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The day of our death is the supreme, climatic moment of our life. The whole purpose of this life is to prepare for that day. If a person intentionally, diligently, contentiously, and even eagerly prepares for that time, it will be a moment of great, never-ending victory, triumph, and joy. Sadly, though, most seem to pay it little if any heed. It must be made clear that a person will not plod through this life with little or no thought, time, or effort given to our Lord, and then just simply fall backwards into Heaven. If we do not prepare, all will be lost. All

the scrambling after this and that will be at end with nothing but misery left – no matter how nice a person is or how good they think they are. You cannot get in your car, drive around randomly and expect to end up in (say) Miami, FL. You can't get to Heaven that way either.

In the context of the faith, conversion means turning and moving more and more to God. The word conversion is used to mean (for one thing) an adult becoming Catholic but there is more to it than that. Catholics must continue to go deeper and deeper into conversion.

A real conversion usually begins with two things: 1) a stronger interest in knowing the faith, in what God has revealed and 2) deeper prayer, real prayer, a seriousness in prayer, really lifting one's mind to God. This is generally accompanied by a stronger interest and deeper participation in the sacraments, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; the person develops a real affection for Mass and might even start coming to weekday Masses. All of that is not only excellent and pleasing to God but also necessary. At the same time, however, the conversion needs to go further yet and it is here that it often stalls or stumbles or maybe the person even reverts back to a lackluster interest in their own salvation.

This further conversion involves really seeking to change ourselves and not just in any direction but according to the will of our Lord, to become like Him. This is where real friendship with God really progresses. But it is also here where real conversion is often stalled, so to make real progress, we have to bring it clearly to the fore.

In order for this full conversion to occur we have to know ourselves, and in particular how human nature, including my human nature, is corrupted (not destroyed, but corrupted) by original sin. One of the corruptions is the "passions" – feelings, emotions, desires, and appetites: pleasure, anger, and fear are examples of the passions – which are now disordered. These passions are strong driving forces and they are not inherently evil; they were created by God. Prior to original sin they drove (or directed) man towards God (his true and ultimate good). But after original sin, they became disordered, misdirected and now they actually incline us away from our true and greatest good; they actually tend to lead us away from God. Man actually has the seed of his own self-destruction embedded within him, and this is not taken away by Baptism. Take one example. Before original sin Adam & Eve clearly had a great affection for one another but that affection would have never degenerated into something like lust – looking on the other as an object for their own satisfaction. After original sin, they were actually inclined in that direction; they could choose against it, but it's difficult. They actually have to choose against their own inclination, their own desires. This is called concupiscence and the same is now true for us.

If you are going to form real friendship with the Lord, these disordered passions have to be reckoned with. For one thing, a person cannot allow themselves to just be blindly controlled by their feelings, emotions, desires, etc. – as many people are many times. The passions often lead to habits of sin – wrath, bitterness, hatred, grudge-bearing; lust; greed; envy; gossip, and so on. (Continued on page 4)

	Liturgy	y Schedule	Location	Mass Intention
Mon., June 14	10:00 AM	Mass	Colman	Personal Intention
Tues., June 15	8:00 AM	Mass	Colman	† John/Steve Evans
Wed., June 16	8:00 AM	Mass	Colman	† Lucille Anderson
Thur., June 17	8:00 AM	Mass	Colman	† John Evans
Fri., June 18	8:00 AM	Mass	Colman	† Joan Johnson Rovig
Sat., June 19	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., June 20	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass (Retired Priest) Mass	Elkton Aurora Flandreau	† Dorothy Schraut All Parishioners † Pauline McGlone

CONFESSIONS: - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass

- Flandreau after Sunday Mass

ROSARY: - prayed 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SAT., JUNE 19

