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Non-Negotiables in Christianity and Voting:

I can not fully address the issue of good and evil in such a limited article, but I will attempt to lay out particular principles to avoid evil.

When it comes to the Christian Faith there are certain things that we simply can not do if we want to be Christian. If we choose to commit or promote the things that God says are evil, then we can NOT claim to be children of God, "for nothing evil can enter the presence of God." (Rev 21:27). As Christians, we can repent of our evil by going to Confession and be forgiven if we make a full act of our will and desire not to commit that evil again. If not, we do not receive forgiveness of our evil thoughts, words and actions. To define evil we must go back to the things that God tells us to avoid. Before the Original Sin, everything was good and in the properly ordered condition of perfection. After the Original Sin, everything is in a disordered condition of evil, including human beings. God gave these law-less human beings The Ten Commandments to guide people to do good and to avoid evil.

If we do not accept as evil, the things that God tells us to avoid, then we will begin to rationalize and justify evil in our thoughts, words, and actions. When we have accepted evil as good, then we set ourselves against God and will condemn God Himself as evil, along with His Catholic church, and the Catholics and other Christians who uphold the Truths of God.

It is always evil to murder an innocent human being. We see this in the 5th Commandment, and repeatedly throughout the scriptures in different ways, especially, with regards to putting children to death. In Mt 5:21, Jesus tells us "You have heard what was said to people long ago, do not murder, but I tell you that anyone who is angry is liable to judgement." (Mt 5:21) Not only are we not to kill, but we are not to be angry with another human being, because Jesus makes anger equal to murder. This is why the Catholic Church teaches that anger is the first and worst of the 7 deadly sins, because anger kills God's Love in us. If we do not have God's Love, then we will not listen to Jesus, "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," (Mt. 5:45). If we do not have God's Love within us, then we will yield to the evil of anger and hate that has been inflicted upon us, and we will begin to inflict that evil upon others as retribution in a rationalized form of human justice. Abortion, embryonic stem cell research and human cloning are all forms of murdering innocent human beings at the earliest stages of life. Euthanasia is also murder as it is an intentional form of deliberately killing a human being, whether it is another person or oneself through suicide. It is murder, and that opposes God's Love and Mercy.

When there is not a candidate supporting all of the Christian moral principles, then you can choose the candidate who supports less immoral positions or is least likely to promote immoral legislation, especially, those of the most 'non-negotiables.'

Some politicians say that they are evolving in their Christianity or say that we need to change what we believe as Christians. But what they are in fact telling you is that they are evolving into evil or that we should change our Christian ways and commit evil.

Some people say that when considering other political issues, such as social welfare, insurance or environment that we can justify our support for a candidate who promotes killing. However, if another person has the right to kill you, you have no rights or privileges because you do not have the right to life. That is why the issue of murder outweighs all other social or environmental issues. Intentional killing, or rather, murder is a human action that will keep you out of Heaven, if you do not repent of that evil. (See: 1 Cor 6:9-10, Gal 5:19-21, Eph 5:5-6, Rev 22:15).

We are always striving to promote the common good in society, according to The Will of God, and we also need to vote according to our conscience. These non-negotiables are an attempt to inform you of some evils in order to develop a well-formed conscience, which is necessary to be more fully converted to The Divine Will of God, which opposes every type of evil in all of its forms.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 25, 2016

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Sept. 26	7:30 AM	Prayer/Communion Service	Flandreau	-----
Tues., Sept. 27	7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Mass Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Flandreau Colman	Steve Evans (health) -----
Wed., Sept. 28	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass (Fr. Osborn)	Elkton Colman	† George Gebhart -----
Thur., Sept. 29	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	† Rich Johnston
Fri., Sept. 30	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	Special Intention
Sat., Oct. 1	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	† Richard & Garland Mengenhauser
Sun., Oct. 2	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	All Parishioners † Urban Schwebach
Confessions are scheduled 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., OCT. 1

