

(Cont. from page 1) At one point he lost everything he had gambling. He met a fellow gambler, a guy with no morals, and the two of them became companions, traveling around with gambling as their profession, begging when they were broke. Camillus was in despair, not thinking for himself at all anymore, simply following his companion wherever he went. The devil is more than happy to put us in a state of stupor and lead us. One morning while begging amongst other beggars a man noticed Camillus and offered him a job building a monastery. *Another* chance! He decided to accept and went to tell his companion. The guy laughed, ridiculed him, and pointed out all the liberty he would be losing (sound familiar? Ah, you have to be free to do whatever you want). And...Camillus listened to his tempter and headed out of town with him. *But...* then he began to feel the goodwill of the man who offered him the job; he recalled the fond memories of the Franciscan friary, his efforts to change – a moment of grace – and...he stopped (to turn around, you always have to stop). Facing a great interior struggle, he turned around, went back, and accepted the job. Happily ever after now? Let's see.

The work (which Camillus had never done before in his life) was drudgery for him. With that came temptations – he fondly recalled his old life. His old companion found him and came to mock him as he worked; the wound in his leg got worse; other people, realizing he was a former soldier, also made fun of him – a former soldier now driving donkeys and so on. The tempter does not quit when we try to quit him, he doubles his effort. So of course what happened? The amazing thing is that he held on. He had no real thought of God at this point, he just wanted to get through the winter. Perseverance is a necessary virtue. Start with short, simple goals; small steps. Before winter was over, Camillus began to see his whole life, he remembered his vow to change, and he went back to his uncle's friary to see about becoming a Franciscan; he desired to become more than he was. This time he was accepted but the leg wound got worse and he had to leave. He went back to St James hospital and was given a second chance there. He worked hard and kept away from gambling. He also sought out (the future) St Philip Neri, a priest who was well known as a spiritual guide. When his leg was pretty well healed, he returned to the Franciscans but then the wound got worse again (God often works through suffering). He returned to St James, this time to find his true vocation, the will of God for him – which was not to be a Franciscan; setbacks build perseverance, desire, trust, and other virtue, and sometimes they also guide us in another direction.

Camillus developed a sincere compassion for the patients. He gathered together several select men, realizing those suffering were much better treated when cared for out of real compassion rather than for mere wages. He also noticed there was often not a priest available to serve the infirm, so he became a priest, enduring no small amount of ridicule because of his age and size. As a priest, Camillus endured much insult from both the poor he tried to help and those better-off who didn't want them or the ruckus they caused around; he bore it all with good humor. St Camillus went on to found a religious order for the care of all those in most dire need. The habit of their religious order bore the distinguishing symbol of a red cross. Camillus grew in knowledge and love of our Lord, never forgetting what he had been. On his deathbed he begged a Carmelite priest to pray for him "for I have been a great sinner, a gambler, and a man of bad life." On July 14, 1614 this hardened sinner stretched out his arms in the form of a cross, proclaimed his thanks to our Lord for His mercy, and died. In 1746, this big sinner, this beggar was canonized a saint by Pope Benedict XIV.

God bless you. Fr Kuhn

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I did not set out with the intention of writing about saints but there are so many memorials of great saints in July and August that I thought, since the topic came up, I would continue in this vein for one more week. Now there are all kinds of saints – those who died young, those who died old, highly educated, uneducated, rich and poor, men and women, clergy and lay, and almost every, if not every, nationality and race. Although all were in need of the salvation won by Christ, some were more or less holy throughout their entire lives while others had to go through big conversions. St Camillus de Lellis, whose memorial is July 18 in the U.S., is in the latter category. He's one of my favorite saints – his story gives me hope!

Camillus was born in 1550 in the Italian town of Bucchianico, pretty much straight west of Rome. His mother has been described as a good but timid woman who died when he was only 12. It was thus his father – a professional soldier with a violent temper, an obstinate self-will, and a bad gambling habit – who had the most influence on him. Camillus – a tall, lanky, wayward youth – quit school at 17, left the relatives he had been living with since his mother's death, and went to join his dad in his adventures.

He and his father bumped around from one military unit to the next. One day, while on the way to Venice both of them became very ill. His father did not survive the illness. A surprising thing happened, though. Realizing he was going to die, Camillus' father broke down in sorrow for the many sins of his life, asked for a priest, received the sacraments, and died a repentant man. This made a deep impression on Camillus and he resolved to change his life. He went to see an uncle who was a Franciscan priest, hoping to be admitted as a Franciscan. He was received kindly, fed, and housed, but his uncle wasn't convinced he had a vocation. Furthermore, he had a wound in his leg that would not heal and so he was not accepted as a seminarian. He started wandering again, falling in with his old crowd and lifestyle. After a while, he went to Rome, hoping to get into a hospital and get the wound in his leg healed up. He had no money so he offered to work off his payment. The hospital (St James) agreed and all went well for a while. But there were many idle hours and eventually he found a deck of cards and other idle workers. This led to the same old trouble (quarrels and fights) and he was dismissed from St. James with his leg wound still not fully healed. For a second time, his attempt to change ended in failure. If we get discouraged with repeated failures in trying to get closer to the Lord, remember the *saints* went through the same thing.

He kicked around for a while, moving from one army to the next, indulging in his old vices. It is hard to root out vice and build virtue; backsliding is common. **(Cont. on page 4)**

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 19, 2020

Liturgy Schedule		Location	Mass Intention
Mon., July 20		No Liturgy	
Tues., July 21	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau † Scott Johnson
Wed., July 22	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton † Dorothy Schraut
Thur., July 23	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman † Grace Entringer
Fri., July 24	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau † Bev Minor
Sat., July 25	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton All Parishioners
Sun., July 26	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman † Sandy Entringer Flandreau † Lapaz Magbag
CONFESSIONS - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass - Flandreau after weekend Mass			

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, JULY 25
Lect./Comm.: Bill Fargen
Beth Frederiksen

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, JULY 26
Lect/Comm: Ann Voelker

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, JULY 26
Lect./Comm: Tom Luze, Marty Parsley
Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

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



Colman: \$2901
Elkton: \$1354
Flandreau: \$3921
Thank you!

Daily Mass Readings

July 20: Micah 6:1-8; Ps 50:5-9,16-23; Matt 12:38-42
July 21: Micah 7:14-20; Ps 85:2-8; Matthew 12:46-50
July 22: Song of Songs 3:1-4; Ps 63:2-9; John 20:1-2,11-18
July 23: Jer. 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Ps 36:6-11; Matt 13:10-17
July 24: Jer. 3:14-17, Jer. 31:10-13; Matthew 13:18-23
July 25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Matt 20:20-28
July 26: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130;
Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

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.

Summer Initiatives ... 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. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/wow.

Grieving the Loss of a Spouse:

July 28-Sept 1. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

Catholic Family Services: Potential counseling clients can call 605-988-3775 to schedule an appointment.

“Taste the Goodness” Benefiting Bishop Dudley Hospitality House August 29th 5:00 – 9:00 PM

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

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Parish Council Meeting:

Thursday, July 23 - 6:30 PM.

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

Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday, July 22 - 5:30 PM.

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



Welcome to:
Hunter Allen LeBrun,
son of Dustin & Jennifer LeBrun. We pray for God's blessings and grace that they continue to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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