

# Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL - Elkton  
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This past Tuesday the Church celebrated the memorial of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More. Both were born and raised in England, born in the late 1400's and lived primarily in the 1500's. They were not only contemporaries but friends as well.

St Thomas More, a layman, was renowned in English society. He was a civil lawyer and eventually became chancellor of England during the reign of King Henry VIII, a very prestigious position. St John Fisher was a bishop of England and, before his execution, was made a Cardinal of the Church. Bishop Fisher was renowned for his preaching and serious intellectual pursuits.

The most decisive moment in both of their lives came around the year 1530. The Protestant revolt had already begun with Luther and his followers in Germany. The core corruption of original sin – me and what I want – had been unleashed, declared good, and the spirit of revolt against God and His Church was in the air. Henry VIII, the King of England, turned out to be no exception. He wanted his marriage to Catherine declared null. The case eventually went to Rome and the ruling came back that it was a valid marriage; the annulment was not granted. In response, Henry cut off all ties of the Church in England to the pope, to the universal Church, and declared himself the head of the Church in England. And thus Protestantism began in England. Henry VIII divorced his wife and “married” a young woman by the name of Anne Boleyn.

Thomas More knew the grave wrong that Henry VIII had committed and had no intention of being complicit with it. He thus resigned his position as chancellor and withdrew from public life. But that was not good enough for Henry. The King issued an Act of Succession, “which required all who should be called upon to take an oath acknowledging the issue of Henry and Anne as legitimate heirs to the throne, and to this was added a clause repudiating any foreign authority, prince or potentate.” In effect, it demanded recognition of him as the supreme pontiff of the Church in England as well as acknowledgement that his “marriage” to Anne was valid. More’s signature was demanded, and he refused. He was arrested and eventually beheaded. St John Fisher not only refused to sign the Act of Succession when it was demanded of him, but he preached strongly and forthrightly against Henry’s divorce and “remarriage.” In fact, according to one of his biographers, his listeners were startled at the directness of his language. Bishop John Fisher was also arrested, imprisoned, and beheaded.

How fitting it is that these two great saints are memorialized together. They serve as saintly examples of how to act when political and societal pressure, worldly pressure, exerts itself against God: St. Thomas More for laity and St John Fisher for clergy. Will that example, the one held up by our Lord Himself through His Church, be taken seriously and followed?

The circumstances surrounding the martyrdom of St John Fisher make him a particularly good example for clergy today. He did not cower, he did not negotiate or compromise on what is right and good and true, he did not try to curry favor, he did not hem and haw around the truths revealed by God in the face of serious and imminent threat. Being a loyal son and servant of our Lord, what he did do was teach *clearly* the realities revealed by God. How many times clergy and seminary faculty of today seem to want to set aside or place judgement on the example of saintly clergy like St John Fisher under the guise of being “pastoral.” While a lot of seminary reform has occurred since the 1970’s and ‘80’s, it is still often the case that the priest has it drilled into his mind that he is to be nothing more than some sort of ecclesiastical nice guy. Don’t offend anyone is the underlying, absolute principle – well, at least not worldly people, those with loud voices who support whatever anti-Christ mantra comes along. Be popular, be well liked, be pleasing and soothing. The criterion used to measure a priest is very often: did “the people” like it; do people woo & coo over him. Is this the priesthood of Christ? Was our Lord’s Passion and Death first prize at a popularity contest? When the mob shouted: “crucify Him, crucify Him” was this praise and acceptance? When the spikes were driven through His sacred hands and feet, was this affection? This is true priesthood, an example that our Lord has repeatedly held before our eyes with his canonized priests and bishops

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**13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 27, 2021**

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., June 28	5:30 PM	Mass	Flandreau	† Joan Johnson Rovig
Tues., June 29	5:30 PM	Mass	Flandreau	CDA Members
Wed., June 30	9:00 AM	Mass	Elkton	† Dale/Maxine Lynn
Thur., July 1	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	Personal Intention
Fri., July 2	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	Matt/Maria Luze
Sat., July 3	9:00 AM	1st Saturday Mass	Flandreau	† Francis/Erma DeLay & Gary Hemmer
	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin
Sun., July 4	8:30 AM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† James McGlone
<b>CONFESSIONS :</b> - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass - Flandreau after Sunday Mass <b>ROSARY:</b> - prayed 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

