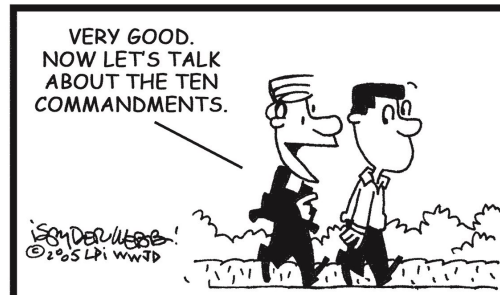
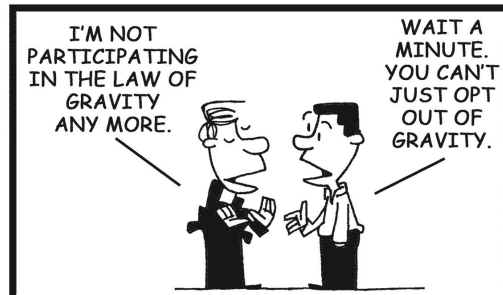


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Apostles Seminary in Connecticut, which is where I met some seminarians from the Sioux Falls diocese. I got along with those guys real well (which is a good part of the reason I sought to come here) but I prefer to tell people that in spite of them, and to spite them, I decided to apply to the Diocese of Sioux Falls! I am very grateful to Bishop Swain, the diocese of Sioux Falls, and most of all to the Lord for the second chance I've been given. Now I just hope now to "run the race to the finish" as St Paul says. I have been a priest for 6 years now, 2 as an associate at Sacred Heart in Aberdeen and 4 as pastor of Webster-Waubay.

I don't have any particular plan for any of the parishes. Ordination to priesthood confers three "offices" (or duties) onto the priest: priest (offer sacrifice / sanctify), prophet (speak on behalf of God — i.e., teach what He has revealed), and "king" (i.e., govern). My focus as a priest, then, is teaching the faith and celebrating the sacraments according to the rubrics (instructions) of the Church. I look forward to getting to know all of you and most of all to growing in faith with you. Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you. May the Lord bring us all home in the end.

*God bless you, Fr Kuhn.*



**Save the Date ~ October 2-4**  
2020 SD Right to Life Convention  
To register, contact Sioux Falls Area Right to Life:  
\* [www.siouxfallsarearighttolife.org](http://www.siouxfallsarearighttolife.org)  
\* Our Facebook page  
\* Email [righttolifesf@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifesf@gmail.com)  
\* Call (605) 743-0777



"Freedom consists  
not in doing what we like,  
but in having the right  
to do what we ought."  
(Pope St John Paul II)

## Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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My name is Fr Kuhn, the new pastor of Colman, Elkton, and Flandreau. Changing pastors is always hard — for parishioners, staff, and priests as well. The only previous pastors of here that I know are the two most recent ones — Fr Doug and Fr Helmueller. I am grateful to follow in their footsteps. As you probably know, Fr Doug and I simply switched parishes — he went to my previous parishes of Webster-Waubay. I'm sorry to say that Webster-Waubay are the ones who traded up. Nonetheless, it's my hope that, with the grace of God, we will continue to build on the foundation that these priests have laid.

Often times people like to know a little about the priest so I will try to accommodate that but it comes with a warning — I am the least interesting person I know, so it really is better if I talk mostly about our Lord. I suppose one thing is that I'm not actually from South Dakota. I grew up on a small family dairy farm in central Illinois (north-south wise) on the western edge, close to the Mississippi river, about 2 hours north of St Louis. I have 5 younger brothers, 1 older sister, and 1 younger sister. My mom is still living on our home place where I grew up. My youngest brother is also a priest. I like to point out, however, that I am the original Fr Kuhn — and no, he is not the new and improved! When I was still a seminarian I was back in IL visiting my family once and somebody told me it was 40 below in SD. I replied that I may have just fallen off the turnip truck, but not *that* truck! There's nowhere in the U.S that it gets that cold — maybe Antarctica but not in the U.S. Much to my chagrin, I came to realize I was mistaken on that particular point!

