betty Merges, Jerry Hemmer,  
Doug Entringer  
**Lect./Comm.:** Carter Schmidt  
**Altar Servers:** Monte Berg, Eli Bowen  
**Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters:** Arlen Schmuck, Judy Miles

#### **ELKTON ~ SUN., SEPT. 20**

**Lay Minister:** Donna Bumann, JoAnn Heesch  
**Lect./Comm:** Judy Kampmann, Chris Myers  
**Altar Servers:** Makayla Neill, Aiden Erickson  
**Greeters/Gift Bearers:** Fred Hegerfeld Family  
**Ushers:** Cory Stuefen, Rich Frederiksen

#### **FLANDREAU ~ SUN., SEPT. 20**

**Lay Minister:** Rita Parsley, Bev Minor, Jim Redder  
**Lect./Comm.:** Margie Powers, Marty Parsley (C)  
**Altar Servers:** Sam/John/Anna Gassman, Jaelyn Gaspar  
**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.

### **Pray for Life with Bishop Paul J. Swain**

by Planned Parenthood on 41<sup>st</sup> Street

**12:00 Noon - September 15th**

Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> Our Weekly Offering 	<b>Flandreau: \$2137</b> <b>Elkton: \$1302</b> <b>Colman: \$1090</b>
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### Daily Mass Readings:

Sept 14: Numbers 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-2,34-38;  
Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Sept 15: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-6; John 19:25-27

Sept 16: 1 Timothy 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Luke 7:31-35

Sept 17: 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Luke 7:36-50

Sept 18: 1 Timothy 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10,17-20; Luke 8:1-3

Sept 19: 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Luke 8:4-15

Sept 20: Wisdom 2:12,17-20; Ps 54:3-8; James 3:16-4:3;  
Mark 9:30-37.

**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](mailto:mandersen@sfcatholic.org) with any questions. To register, please go to: <http://www.sfcatholic.org/AdultFormation>

“Dr. Stevens, if you had believed in physician-assisted suicide, I wouldn't be here. You didn't give up on me, and you didn't abandon me, and that's why I'm still here. ...These are the kind of doctors we need; they give you hope when your hope is gone.”

—Jeanette Hall in “Jeanette's Story: 15 Years Later,” a 3-minute video available at [www.bit.ly/JeanettesStory](http://www.bit.ly/JeanettesStory) (sought assisted suicide, but was inspired by her doctor to consider treatment)

## ST. PETER

**Religious Education Classes:** Wednesdays 6:00 PM for elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.

**Tri-Parish Confirmation meeting for parents and students** at 7:00 PM, on Wed., Sept. 16th at Sts. Simon & Jude church basement.

**Needed: Religious Education Teachers** who would be willing to help teach the High School class. Please contact Fr. Doug 997-2610.

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

### **St. Peter Parish Roast Beef Dinner**

Sunday, September 27

Serving 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 and Children 10 & Under is \$3  
Country Store – Kid's Games – Chance Drawing

If anyone would like to donate a chance drawing gift please contact Bonnie Hemmer.

Father Bill Osborn will say Mass at 10:00 AM.  
(This Mass is in addition to the Sat. night Mass).



**Wedding  
Banns**

Please pray for **Alicia Merges & Britt Haroldson** who will be married on Sept. 26.

**Read our parish bulletins on-line:**  
[www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish](http://www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish)

## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

**Religious Education Classes:** Wed.-6:30 PM.  
**Tri-Parish Confirmation meeting for parents and students** at 7:00 PM, on Wed., Sept. 16th at Sts. Simon & Jude church basement.

**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.



Congratulations to **Adam & Lindsey (Weber) Steffes** who were married this weekend.

## STS. SIMON & JUDE

**CCD (Religious Education):** Wednesdays 5:45-7:00 PM for K-6, 7:15-8:30 PM for 7-12.

**Tri-Parish Confirmation meeting:** for freshman and sophomore students and 1 parent also needs to attend, Wed., Sept. 16th at 7:00 PM in the church basement

**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](mailto: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 invited.

