

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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This Sunday the Church celebrates the solemnity of Pentecost. Pentecost is generally considered the “birth” of the Church, not because that’s when the Church was created but rather when it was first manifested. Our Lord had ascended into Heaven and entrusted the Church to the Apostles. He left them the deposit of the faith – all that God had revealed – as well as the sacraments, the means of sanctification. It was now their job to go and “teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” – to teach, govern, and sanctify. This is the mission of the Church – to build up the Kingdom of God through teaching and sanctifying.

One of the most important things that our Lord left to His Church is its teaching authority. Our Lord promised that whatever the Church teaches definitively would, with absolute certainty, be true. This is a gift to His faithful, for those who actually wish to get to Heaven – a gift they need and one that those who sincerely seek the Lord actually appreciate. Without it a person could not know the way home; without it, the word of God, what God has revealed, is rendered useless. Without it, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition could be (have been, and are) used to say anything and claim it’s from God. This is easy to see today. You will get people who will use Sacred Scripture to say exactly opposite things – yes, same-sex acts are ok, no they are sinful, as one example. Our Lord knew, of course, this would be the case and in fact demonstrated it Himself. He asked the Apostles: who do people say that I am? The Apostles replied: some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. When He took a survey, none of the answers were right; popular vote got it completely wrong. What was true then is true now.

The teaching authority of the Church is not some form of arrogance, it is not something that is lorded over others, it is not some sort of tyrannical rule; it is a gift from our Lord to His faithful. Our Lord does not abandon those who desire Him to their own opinion. He does not say: just make it up or figure it out yourself and if you happen to get it right, then I’ll let you in. No, He provides us with a teaching authority. We can be *absolutely* certain that whatever the Church teaches *definitively* in the area of faith and morals is in fact true and correct: the Eucharist *is* the person of Jesus, abortion and use of sexuality outside of marriage *are* mortally sinful, and so on. Ok, thank you Lord, now I know for sure what is right and good and true. Those who love Him and whose utmost desire is to be united with Him eternally, also trust in His promise, even in dark times.

Many today, even plenty who claim to be Catholic, cast aside the teaching authority of the Church and, either in ignorance or arrogance or both, claim that they can decide what is right and wrong, good and evil, true and false. There is a very recent, prime example of this, namely politicians who call themselves Catholic and yet formally and directly support abortion. As stated in canon 915 of canon law: “Those who...obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to Holy Communion.” A good number of U.S. bishops have become more forthright on this point, which has, of course, garnered public rebellion. One such politician went so far as to presume to give bishops, who have the God-given duty of governing the Church and care for the Eucharist, “instruction” on what the sacrament is. I suppose they will stop by their local hospital and give the surgeons some instructions on how to do surgery as well. My suggestion for the truly faithful is to support good bishops who actually teach the faith and govern according to the will of God, pray earnestly for both the Church and those committing such grave sin, but also not to pay the naysayers any heed. You know the way, stick to it and leave the rest in the (Continued on page 4)

PENTECOST SUNDAY ~ MAY 23, 2021

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., May 24	5:30 PM	Mass	Flandreau	Personal Intention
Tues., May 25	5:30 PM	Mass	Flandreau	Special Intention
Wed., May 26	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	Catherine Luze
Thur., May 27		No Liturgy		
Fri., May 28		No Liturgy		
Sat., May 29	7:00 PM	Mass	Colman	All Parishioners
Sun., May 30	8:30 AM	Mass	Elkton	† Mark Steinborn
	10:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Betty Hinricher

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., MAY 29

Lector: Richard Riley

Altar Servers: Ava/Lanie Mousel

ELKTON ~ SUN., MAY 30

Lector: Chris Myers

Altar Servers: Mason Fruechte, Andrew Landsman

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., MAY 30

Lector: Tom Luze

Altar Servers: Liam/Jillian Knippling

Maria Parsley, Tiffany Taylor

Sacristan: Brenna LeBrun

Intention of the Holy Father for May:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Daily Readings for the Week

May 24: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ps 87:1-7; John 19:25-34

May 25: Sirach 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8,14,23; Mark 10:28-31

May 26: Sirach 36:1-5,10-17; Ps 79:8-13; Mark 10:32-45

May 27: Sirach 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mark 10:46-52

May 28: Sirach 44:1,9-13; Ps 149:1-6,9; Mark 11:11-26

May 29: Sirach 51:12-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mark 11:27-33

May 30: Deut. 4:32-40; Ps 33:4-9,18-22; Romans 8:14-17;

Matthew 28:16-20

Want to set up your donations as a recurring transaction?

