

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

ST. PETER - Colman
STS. SIMON & JUDE - Flandreau
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL - Elkton
105 S. Bates St., FLANDREAU, SD 57028



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 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 in all of His Glory as God, however, at The Second Coming, Jesus will come as The Lion of Judah, which refers to The Just Judge and NOT as The Merciful Savior. That is why our Lord tells us that The Day of The Lord is a "great and terrible day" (Joel 3:4 and Malachi 3:23). On Judgement Day, everyone will stand before God and give an account of how we used or did not use The Gifts of Faith, Hope and Love to change our fallen human condition of poverty(*not having*) of The Spirit to become Temples of The Holy Spirit through the way we responded to God and other people during the time of life that was granted to us. We are to labor faithfully at preparing ourselves to be without sin, so that we are able to stand before Jesus Christ The Judge at His Second Coming.

God's Grace is offered to us during this lifetime, and we have the opportunity to recreate our disordered human will and desire to be in union with God's Holy Will and Desire. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Mt 6:21) Our treasure refers to what we love. Do we love God, or do we love the evils of sin? Sin is the obstacle that prevents 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. Sin is our willingness to do the evil works of the devil, and our refusal to do the Good Works that God entrusted us to carry out in this life. Our love for the evils of sin reveal that we love ourselves more than God and others.

Repentance is to willfully turn away from the evils of sin, 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 will not go in all of His Creation is into our hearts and our souls, unless we ask Him, because God wants us to freely love Him and will not violate our free will. He gave us The Powers of Intelligence and "Free Will" to be able to choose God's Ways of Holiness and to resist the evil works of the devil. Sin is our personal "no" to God and our "yes" to the devil which is seen in the words we speak or in the actions we do. God can not come to us, unless we invite Him into our lives.

By going to The Sacrament of Confession, we acknowledge our sins and repent of them with a firm act of the will not to commit the sins again. It is then that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Personally gives to us His Infinite Love and Divine Mercy so that we can be completely forgiven by God. In The Sacrament of Confession, The Blood of The Lamb washes the evils we have done out of weakness or ignorance from our hearts and gives us pure hearts so that we can receive Jesus in The Most Holy Communion. Jesus tells us: "So be perfect just as your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:48) To be Perfect as your Heavenly Father means to be without sin and that is to have a heart that is pure. A "Pure Heart" is to Love God with all our love; A Pure Heart is to be free from all evil desire and filled with The Love of God, and that is what happens to us in The Sacrament of Confession. Then we are able to love others in right and just ways, rather than in disordered and unjust ways. A Pure Heart finds The Peace of God which is The Peace that the world does not and can not give. With a Pure Heart, we discover The Father's Love that comes to us through His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ by The Power and Working of The Holy Spirit. God's Peace comes only when we make the "free will" choice to ask, to seek and to knock so that God can give us the Grace to be able to obey His Commandments and turn away(*repenting*) from sinful/evil ways that cause us to reject The Love of 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 Grace of The Holy Spirit. It is impossible for us to resist our love for the evils of sin without God, but with God all things are possible, especially, Holiness of Life.

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**1st Sunday
of Advent
December 1, 2019**

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 2		No Liturgy		
Tues., Dec. 3	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Don/Elaine Ahlers
Wed., Dec. 4	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass at Riverview Manor	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin Dennis/Shirlee Rhead (Anniv)
Thur., Dec. 5	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	Christian M.
Fri., Dec. 6	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Pauline McGlone
Sat., Dec. 7	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	First Saturday Mass Mass	Flandreau Elkton	† Ray Entringer All Parishioners
Sun., Dec. 8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Mark Doyle † Wade Hursey
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Lay Minister: Sharon Landsman, Kelly Neill
Lect/Comm: Judy Kampmann, Chris Myers
Altar Servers: Claire McMahon, Tevon Erickson
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mike Stoltenberg
Ushers: Dave McMahon, Steve Erickson