Lector: Chad Groos

Altar Servers: Ava/Lanie Mousel

ELKTON ~ SUN., JUNE 20

Lector: Bill Fargen

Altar Servers: Rose McMahon, Gabby Mejia

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JUNE 20

Lector: Marty Parsley

Altar Servers: Nora Hamilton,

Jacob/Justin Klein

Sacristan: Tammy Stenger

Intention of the Holy Father for June:

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Daily Readings for the Week

June 14: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Ps 98:1-4; Matthew 5:38-42

June 15: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Ps 146:2,5-9; Matthew 5:43-48

June 16: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Ps 112:1-4,9; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

June 17: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Ps 111:1-8; Matthew 6:7-15

June 18: 2 Corinthians 11:18,21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Matthew 6:19-23

June 19: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Matthew 6:24-34

June 20: Job 38:1,8-11; Ps 107:23-31; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17;

Mark 4:35-41

Periodicals: We are currently spending about \$3500.00 per year on periodicals: Catholic Answers, The Word Among Us, Our Sunday Visitor, and Living with Christ. Although I don't read them regularly myself, I am familiar with them and I believe that they are all fine publications. This is a lot to spend annually, though, on periodicals. Catholic Answers accounts for more than half of that cost (about \$2000.00/year) and there are often some left over. At this point, then, we will be dropping the parish subscription to Catholic Answers. If you like getting it, you might consider ordering a home copy for yourself. Fr Xuhu





STS. SIMON & JUDE

Host Family Needed for two Lumen Christi (formerly Totus Tuus) team members for Sat., July 31- Thur., August 5. Contact Laura 530-9428 or Marietta 864-3182.

** Please Note the Daily Mass Schedule Changes for this week. All daily Masses will be at Colman due to Lumen Christi being there. Also, check the times.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Blessed Imelda Lambertini
Catholic Formation Camp
Camp will be held July 27th through July 30th
from 5:30pm to 8:00pm for grades Pre-K
through 5th. A light supper will be provided
for the children. Cost is free. Registration forms
are at the back of the church or call Sharon
Landsman at 605-592-0627.

Bishop DeGrood is Inviting every person in our diocese to join in his vision of Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love. Visit sfcatholic.org/vision to join the mission.

<u>Broom Tree Family Camp</u>: June 21 - 24, More information and registration at: broom-tree.org/retreats/broom-tree-family-camp/

Youth in grades 7-12, sign up for a bible study this summer with the Lumen Christi missionaries. Groups meet 1-2 times a week either in person or over Zoom. Find out more at www.sfcatholic.org/lumenchristi

<u>Junior High D-Camp</u> July 15-18, Reserve your spot at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/

<u>"Bishop's Cup"</u> August 23 Benefiting Broom Tree Retreat & Conference Center: For more information or to register visit <u>ccfesd.org</u> or contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765.



Colman: \$1155 Elkton: \$1698 Flandreau: \$4131

ST. PETER



Parish Picnic:

hurch Sunday, June 13th - 6:00 pm **Picnic** Join us in welcoming the Lumen Christi team. Everything is provided, come and enjoy.

We are also looking for volunteers

- ⇒ to help during the day program,
- ⇒ provide lunches for the 4 team members.
- ⇒ invite the team out for an evening meal
- ⇒ provide snacks for the kids.

Please contact Marcie if you are willing to help out in any way! Your help will make this summer camp a great success!

Begins this Sunday evening!!
SUMMER CAMP

LUMEN CHRISTI Light of Christ

(formally Totus Tuus)

- Junior high & high school: 6:30 8:30pm.
 Sunday, June 13th Thursday, June 17th
- Grades 1-6: 8:00am 12:00pm
 Monday, June 14th Friday, June 18th.
 The day includes catechetical instruction,

daily Mass, songs, games and recess.

<u>Pizza Party</u>: Wednesday, June 16th - 6:30pm for the evening session.

Cost - FREE!

Finance Council Mtg: Thur., June 17 - 5:30 PM.



Please pray for **April Entringer** and **Caleb Dusek** who will be married on June 19.