Lay Minister: Jerry Hemmer, Rose Shoenrock,
Mary Gengler

Lect/Comm: Alice Berg

Altar Servers: Presley Luze, Kennedi Landis

Gift Bearers/Usher/Greeters: Bill Miles Family

ELKTON ~ SUN., OCT. 2

Lay Minister: Sharon Landsman, Shari Myers

Lect./Comm.: Lois Stuefen, Chris Myers

Altar Servers: Billy Stuefen, Aiden Erickson

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Judy Kampmann

Ushers: Rich Frederiksen, Dwight Gullickson

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., OCT. 2

Lay Minister: Betty Groos, Dave/Deb Feske

Lect./Comm.: Marty Parsley, Kris Johnson (C)

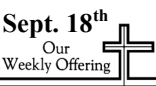
Altar Servers: Madeline/Libby Hursey

Ted/Toby Taylor

Ushers/Greeters: Jim/Jan Lahr, Don Duncan

Sacristan: Carol Parsley

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: \$2244;
	Flood Relief: \$494
	Elkton: \$1071;
	Flood Relief: \$158
Colman: \$1026; Flood Relief: \$297	
Flood Relief Donations may still be made, place in a clearly marked envelope & drop into the regular collection.	

Daily Mass Readings:

Sept 26: Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-7; Luke 9:46-50

Sept 27: Job 3:1-3,11-23; Ps 88:2-8; Luke 9:51-56

Sept 28: Job 9:1-16; Ps 88:10-15; Luke 9:57-62

Sept 29: Daniel 7:9-14; Ps 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

Sept 30: Job 38:1,12-21, 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-14; Luke 10:13-16

Oct 1: Job 42:1-6,12-17; Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130;

Luke 10:17-24

Oct 2: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14;

Luke 17:5-10

*Mark
Your
Calendar!*

Mass Times for October 16th:

Flandreau ~ Mass at 8:30 AM

Elkton ~ Mass at 10:30 AM

Intention of the Holy Father for October:

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

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 elementary; 7:00 PM for HS.

OLGC: 6:30 PM - all grades; Meal served at 5:30.

Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th – 6:30 PM at SS&J, Flandreau

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Needed: Co-teacher for grades 9-12: will co-teach with Mr. Weight in our Lifeteen Program.



**Court Our Lady of Peace #1708
Annual Fall Bazaar
Sunday, October 2nd ~ 11:00 - 1:30
Sts. Simon and Jude Basement**

Meal and raffle tickets are available for purchase in the back of the church and from CDA members.

Please join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Bell Choir Practice every Wednesday

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

40 Days of Prayer for our Country & Election

Starts on September 30th. Sign up sheets are in the back of church. Please participate by signing up for a few or all of the 40 days. Thank you. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

Cemetery: Due to a misunderstanding, the cemetery was cleared of all flower pots, decorations, ornaments, etc. The items removed (other than faded artificial flowers) have been placed by the information center; you are asked to stop by to retrieve your items. We apologize for hurting or upsetting anyone by this mistake. If you have questions, please call Marty Parsley (864-8194).

KC Meeting: Mon., Sept. 26 - 7:00 PM.

Offering Envelopes: A few boxed sets remain in the back of church to be picked up. If there is not a box with your name, please contact the office (997-2610).

Bible Study: Fridays at 10:30 AM at Tonya Pavlis home 864-1538.

No TV Mass October 2: The Sunday TV Mass will not air on Sunday, October 2 due to KELO-TV contractual obligations to the network. The Sunday TV Mass will resume as usual on October 9.

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in SS&J Parish Basement.

Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class to sign-up and give baptismal information.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Fall Roast Beef Dinner - Sun., Oct. 16th
Notice time of Mass ~ Elkton Mass at 10:30;
~ Flandreau Mass at 8:30 AM.

Guild Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 25th at 7:00 PM.
Final plans for the fall dinner will be discussed.

Elkton Cemetery Corporation Perpetual Care
CD will be renewing. Anyone wishing to donate at this time, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be sent to Bankstar Financial, Chuck Hegerfeld, 124 Elk Street, Elkton SD 57026. Also, please remember the cemetery in your will.

ST. PETER

Ministry Calendars are on the table in back of church. Please pick up your copy as they will not be mailed. Thank you.

