

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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



Christmas:

Jesus says, "Behold, I make all things new." (Rev 21:5) With Christmas, we celebrate the fullness of time, when God The Father sends His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be born of the Virgin Mary. Mary exclaimed "The Almighty has done great things for me and Holy is His Name." (Lk 1:49) So what's new? To begin with, someone Who is born of a virgin is something that does NOT physically happen without The Grace and Power of The Holy Spirit Who creates life. God does an extraordinarily Supernatural Thing. The Life that God The Father creates in the virgin Mary is His Only Begotten Son, Who is equal with The Father. Jesus comes to share His Divine Life with all who will repent and believe. Jesus is not merely a happy thought. Jesus is The Reality of God becoming a man. God The Father restores the broken relationship between God and man in and through Jesus Christ. An angel appears in the sky announcing This Good News. Then, a multitude of angels appear in the sky with radiant beams of God's Glory streaming down upon the earth, as they sing Glory to God in The Highest, and peace to people of good will. The shepherds who saw the angels, and The Radiant Glory of God streaming upon earth in rays of light, went to witness this miraculous event of God being born to us. They went to see The Emmanuel. Emmanuel means "God is with us" (Lk 1:23; Is 7:14) and this is Jesus The Christ.

The All Powerful and Mighty God comes to us as an infant, so that no one will be afraid to approach Him. The Magi/The Kings came from the east, to worship and present gifts to The Newborn King. It is Jesus, who is The King of kings and Lord of lords, and He shares His Divine Life with us. Jesus bestows The Holy Spirit upon us and shows us the way out of the dark prison of sin. Jesus is The Way, The Truth and The Life.



Jesus is The Light of The World. Jesus teaches The Ways of God to us so that we can know and believe in God. Just as the night that Jesus was born to us was transformed with a supernatural radiant light, so too, we can be changed by The Light of Jesus' teachings, if we choose to leave the darkness of sin. When we repent of sin and believe, that same Glory of God streams into our hearts and souls by The Power of The Holy Spirit to make us The Image and Likeness of God that God intends us to be. Jesus did not reject the poor condition of being born in a manger, nor does Jesus reject us when we humble ourselves and repent of the poor condition of our sins by trusting in The One Who Saves us. Jesus comes to us with The Great and Awesome Power of His Love so that we can experience The Amazing Peace and Joy of Jesus born within our hearts and souls. I pray that you have a Merry Christmas, and may God Bless you and your families greatly. *Fr. Doug Binsfeld*

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**4th Sunday
of Advent
December 22, 2019**

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Liturgy Schedule		Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Dec. 23		No Liturgy	
Tues., Dec. 24	4:30 PM 7:00 PM 11:00 PM	Mass - Christmas Eve Mass - Christmas Eve Mass - Christmas Eve	Colman Elkton Flandreau † Ray Entringer † George Gebhart All Parishioners
Wed., Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Mass - Christmas	Flandreau † Alfred/Mary Ann Loiseau Ralph/Bill Loiseau
Thur., Dec. 26		No Liturgy	
Fri., Dec. 27		No Liturgy	
Sat., Dec. 28	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton † Betty Cullen
Sun., Dec. 29	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau All Parishioners † Toby Taylor
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.			

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Lay Minister: Kelly Neill, Sharon Landsman
Lect/Comm: Chris Myers, Judy Kampmann
Altar Servers: Andrew Landsman, Claire McMahon
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Lance Weber Family
Ushers: Dave McMahon, Steve Erickson

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Chris Myers
Lect/Comm: Bill Fargen, Sharon Landsman
Altar Servers: Melanie Fuentes, Jack Skordahl
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Nathan Thielen Family
Ushers: Dave McMahon, Steve Erickson

COLMAN ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Alice Berg
 Doug Entringer
Lect./Comm.: Kim Froke
Altar Servers: Austin Gullickson, Josie Mousel
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Duane/Cindy Voelker

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Lay Minister: Mary Gengler, Jerry Hemmer
 Maureen Baumberger
Lect./Comm.: Mary Beth Zwart
Altar Servers: Kaylee Voelker, Sutton Bunde
Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Bill/Marie Miles



FLANDREAU ~ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Lay Minister: Tom Stenger, Dave/Deb Feske
Lect./Comm.: Tom Luze, Kris Johnson (C)
Altar Servers: Jacob/Justin Klein, Cade/Brant LeBrun
Ushers/Greeters: Ed Duncan, Glenn Burggraff Family
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

FLANDREAU ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Lay Minister: Jim Redder, Susan Gross, Jean McGlone
Lect./Comm.: Marty Parsley, Les Heinemann (C)
Altar Servers: Benjamin/Austin/Katherine Kulm,
 Liam Knipling
Ushers/Greeters: Joe Knipling Family
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Lay Minister: Gail Keating, Betty Groos, Libby Heinemann
Lect./Comm.: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Erica Rorvik (C)
Altar Servers: Maria/Hannah/Paul Parsley, Anthony Pieper
Ushers/Greeters: Ed Duncan, Glenn Burggraff Family
Sacristan: Jackie Burggraff

Dec. 15 th		Elkton: \$1353
Our Weekly Offering		Flandreau: \$4857
		Colman: \$2138

Read our parish bulletins on-line:
www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish

STS. SIMON & JUDE

1st Sunday Breakfast - January 5th after Mass. KC's will be serving Ham & Eggs, French Toast, Fruit, and drinks. Everyone is invited!

