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problems at hand, though. St Charbel had a great love of mankind and was given deep insights into modern times. The miraculous things that God wrought after St Charbel's death are undoubtedly meant to draw attention to his writings as well, which recorded some of what he understood. We might first recall, though, the words of another saint – Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope St John Paul II – who said the following on a visit to the U.S.: “We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through...We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel...Through your prayers and mine, it is possible to alleviate this tribulation, but it is no longer possible to avert it.” Now here is a quote from St Charbel: “The war of the evil one against the Lord is his war against the family, and the war of the Evil One against the family is the core of his war against the Lord. Because the family is the image of God, from the beginning of the creation of this universe, the evil one is focusing on destroying the family, the foundation of God's plan.” This is very similar to something Sr Lucia of Fatima said in a letter to Cardinal Caffarra: “Father, a time will come when the decisive battle between the kingdom of Christ and Satan will be over marriage and the family.” Isn't the Lord trying to tell us something through His saints? In fact, he's ringing the bell loudly.

God bless you, Fr Kuhn

Help for the military and their families:

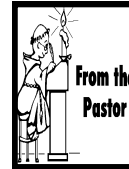
The St. Raphael Fund is meant to assist the military and their families in meeting needs not supported in other ways. The goal is encourage healthy families and to provide care for those who serve. Applications for funds can be sent to St. Raphael Fund, 523 N. Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, or any Catholic Family Services Office around the diocese, 1-800-700-7867. Donations to the fund can be sent to the same address.

Mother Teresa Fund: The Mother Teresa Endowment is a fund providing financial assistance to individuals or couples experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and who have considered abortion because of limited financial resources. Through Catholic Family Services, free pregnancy counseling is available and we work to determine available community resources. The Mother Teresa Endowment Fund assists with legitimate costs not covered elsewhere. Application forms are available from any CFS office, or call 800-700-7867.

Leedom to Life is a podcast set on exploring what it means to be authentically human and fully alive. Guests discuss the ordinary things of life illuminated by the Catholic vision of the human person. Be sure to check out the latest episodes at www.sfcatholic.org/familylife

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Imagine a rural cemetery, in a rather secluded area, surrounded by nothing but fields, and with no kind of artificial lighting. Suppose you were going past this cemetery one night and you saw a bright light hovering over one of the gravesites. Furthermore, suppose you came back not only the next night but for 45 nights in a row and you saw the same light, always in the same place, always over the same gravesite. What would you think? What would you make of it? Surely you would eventually wonder about the person buried there. Well in fact, this very thing did happen in the late 1800's in Lebanon and people did wonder about the person buried there so...they dug him up. It was Fr Charbel (sometimes spelled with an 'S') Makhlof, who was a priest-monk and later a priest-hermit. Fr Charbel had been buried without even a coffin and after his burial it rained enough to flood the cemetery, which should've facilitated decomposition. Yet when he was exhumed his body was fully intact and even limber. His body also exuded a mixture of blood and sweat and many healings occurred when people touched it. Today Fr Charbel is, of course, *Saint* Charbel Makhlof whose memorial was this past Friday.

These miraculous events, though, are not just meant to amaze us or even to honor St Charbel. They are signs, meant to draw our attention to something our Lord wants to tell us through St Charbel. The first might be simply the lesson of his life. St Charbel was fully and deeply committed to God; he put God first and foremost. When we are kids, we think about what we want to be when we grow up. Do we think: the first and most important thing is to be always united with Jesus? It's necessary to teach kids that the first thing to become is a saint. I hope that these will not just be words but will be put into practice. Very few are called to the exact same life that St Charbel was but we all have that same basic vocation that he exemplified: put God first, become sons or daughters in our Father's Kingdom; everything else can be sacrificed if need be except that; it's the most important thing.

St Charbel, however, was also granted tremendous insight and wisdom. This was recognized when he was still living in community as a monk; his superior did not want to allow him to leave and become a hermit because he wanted him there to answer difficult questions. His wisdom went well beyond difficult (Cont. on page 4)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 26, 2020

Liturgy Schedule		Location	Mass Intention
Mon., July 27		No Liturgy	
Tues., July 28	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau † John Evans
Wed., July 29	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton † Emmett Coughlin
Thur., July 30	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman All Parishioners
Fri., July 31	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau † Carol Parsley
Sat., Aug. 1	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	First Saturday Mass Mass	Flandreau † Shirlee Rhead Elkton All Parishioners
Sun., Aug. 2	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman † Ray/Grace Entringer Flandreau † Joan Rovig
CONFESSIONS - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass - Flandreau after weekend Mass			

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, AUG. 1
Lect./Comm.: Judy Kampmann,
Mary Remund

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, AUG. 2
Lect/Comm: Paula Heinricy

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, AUG. 2
Lect./Comm: Reggie Gassman,
Pam Rorvik-Albers (C)
Sacristan: Jackie Burggraff

**Intention of the
Holy Father for August:**
We pray for all those who work and
live from the sea, among them sailors,
fishermen and their families.

Daily Mass Readings

July 27: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Deut 32:18-21; Matt 13:31-35
July 28: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-13; Matt 13:36-43
July 29: Jeremiah 15:10,16-21; Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18;
John 11:19-27

July 30: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Ps 146:1-6; Matt 13:47-53
July 31: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Ps 69:5,8-14; Matt 13:54-58
Aug 1: Jeremiah 26:11-16,24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-34; Matt
14:1-12

Aug 2: Isaiah 55:1-3; Ps 145: 8-9,15-18;
Romans 8:35-39; Matthew 14:13-21

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

July 19 th Our Weekly Offering 	Colman: \$755 Elkton: \$1113 Flandreau: \$2905 <i>Thank you!</i>
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Summer Initiatives ... from a distance!

- Family Night
- Youth Night
- Summer Bible Studies

Sign up at www.sfcatholic.org/youth

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

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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

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.
Anyone who could use it, contact
Renee Gullickson (864-1743) for
more information.

“True freedom is not advanced
in the permissive society, which
confuses freedom with license to
do anything whatever and which
in the name of freedom
proclaims a kind of general
amorality. It is a caricature of
freedom to claim that people are
free to organize their lives with
no reference to moral values,
and to say that society does not
have to ensure the protection
and advancement of ethical
values. Such an attitude is
destructive of freedom and
peace.”

(Pope St John Paul II)