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Lay Minister: Betty Merges, Doug Entringer
Maureen Baumberger
Lect/Comm.: Alice Berg
Altar Servers: Kennedi Landis, Rilyn Groos
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Judy Miles

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Lay Minister: Libby Heinemann, Gail Keating,
Jean McGlone
Lect/Comm.: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Erica Rorvik (C)
Altar Servers: Matthew/James Drietz,
Caleb Dietrich, Jaelyn Gaspar
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knippling Family
Sacristan: Brenna LeBrun

Intention of the Holy Father for December:

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Daily Mass Reading

Dec 2: Isaiah 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Matthew 8:5-11
Dec 3: Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Luke 10:21-24
Dec 4: Isaiah 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37
Dec 5: Isaiah 26:1-6; Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27; Matthew 7:21-27
Dec 6: Isaiah 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Matthew 9:27-31
Dec 7: Isaiah 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1-8
Dec 8: Isaiah 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17; Romans 15:4-9;
Matthew 3:1-12

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)
People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
TUESDAYS ~ 7:00 PM IN SS&J MEETING ROOM

Advent Communal Penance Services

Sunday, December 15 - 1:30 PM ~ SS&J, Flandreau
Sunday, December 22 - 1:30 PM ~ STM, Brookings

Purity doesn't begin to grow until a person realizes that one cannot rely upon human efforts alone.
It is a gift from God.

Jason Evert

Nov. 24 th	Elkton: \$
Our Weekly Offering	Flandreau: \$4053
	Colman: \$1686

STS. SIMON & JUDE

First Sunday Meal: December 1st - the KC's will be serving Chili, Garlic Bread, and Fruit .

Choir Practice: Sundays - 9:00 AM in the choir loft. New members welcome!

Help Wanted - Parish Handy Man: Someone to help with minor repairs and upkeep of parish facilities. Contact the parish office (997-2610).

Needed: An Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Minister to take Holy Communion to Riverview Manor on Sunday mornings for two Sundays every other month. Contact the parish office.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM in the church basement. Questions, call LaVonne 633-1739.

Mark your Calendar:

Dec. 15 - 1:30 PM ~ Communal Penance
- 5:30 PM ~ Christmas Program

Jan. 8 - 5:45 PM ~ CCD Preschool Class begins

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp): It's already time to start thinking about signing up for D-Camp! D-Camp is a four-day camp for Junior High and High School youth held at Broom Tree. Come hear talks to help you grow in your faith, bond with a small group of other teens, compete in epic all-camp Olympic games, have the chance to go to Mass, Confession and Adoration, and meet lot of new friends! **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** --- register before February 1st and receive \$50 off of your registration. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/youth

Going Deeper Retreat will be held at St. Thomas More, Brookings on **Feb. 7-9**. These retreats are designed **for youth in grades 9-12** who are desiring to go deeper in their prayer life. **This is not a confirmation retreat.** Register at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/

Prayer Calendars listing our Diocesan Priests, Permanent Deacons/Wives, and Seminarians and Deacon Candidates are available in the church entrance. Please continue to pray for vocations and all religious.

ST. PETER

Colman CDA Christmas raffle drawing will be Dec. 1st. Chances are \$1 each and will be sold on FOCUS Sunday or can be purchased from any CDA member. Prizes include gift cards, baskets, goodie trays and more. Thank you for your past and present support of St. Elizabeth Court 1362.

Focus Sunday for 5th & 6th grade - December 1st

Communal Penance: Dec. 15 - 1:30 at SS&J.

Christmas Program: December 18 - 6:30 PM.

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00. You are invited to come and be with the Lord in adoration.

Communal Penance: Dec. 15 - 1:30 at SS&J.

Christmas Program: December 15 - 4:00 PM.

I would like to thank Ashley and her mom Wendy, and May Ann for the nice visit and for the delicious bars. Also, thank you to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish for the pretty blanket.
Donna Thielen

27TH ANNUAL

Advent

BABY SHOWER

December 1-December 24

Please leave unwrapped new gifts in the designated collection sites or bring them to the diocesan offices.