Fall 40 Days of Life: Sept. 28 – Nov. 6. Betty Merges will be praying at the abortion clinic on Fridays and would welcome anyone who wishes to ride along (534-3634).

Make A Difference Day is October 22. The Colman Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a food drive for the Moody County Breadbasket. Items needed are: chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom soup, canned vegetable, muffin mixes, spaghetti/noodles, and paper products. There will be collection boxes in the back of church and parish hall. Thank you for considering donating items to the Moody County Breadbasket. Thank You!



Welcome into the parish family to
Jesse & Nicole Larson
and **Hailey, Caleb, Seth, & Tage.**

NFP CLASSES AVAILABLE: Did you know that couples from our diocese are teaching Natural Family Planning in person and through online courses that couples can take in the comfort of their own home? Visit the "Natural Family Planning" page of the OMFRL website and click on "Scheduled Classes" to see a listing of available classes.

"All in God's Plan" will be held in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at St Michael Parish @ 6:15 PM. "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 605-988-3755.

Diocesan Youth Hunt: Sat., Oct. 1st at Abbey of the Hills, near Marvin, 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 or 988-3755.

Consider being a deacon: A new class is beginning in September 2017 for those men interested in becoming Permanent Deacons. If you feel called to the diaconate or know someone who may be interested, please contact Deacon Roger R Heidt, 988-3715 or rheidt@sfcatholic.org.

Avera Cancer Institute Navigation Center: A service dedicated to providing personalized assistance and support to anyone affected by cancer. Avera.org/navigationcenter Call 322-3211 or 888-422-1410 or with any question any time.

St. George hosting pro-life event: St. George Catholic Parish together with Hartford/Humboldt Right to Life is hosting Mary Ann Kuharski, **Sunday, September 25, 3:30 – 5:30 PM.** at the parish. The free event includes refreshments sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, praise and worship music courtesy of Central Valley Community Church and a testimony by a Truth4Youth speaker who shares her experience with abortion and her powerful conversion having undergone such trauma. Kuharski, a wife, mother, author, and foundress of Pro-Life Across America, concludes the event. Contact Brittney at dre@stgeorgehartford.com or 605-528-3902 with questions.

Respect Life Sunday Life Chain Event in Madison: October 2, 2016 - Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Let's band together to help build a culture of life!

1:30 pm- may begin picking up signs at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, southwest parking lot, for use during Life Chain. Parking is available at the Washington Plaza (strip mall across from Lewis Drug)—please park on either the EAST SIDE or the SOUTH/SOUTHWEST area of the building, avoiding any parking spots at the 2nd Street Diner.

2:00-3:00pm—peaceful witness and prayer in Life Chain.

3:00-3:30pm—return signs to St. Thomas Aquinas Church basement; following the Life Chain, refreshments will be served during a time of fellowship for Life Chain participants.

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

~ **Children's Grief Program** NEW!! Directed by Mary Weber begins Thursday **October 6th**, 5:30pm-7:30 PM at Catholic Family Services. This 4-week program is designed for children according to their age and specific loss.

~ **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat – October 14-16, Strictly Confidential.** A safe, loving, non-judgmental environment. Open to *men, women, mothers, fathers, grandparents* who have been affected by abortion. Non-denominational. Sponsored by Catholic Family Services.

~ **One Day Retreat for Grieving the Loss of a Loved One** Saturday October 22, 2016 from 10:00 am-3:00pm at **Abbey of the Hills, Marvin, SD** Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This retreat is for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. Non-denominational and is offered free of charge.

~ **One Day Grief Retreat for 11-17 year olds** Sunday, October 23, 4:00-7:00 pm at Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth Ave, SF. There will be activities, discussion, projects, and pizza. Pre-registration required.

Father Flood



Roast Beef Dinner: Sept. 25, 11:00-1:00; St. Peter, Colman.
CDA Fall Bazaar: Oct. 2; 11:00-1:30; SS&J, Flandreau
Chicken Dinner: Oct. 2; 10:30-1:00; St. Genevieve Parish - held at the Lake Benton School.
Roast Beef Dinner: Oct. 16; 11:00 - 1:00 PM; OLG, Elkton