I'm sorry to say that I am what they call a "late vocation." When I was young (3rd or 4th grade) I knew I was supposed to be a priest and I held that conviction for many years. But by the time I got to high school, or at least through high school, I started chasing after other things. I never stopped going to Mass and I never rejected anything our Lord teaches through His Church but it wasn't until after college that I started to get more interested in the faith and the thought of priesthood returned. It started with running across two good Catholic books "by chance," then I started to look for more and more books, then daily Mass, rosary and other devotionals, frequent confession, a daily holy hour, and so on. Finally I knew I had to go and least try to carry out the Lord's will. I started at Holy

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**14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 5, 2020**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., July 6		No Liturgy		
Tues., July 7	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† John Evans
Wed., July 8	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Anastasia Gebhart
Thur., July 9	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., July 10	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	Matt/Maria Luze Family
Sat., July 11	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Fran Davis
Sun., July 12	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Marge Hess
<b>CONFESSIONS</b> - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass - Flandreau after weekend Mass				

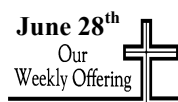
#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

**ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, JULY 11**  
**Lect./Comm.:** M. Remund, J. Kampmann

**COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, JULY 12**  
**Lect/Comm:** Chad Groos

**FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, JULY 12**  
**Lect/Comm:** Les Heinemann  
**Sacristan:** Libby Heinemann

**Intention of the Holy Father for July:**  
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



**Colman:** \$1856  
**Elkton:** \$1221  
**Flandreau:** \$2334  
*Thank you!*

#### Daily Mass Readings

July 6: Hosea 2:16-22; Ps 145:2-9; Matthew 9:18-26  
July 7: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Matt 9:32-38  
July 8: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12; Ps 105:2-7; Matt 10:1-7  
July 9: Hosea 11:1-4,8-9; Ps 80:2-3,15-16; Matt 10:7-15  
July 10: Hosea 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4,8-14,17; Matt 10:16-23  
July 11: Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2,5; Matthew 10:24-33  
July 12: Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Romans 8:18-23;  
Matthew 13:1-23

Daily Readings can also be found on-line at  
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

**Baptismal Preparation Class:** Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized.  
**Contact Fr. Kuhn (997-2610)** to register.

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, D-Camp has been cancelled for summer 2020.**

During "D-Camp Week" (July 12-19), we will be offering several opportunities for youth. **ALL YOUTH IN THE DIOCESE ARE INVITED TO SIGN UP** for these activities at: [sfdiocese.flocknote.com/DiscipleshipWeek](https://sfdiocese.flocknote.com/DiscipleshipWeek)

**Our Totus Tuus missionaries** are excited to offer three new initiatives this summer... from a distance!

- **Sunday nights will be Family Night,**
  - **Wednesday nights will be Youth Night,**
  - **Summer bible studies will be offered**
- Sign up at [www.sfcatholic.org/youth](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth)

**Words of Wisdom:** one day retreat with Dr. Chris, **July 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, at Abbey of the Hills. Participants will learn from master Scott Hahn by reading his book, *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*, and then gathering with people from around the diocese for a day of discussion and prayer to unpack the book. Register at [www.sfcatholic.org/wow](http://www.sfcatholic.org/wow).

#### **"Bishop's Cup" Golf Tournament Benefiting Broom Tree ~ August 24**

Participants will have the opportunity to play in the Bishop's Scramble or the Bishop's Challenge with the overall low net in each category taking home the coveted crystal trophy for their parish! We sold out both courses 5 weeks early in both 2018 and 2019 so don't wait to register! Our website, [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org), has all the information you need!

#### **STS. SIMON & JUDE**

**Used Ceiling Tiles:** Approximately 150 2x2 tiles were removed from the CCD center ceilings when the lighting was updated. There are also a few 2x4 tiles. Contact the parish office (997-2610) if you could use these.

#### **ST. PETER**

**Free Piano:** The piano in the parish hall is no longer being used. Any parishioner who could use it, contact Renee Gullickson (864-1743) for more information.

**Grieving the Loss of a Spouse: July 28-Sept 1 with social distancing protocols in place.** Catholic Family Services, 523 N Duluth, SF. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

**Catholic Family Services Counseling Service:** Potential clients can call Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 to schedule an in-person appointment or a telehealth appointment.

#### **"Taste the Goodness" Benefiting the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House August 29 5:00 – 9:00 PM**

Be assured that adjustments will be made to ensure the safety of all involved. For on-going event updates or to purchase your ticket to Taste the Goodness, visit our website [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org) or call 605-988-3765.