We Remember - James Carroll:

His funeral was on Wednesday. May the Lord grant him eternal peace and give his family and friends hope and comfort.

Taste the Goodness

Saturday, August 14 ~ Downtown Sioux Falls, Benefiting Bishop Dudley Hospitality House

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What brought this up at this point is that this past week the weekday Gospels have been from our Lord's so-called "Sermon on the Mount." This is the longest recorded teaching of our Lord in the Gospels. It spans 3 chapters in the Gospel of Matthew. The Sermon on the Mount (what is now called Mt. Beatitude) deals with what today would be called morality – human actions, including interior acts – thoughts, motives, dispositions. The Gospel last Thursday was the one where our Lord says: "But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment..." Anger is not always a sin; it is meant to drive back evil. The anger that our Lord is speaking of here is grudge-bearing, ill-will, hatred, bitterness, and so on. This flows out the passions.

There is only one way to deal with these passions – and they have to be dealt with - and it is by using our free will. A person has to first of all: stop at the beginning of an interior attack (of say rage or bitterness; lust; fear; envy; whatever it is) or an exterior action (say gossip). It's helpful to even physically stop yourself – stop talking, stop moving - and regain control of yourself rather than letting the passion run loose. You then have to (interiorly) say: NO. There is no other way. You have to choose to do this. You have to choose or decide, firmly, not to let the passion control you. We need the grace of the sacraments (Confession, Mass) to do this but grace is not magic dust that just makes things go away. Grace strengthens our human faculties and then we have to choose to act on it, to cooperate with it. Confession, when we fall, is needed. But remember that part of Confession is the firm purpose of amendment. You can't just run out the door and go back to business as usual.

This also requires humility. If a person is convinced of their own goodness and concludes they don't need to pay any attention to this, they are in for a terrible awakening. Pride is the great killer of interior life. Start paying attention to how often you are controlled or motivated by the passions. Fear is a big one. Why are people so desirous of following the crowd, often blindly? There could be a number of reasons but often times it's because they're afraid of being ostracized.

Is it worth it? It certainly is. To have control of oneself is a great unburdening. It means having true freedom, interior freedom, and peace. It means finally being one's

true self. Most importantly, it means that a person can then make real headway towards ultimate fulfillment, towards truly knowing our Lord and being bound to Him. When this happens, the person is not far from the Kingdom of Heaven.

God bless you, Fr. Kuhn



Director of Campus Ministry: Dakota State University, Madison SD: Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls is seeking a qualified individual to serve in the fulltime position (40 hours/wk) of Director of Campus Ministry for Dakota State University and St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Madison, South Dakota. The Director of Campus Ministry will work with the Director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls to create, maintain and evangelize the Catholic community on the campus of Dakota State University. In addition, the successful candidate will work with the Pastor and Director of Religious Education at St Thomas Parish to help coordinate and plan events for high school students as well as coordinate the confirmation program. To obtain a job description or further information, please contact Twila Roman, HR Director, at troman@sfcatholic.org Resume and cover letters may be emailed to her or sent to her at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

The Tri-Parish of St. Joseph, St. Martin & St. Leo is seeking a Full and/or Part- time Faith Formation Coordinator. This position is responsible for implementing engaging and spiritually enriching programs for our Faith Formation department. The ideal candidate must be a practicing Catholic and possess strong leadership and organizational skills. For more information, contact Msgr Gerald Kosse at 507-825-3152 or stop by the St. Leo parish office in Pipestone, MN for an application.

St Catherine, Luverne, MN is seeking to hire a Full Time Custodian. The preferred candidate needs to be able to lift up to 50 pounds; have general handy-man knowledge/capabilities; be willing to work weekend hours with the ability to work both independently and in a team environment; be able to work outdoors in varying weather conditions; be willing to clean and disinfect. Must have a valid driver's license and pass a background check. Employee benefit package offered. Application may be obtained from St. Catherine Catholic Church Office; email pastor@stscl.org or call 507-283-8502.