Gifts will be shared with those in need in the parish, community and diocese.

SUGGESTED GIFTS

(Newborn-12 months)

Sleepers	Diapers & Wipes	Bath Items
Onesies	Jackets	Blankets
Socks	Snowsuits	Bottles
Outfits	Hats & Gloves	Baby Toys



"Understanding the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception" by Msgr. Charles Mangan on Sunday, **December 8, 7- 8 p.m. in the Catholic Pastoral Center**, Sioux Falls. Hosted by The Office of the Marian Apostolate.

Advent Mission: From the Wood of the Crib to the Wood of the Cross.

6:30 pm on Dec. 9th & 10th at St. Therese in Sioux Falls. Many of the saints have noted that Jesus was born to die. Join Dr. Chris Burgwald for an Advent Mission and discover how Jesus' mission to suffer and die on the Cross out of love for us began with his birth and infancy. Both nights will begin with Mass followed by presentation & discussion and then adoration & confession. No cost. No registration necessary.

Broom Tree Day of Recollection:

December 10-directed by Fr. David Roehrich

Begins at 10 a.m. and include conferences, time for Adoration, Mass, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day ends in mid-afternoon. *Because lunch is served, we ask that you please register.* A prayerful donation is requested.

www.broom-tree.org, (605) 263-1040, or
broomtree@sfcatholic.org

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish

Living Nativity: United Methodist Church, Flandreau. **Wed, Dec. 4, 5:00-7:00 PM.**

Hot cocoa and cookies in the fellowship hall. Build a gingerbread house and bring your camera for pictures with live animals.

Christmas cookie and Holiday Bake Sale:

Sat., Dec. 7, 10:00-4:00; St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison

Cookie Parade, Lunch, Crafts: Sun., Dec. 8, 11:30-2:30; Risen Savior, Brandon, SD

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. Classes are held on the **1st Thursday** of each month in SS&J Parish Basement. Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class to register and give baptismal information.

Reckless: Looking for a thoughtful Christmas gift for your spouse? Consider giving the gift of quality time together at *Reckless: A Catholic Couples Conference!* This is such a thoughtful way to surprise your spouse and allow the spirit of Christmas to extend far beyond the 25th of December. www.sfcatholic.org/couplesconference.

Sing Noel: Sounds of Christmas at The Abbey ~ December 7th.

Our signature event of the season will feature The University of Minnesota Morris Concert Choir as the main entertainment. The entire evening will also include a social hour, amazing raffle prizes, and delicious food and beverages. Overnight packages also available.

Social Hour: 5:00 p.m. **Concert:** 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at www.abbeyofthehills.org or 605-398-9200

Searching for the True Meaning of Christmas?

As the rush of Holidays approach, allow yourself some time to slow down this advent season and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Take a spiritually relaxing break at one of the six concerts **December 19-22**, in the beautiful environment of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, as you surround yourself with the magnificent sights and sounds of ***Christmas at the Cathedral***. Proceeds from this year's performances will benefit the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and the Cathedral of St. Joseph ongoing care and maintenance endowments. Reserve your seats today: 1) at any Sioux Falls HyVee store (general admission only), 2) on-line at www.ccfesd.org, 3) phone 605.988.3765 4) email events@ccfesd.org, 5) stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave).

"Marian Blue Wave": Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas has initiated the "Marian Blue Wave" which is a call to Catholics to pray a weekly Rosary for the ending of all clinical, chemical, medical and surgical abortions and shutting down abortion facilities in our country. To join in this endeavor, please go to: <https://marianbluewave.com/>

Grieving the Loss of a Spouse: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. **Jan. 7-Feb. 11** at Catholic Family Services, SF. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. For adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

CCD: Wednesdays

Flandreau: K-6 ~ 5:45 PM; 7-12 ~ 7:15 PM

Colman & Elkton: All grades ~ 6:30 PM