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

Quilting: No quilting December 19 until JANUARY 2ND

CCD Preschool Class begins Jan. 8 - 5:45 PM Questions, please call Marietta 864-3182 or Laura 530-9428.

Open House 25th Wedding Anniversary

for Pam & Darnell Albers. Saturday, January 4, 2:00-4:00 pm in the SS&J Church Basement. Coffee and cake will be served. Let your presence be your gift.

We Remember - Bev Minor: her funeral was Friday. May the Lord grant her eternal peace and give her families and friends hope and comfort.

Christmas Blessings and prayers to everyone in the tri-parishes. You are all in my heart and I pray that God will Bless you during the Christmas season and throughout the new year. Love, Sr. Benedicta

Communal Penance:

Sun., Dec. 22 - 1:30 PM ~ STM, Brookings

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

Tues., Dec. 24 - 4:30 PM ~ Colman

Tues., Dec. 24 - 7:00 PM ~ Elkton

Tues., Dec. 24 - 11:00 PM ~ Flandreau
(singing of Christmas carols ~ 10:30 PM)

Wed., Dec. 25 - 9:00 AM ~ Flandreau



Mary, Holy Mother of God Masses

Tues., Dec. 31 - 5:30 PM ~ Elkton

Tues., Dec. 31 - 7:00 PM ~ Flandreau

Wed., Jan. 1 - 9:00 AM ~ Colman

ST. PETER

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.

Daily Mass Readings

Dec 23: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-14; Luke 1:57-66

Dec 24: Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

Dec 25: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Dec 26: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-8,16-17; Matt 10:17-22

Dec 27: 1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; John 20:1-8

Dec 28: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Matthew 2:13-18

Dec 29: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY Mass Schedule

Colman - Saturday 5:00 PM

Elkton - Sunday 8:30 AM

Christmas Flower Memorials

Donor in memory/honor of

Gail Meyer-Deelstra Les Meyer,
..... Vincent/Shirley Evans, Joan McLaughlin
LaVonne HeadrickRichard Headrick

"With Whom I Am Well Pleased": A women's breakfast and retreat; **Saturday January 11th, 8AM - noon** at St Therese Catholic Church, Sioux Falls. Registration \$10 - Mail to 901 N Tahoe SFSD 57110 by January 8th

Thomas Nash of Catholic Answers: A special presentation about our Catholic faith in preparation for Lent on **Saturday, January 18, 10 a.m.- noon in the Parish Hall of the St. Joseph Cathedral.** Admission is free and open to the public.

Words of Wisdom – Who Am I to Judge? Need a little something to look forward to after the holidays? The winter Words of Wisdom retreat is **January 18 at the Abbey of the Hills.** This quarter we are studying *Who Am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love* by Edward Sri. Get all the info at www.sfcatholic.org/wow.

Seminary Visits: Men ages 16-25 are invited to visit the seminaries in St. Paul and/or Winona, MN. No cost. No Obligation. See how men are formed for the priesthood.

Feb. 14-16: St. John Vianney Seminary
St. Paul Theological Seminary

March 14-16: Winona Seminary

Register at sfcatholic.org/vocations Learn more: frjordansamson@sfcatholic.org or 988-3772

Bishop Hoch Scholarship: The Diocese awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one student in each of its seven deaneries to attend either Mount Marty College or Presentation College. Scholarships are available to ANY student interested in attending or already attending Mount Marty or Presentation Colleges for the 2020-2021 academic year. Applications are **due March 15th.** To apply or for more information go to www.sfcatholic.org/catholic-schools/bishop-hoch-scholarship.

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp): D-Camp is 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! **Register before February 1st and receive \$50 off** of your registration at www.sfcatholic.org/youth



Christmas at the Cathedral

Christmas Day, December 25th from 6:30-8:00 pm on KELO TV. If you were unable to attend Christmas at the Cathedral in person, we invite you to watch a taped rebroadcast.

Shower Christ's Little Ones: As Mary clothed the child Jesus, so we are invited to clothe the littlest in our midst. Please bring NEW baby items and place in the church entrance. Donations will be used locally and diocesan wide.

Grief Support Group to begin: If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. It meets in the St. Thomas More Parish library in Brookings for **six Thursday evenings beginning January 9.** Our time together (**6:30pm-8:30pm**) includes, prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. Come and be comforted. Questions or to register call Laura Kondratuk at 692-4361.

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. Register at 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867.

New Program - Grieving a Loss from Overdose & Addiction: February 25-March 31. A six-week program directed by Janell Christenson held *Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m.* at Catholic Family Service, Sioux Falls. This is a program for families that have lost a loved one from overdose and addiction. The suddenness of death, the complexities of addiction, the confusion and the painful reactions are significant topics of the program. This is a time when professional support is needed.

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/

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.