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This past Monday was the memorial of St. Maria Goretti. Maria Goretti was born to a poor Italian family in the late 1800's. The family lived in a house on the landowner's farm for whom her father worked. They shared the house with another man and his son, Alessandro. After Maria's father died, her mother took his place in the field so as to support the family. Now Alessandro, who was in his early 20's, had taken a liking to Maria who was not yet 13 years old. One day when Maria was cleaning up after lunch and everyone else had gone back to work, Alessandro snuck into their house and tried to get Maria to concede to his desires. Maria resisted him, pushing him away saying: No Alessandro, it's a sin. Alessandro became enraged and stabbed her multiple times. She lived for about 20 hours and before she died she forgave her killer. Alessandro was arrested, convicted, and imprisoned. He was arrogant and belligerent, even in prison. A priest came to see him and he chased him off. Then one night, several years after he'd been imprisoned and had nearly gone mad, he saw something, something he couldn't have possibly expected. It was Maria; she tossed lilies down to him and said: Alessandro, I want you in Heaven here with me. He immediately converted. He called for a priest, made a very contrite confession, and became a model prisoner. After being eventually released from prison he went to see Maria's mother and asked her forgiveness. Maria's mom said, if Maria forgave you, how can I do otherwise. He then spent the rest of his life in a Capuchin monastery. There is much hatred, self-will, vengeance, and impurity in the world; but who could be so if Maria Goretti was their friend?

God bless you, Fr Kuhn

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:

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

"Taste the Goodness" Benefiting Bishop Dudley Hospitality House
August 29th 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 for tickets visit www.ccfesd.org or call 988-3765.

"Bishop's Cup" Golf Tournament Benefiting Broom Tree ~ August 24
Participate 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! Register at www.ccfesd.org.

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

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Last week I mentioned that reading good Catholic materials is a tremendous, maybe even necessary, aid for growing in the faith, in knowledge and love of God. One good source are the writings and lives of the saints. Interestingly, this past Monday the Office of Readings for the Liturgy of the Hours spoke on this very topic. The second reading for the Office was a letter from Pope St Clement I, the first successor of St. Peter. St Clement wrote: *"The command has been written: Cling to the saints, for those who cling to them will be sanctified."* He went on to link this with Scripture: "With the innocent you will be innocent...likewise, with the perverse you will deal perversely."

These are very instructive words. Pope St Clement is simply saying: associate with truly good people, the meek and humble of heart, those truly seeking the Lord, and you will likely become like them; associate with the perverse, and you will likely become like them. Seek out humble people to be around and it will help you become like our Lord, like His friends; it will help lead you to Heaven. Seek out the proud, the worldly, and it will "help" you on the way to hell. I have found that my own experience bears this out. It is the wisdom of the ages, of God Himself. This shouldn't surprise us, it is the example that our Lord Himself gave - His Apostles and indeed His own Mother were nobodies in the eyes of the world. Consciously and intentionally, then, choose to seek out the meek and humble of heart, the simple, the pure of heart, those who love God as your friends.

Coming back to the (canonized) saints, they too can become like real friends. As you read the life of a saint, and/or their writings, and ponder their lives, you can really begin to know them - they become like a real friend. You then also have a friend in Heaven who can intercede for you before God. We might pray with great intensity for a time, with real sincerity and concentration, which of course is good and something we must do. But then we have to go about business and our minds usually drift away some. The saint does not; they are always before God and they don't forget. It's good to have friends in Heaven. When we come to the end of our lives, we will not regret having those friends. On the other hand, the regret will be unbearable if we have spent our whole lives without coming to know our Lord and His closest friends. So start now. Here's an example... (Cont. on page 4)

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 12, 2020

Liturgy Schedule		Location		Mass Intention
Mon., July 13		No Liturgy		
Tues., July 14	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	CDA Members
Wed., July 15	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Richard Gebhart
Thur., July 16	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., July 17	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Betty Hinricher
Sat., July 18	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	All Parishioners
Sun., July 19	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	† Lawrence Doyle † Jailyn Cartwright
CONFESSIONS - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass - Flandreau after weekend Mass				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, JULY 18

Lect./Comm.: Chris Myers,
Sharon Landsman

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, JULY 19

Lect/Comm: Roger Merges

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, JULY 19

Lect./Comm: Paul/Jessica Lewis
Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

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



Colman: \$311
Elkton: \$1341
Flandreau: \$5185
Thank you!

Daily Mass Readings

July 13: Isaiah 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23;
Matthew 10:34-11:1
July 14: Isaiah 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Matthew 11:20-24
July 15: Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16; Ps 94:5-15; Matt 11:25-27
July 16: Isaiah 26:7-19; Ps 102:13-21; Matt 11:28-30
July 17: Isaiah 38:1-8, 21-22; Isaiah 38:10-16; Matt 12:1-8
July 18: Micah 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-8,14; Matthew 12:14-21
July 19: Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16;
Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

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.

Several Opportunities For Youth will be offered this week (July 12-19), by the diocese. **ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO SIGN UP** for these activities at: sfdiocese.flocknote.com/DiscipleshipWeek

Three New Initiatives this summer.... from a distance!
• **Family Night**
• **Youth Night**
• **Summer Bible Studies**
Sign up at 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 gather for a day of discussion and prayer. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/wow.

Day of Recollection at The Abbey of the Hills: Tuesday, July 14 10AM - 3PM
• **Seeking Peace & Love in a World of Chaos & Hate** by Guest leader Deacon Steve Spilman from Diocese of New Ulm
Free will offering. Registration is required for meal planning purposes at www.abbeyofthehills.org or 605-398-9200



STS. SIMON & JUDE

Sts Simon & Jude Parishioners:
Thank you for your donations to the Breadbasket! Since January, we have served 1386 individuals with 617 of those being children. Your continual support helps show compassion towards Moody County! Thank you for your generosity!
Becky Fricke

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.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Parish Council Meeting:
Thursday, July 16 - 5:30 PM.

St. Mary Cemetery Annual Meeting: Wed., July 22 - 5:00 PM at St. Mary Hall. Everyone is welcome.