#### MINISTERS OF SERVICE

##### **ELKTON ~ SAT., JULY 3**

**Lector:** Sharon Landsman

**Altar Servers:** Claire McMahon, Connor Owens

##### **COLMAN ~ SUN., JULY 4**

**Lector:** Pete Entringer

**Altar Servers:** Kadance Landis, Rilyn Groos

##### **FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JULY 4**

**Lector:** Reggie Gassman

**Altar Servers:** Matthew Gassman  
Liam/Jillian Knippling

**Sacristan:** Jackie Burggraff

#### Daily Readings for the Week

June 28: Genesis 18:16-33; Ps 103:1-4,8-11; Matthew 8:18-22

June 29: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18;  
Matthew 16:13-19

June 30: Genesis 21:5,8-20; Ps 34:7-13; Matthew 8:28-34

July 1: Genesis 22:1-19; Ps 115:1-9; Matthew 9:1-8

July 2: Genesis 23:1-4,19, 24:1-8,62-67; Ps 106:1-5; Matt 9:9-13

July 3: Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 117:1-2; John 20:24-29

July 4: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6


**Today is the Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Envelopes are available in the church entrance. For more information or to donate on-line go to: <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>

#### July/August Mass Schedule

Elkton - Saturday at 5:00 PM

Colman - Sunday at 8:30 AM

Our  
Weekly Offering



**Colman:** \$1215  
**Elkton:** \$828  
6/14: \$3531  
**Flandreau:**  
\$2258  
*Thank you!*



## **STS. SIMON & JUDE**



Welcome through Baptism  
into our parish family to  
**Finnlee Rose Julson,**  
daughter of Kaila and Cory.

## **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



## **Special Adoration Time**

this Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

4:00 - 8:00 PM

at Sts. Simon & Jude - Flandreau

Please come and pray for our bishops and  
a true reverence for the Holy Eucharist.

## **Adult Ed Class Final Gathering**

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 PM

in SS&J Church basement.

**Thank You** to all who made the serving of  
The Banquet a great success! There were 350  
adults, and 40 children served a delicious roast  
beef meal on June 2nd, 2021. This ministry is  
successful because of the generosity of many in  
our community. Thank You for those who gave  
of their time, their talents, and their material  
resources. Next year's date is: June 1st, 2022.  
God Bless you & have a great summer with  
family & friends. Jane DeLay Coordinator

## **Intention of the Holy Father for July:**

We pray that, in social, economic and political  
situations of conflict, we may be courageous and  
passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**Junior High D-Camp:** July 15-18, 2021 Register  
at [www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/](http://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/)

**Youth in grades 7-12** summer bible study 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](http://www.sfcatholic.org/lumenchristi)

**Director of Campus Ministry** for DSU, Madison  
and St Thomas Aquinas Parish. More information,  
contact Twila Roman, [troman@sfcatholic.org](mailto: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.



**"Taste the Goodness"**  
benefitting the Bishop Dudley  
Hospitality House,  
Saturday evening,  
**August 14, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
outdoors in downtown Sioux Falls.

Come with your friends to enjoy tastings of a wide  
variety of foods, craft beers, wine, bourbon and  
much more. Music and fun will be provided along  
with a great mobile bidding silent auction!

For on-going event updates or to purchase your  
tickets, visit our website [www.ccfesd.org](http://www.ccfesd.org) or call 605-  
988-3765. Now more than ever, the mission of the  
Dudley House needs our support.

## **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

### **Blessed Imelda Lambertini Catholic Formation Camp**

**July 27 - 30** from 5:30pm to 8:00pm

For grades **Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**The Ladies Guild is working on the Harvest  
Festival**, which is August 20 & 21. Judy  
Kampmann and Carol McMahon are the co-  
chairs. If there is anyone who would like to co-  
chair with us, contact Judy or Carol.

**St. Mary Cemetery Annual Meeting:**  
Wed., June 30 - 3:00 at St. Mary's Hall

## **ST. PETER**

**The Marian (Our Lady of Fatima) Grotto:** The  
gates of the little grotto on the north side of the  
church were closed once in the process of moving  
the altar rail and I noticed how nice they look. So I  
thought we would just leave them closed. But that  
is for decorative purposes only. You can still go in  
there and light candles and pray before the statue  
any time you like -- the gate is not locked and it is  
by no means there to keep people out. Just try to  
remember to close the gate behind you when you  
leave. Thanks, Fr Kuhn.



Register today for the **"Bishop's Cup"**  
Benefiting Broom Tree Retreat &  
Conference Center

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual **Bishop's Cup** golf  
tournament will be held on **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** at  
Minnehaha Country Club and The Country Club of  
Sioux Falls. In 2020, this tournament sold out 7  
WEEKS early, so don't wait to register!