**The annual CDA Fall Bazaar** will be held Sunday, October 4 2015 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Meal and raffle tickets will be available at the back of the church before and after mass beginning this weekend or from any Catholic Daughter member. The day of the event there will be country store and bakery items for sale as well as tickets for Chinese auction baskets. Mark your calendars for this yearly event!



Welcome into the parish family:  
**Adan Zahir Sotelo Madrid,**  
son of Adan & Heydy.

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

**"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](http://www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife), or call 988-3755.

**New Resources Available for Those Struggling with Pornography.** Are you or a loved one trying to quit pornography? There is help and confidential assistance available, including prayers, counseling, testimonies, and a "10 Practical Steps to Quitting Pornography" handout. To learn more visit [www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife](http://www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife) or call 988-3755.

**40 Days for Life:** Beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup> and running through November 1st there will be prayer vigils held outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 6511 W. 41st St. in Sioux Falls. This will be a peaceful time of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and increased respect for human life from the time of conception. To sign up for prayer times please call/text Cathy Crisp (605) 940-4650, or email Cathy Crisp at [fortydaysforlifefsf@outlook.com](mailto:fortydaysforlifefsf@outlook.com) and she will get you signed up.

**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](mailto:cfs@sfcatholic.org)

**“Diocesan Youth Hunt” to be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015, at Broom Tree Youth and Family Camp, Irene, SD.** The Youth Hunt is a great way to celebrate faith, family, and tradition in the context of responsible stewardship for God's creation. There will be opportunities for prayer, fellowship, education, and all the excitement surrounding a hunt, including family fun activities for non-hunting family members. For more information and to register visit [www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife](http://www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife) or call 605-988-3755.

**Respect Life Fall Conference to be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015.** The Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life is hosting a conference entitled “Building a Culture of Life through the Family” at Immaculate Conception Parish, Watertown. There will be opportunities for prayer, presentations and fellowship in strengthening a culture of life by building strong families. A flyer with a schedule of events is available online at [www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife](http://www.sfcatholic.org/RespectLife), or call 988-3755 for more information.

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

**Parish Dinner:** Sept. 20; 11:00-2:00; St. Mary, Dell Rapids, SD

**Roast Beef Dinner:** Sept. 27; 11:00-1:00, St. Peter, Colman

**Broom Tree Retreats**

For more information or to register please call (605) 263-1040, email [broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:broomtree@sfcatholic.org) or check website at [www.broom-tree.org](http://www.broom-tree.org)

**Day of Recollection - Sept. 15th, 10-3:00:**

**Our Lady of Sorrows: Faith, Hope & Love at the Foot of the Cross,** Directed by Father Andrew Dickinson

**Day of Recollection - October 13th, 10-3:00:**

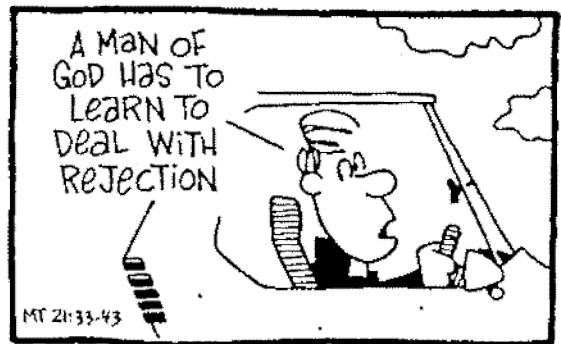
**Living The Parables that Laugh and Weep,** Directed by Father Al Krzyzopolski

**Women’s Silent Retreat:** Sept. 17-20, Oct. 22-25, Nov. 5-8;

**Men’s Silent Retreat:** Sept. 24-27, Nov. 19-22

**No Sunday TV Mass on October 4:** Contractual obligations will prevent KELO TV from airing the Sunday TV Mass on October 4th.

Father Flood



**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 13, 2015**

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