There is a great opportunity for non-golfers to  
support *Broom Tree Retreat and Conference  
Center*, the beneficiary of the **Bishop's Cup**. You  
can purchase hole signs that will be placed on the  
course to promote your business, family or any intention.

Your support will ensure Broom Tree is available  
to people of all ages and income levels for years to  
come! **For more information or to register visit**  
[ccfesd.org](http://ccfesd.org) or contact the Catholic Community  
Foundation at 605-988-3765.

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for 2,000 years. When will this example stop being judged, ignored, and cast aside? Teaching the realities revealed by God is not harshness; it is our Lord's own appeal to: "repent and believe in the Gospel." And woe to me, as St Paul said, if I do not preach it.

We are too often and too easily controlled by the accuser. If a priest does happen to teach *clearly and directly* the real truths of the faith like St John Fisher, if he goes against the popular sinful movement of the day like Fisher, if he insists that our Lord be the center of Mass, then the immediate, invariable accusation is that he is uncharitable; it's like clockwork. Well the priest didn't say it right or do it right otherwise people would love him (like they do me). You really want to claim that you can do better than our Lord? Such a claim is blatant arrogance and our Lord warned us, over and over again, that it would come.

Some of the Bishops of the United States have now brought up an opportunity to really follow the example of St John Fisher, an example that flows from our Lord Himself. They recently voted 168-55 to *draft* a document on the Eucharist. According to reports, the document is not only meant to teach the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist but is also meant to emphasize the *necessity* of being in a state of grace to receive Holy Communion. The intention of at least some bishops is to directly address pro-abortion politicians who claim to be Catholic and present themselves for Holy Communion. There's really no debate about this. Canon 915 of the current Code of Canon Law states: "Those ... obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion." Canon law is simply reflecting what God has revealed and what our Lord has always taught in and through His Church. God said through St Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body *eats and drinks judgment on himself*."

One might ask if canon 915 can really be interpreted as denial of Holy Communion for pro-abortion politicians? Has the Holy See ever affirmed this? It has been widely reported that in 2004 then Cardinal Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI), as prefect for the Congregation on the Doctrine of the Faith, sent a memo to then Cardinal Theodore McCarrick – at that time the president of the USSCB – stating exactly that, that politicians who call themselves Catholic and advocate publicly for abortion are not to be admitted to Holy Communion, after being clearly instructed. According to reports, McCarrick, who has now been laicized because of his sexual predation over many decades, chose not to present the letter to the U.S. bishops.

Let us not only hope but truly and sincerely come before our Lord and pray that the U.S. bishops do indeed come out with such a document. It is badly needed and long overdue. For too long now clergy have sat silently by with smiley faces as our Lord is abused over and over again. Our Lord sits neglected in the Tabernacle. He is spat upon time and time again with irreverence, indifference, rebellion, and unholy Communion. All too often people make political parties and popular mentalities first and foremost: God can either conform Himself to me or be damned. Our Lord is scourged over and over again, all with happy smiles and "love." Enough is enough. It's time for priests to be priests and for Catholics to be Catholic.

Those with a spirit of rebellion against God, who have the arrogance to think that they can decide what is right and good and true, who think that God is supposed to conform Himself to them, usually get their way in this life and this world. But the days of self-glorification, as well as the time for conversion, is short. **What will you do?** Will you support the bishops who want to teach the faith, support them with prayer and perhaps even a short, one-page letter to our bishop? It would likely be helpful to a bishop if he had (say) a thousand letters encouraging him that this document be written and written in clear language. Remember, though, that it is the Lord who moves minds and hearts. The most important thing to do, then, is come before our Lord and plead with Him, plead that He take His Church into His own hand so that we can once again breathe the clean fresh air of real truth. Be sure to end your prayer with this: yet not my will but Your will be done; if you wish me to suffer through false teaching, hypocrisy, and the glorification of evil, Lord, I will do it. But please, Lord, keep me united to You.

Let us also bear in mind that it is our duty as well to treat our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with the utmost reverence. If what I do does not match my words then my words mean nothing. I must once again ask if conversations, something I encourage, could not take place somewhere outside the nave of the Church so as to maintain a reverent silence in the presence of our Lord. How about making a good Confession once a month to make sure we make as clean of a house as possible for our Lord to come into when He is received in Holy Communion? How about being mindful of Him and Him alone as you approach to receive Him?

The choice is this: continue with indifference or rebellion, or side decisively and actively with our Lord.

*God bless you, Fr. Kuhn*