Did you know..... You can use your bank's on-line bill pay to initiate a recurring transaction (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.) to make your regular contributions to the parish. Enter as the payee the parish to which you wish to make your donation (*Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Peter, or Sts. Simon & Jude*).

Mailing address for all three parishes:

105 S. Bates St., Flandreau, SD 57028

Phone: 605-997-2610

OR if you fall into one of the following groups:


1) **OLGC** parishioners that have their bank account with **BankStar Financial**

2) **SS&J** parishioners that have their bank account with **First National Bank**

Stop by your respective bank and ask to fill out a form initiating a recurring transaction (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.) directly from your account into the parish account.

Both of these options are available with no fees to the either the parish or the parishioner.

Adult Class: **Sunday - 5:30 PM**

	Colman: \$
	Flandreau: \$2366
	Elkton: \$
	<i>Thank you!</i>

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Need one more Host family for Lumen Christi (*formerly Totus Tuus*) team members for Sat., July 31- Thur., August 5. Contact Laura 530-9428 or Marietta 864-3182.

CDA Mother Daughter Tea:

Join us to celebrate the Beatitudes Saturday June 5th 11:30am-1:30pm at the Secret Garden, Main Street Flandreau.

Tickets are \$8.00 each, advanced payment required. Please contact Erica Knippling or Jessica Lewis to purchase tickets. Due to the venue capacity – 50 people - tickets are not reserved until payment is received.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



Welcome through Baptism into our parish family
Corbitt Ethan Vos,
son of Jon & Angela Vos.

No Daily Mass this week Thursday or Friday. Father Kuhn will be attending the ordinations.

Ordinations for the transitional diaconate and the priesthood will be live streamed on the diocesan YouTube channel at SFDiocese or at sfcatholic.org

Ordination to the Diaconate, May 27 @ 11 a.m.
Ordination to the Priesthood, May 28 @ 11 a.m.

Pray for Vocations!



“BISHOP’S CHARITY FISHING TOURNAMENT”
Benefiting Seminarian Education

In-person tournaments

June 7 - Lake Side Park, Big Stone

June 14 - Oahe Down-stream Rec Area, Pierre

Virtual Tournament: June 5-14th

To become a sponsor, make a donation or register to participate contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765, or on-line at www.ccfesd.org.

Say a prayer for our seminarians.

ST. PETER

St. Elizabeth Court #1362 of the CDA is raising funds to assist victims of abuse in abuse shelters across South Dakota and in particular the Wholeness Center of Moody County. Lifesaver Saturday will be held May 22. Following Mass, Lifesavers will be available and donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

LUMEN CHRISTI

Light of Christ

(formerly Totus Tuus)

Summer Camp being held at

St. Peter's church hall June 13-18

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

Cost - FREE!

Registration forms can be found in the back of church and can be returned to Marcie Voelker- 46818 237th St. - Colman, SD 57017 or contact Marcie at 605-530-2219 to register.

We are looking for **someone to host the 2 boys for the week**. If you would be willing to open your home please contact me asap.

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.



We are hoping to host a welcome picnic on Sunday night, June 13th at 6:00pm and a potluck on Wednesday evening, June 16th.

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

Junior High D-Camp Registration for July 2021 is available! Sign up fast to reserve your spot at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/.

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Lord's hands. This is only for those who actually wish to get to Heaven. For those who think they know better than the Lord...we will hope and pray that, by the grace of God, they change their mind before they die.

The Church has both a Divine and a human dimension (or aspect). The Divine always remains what it is, it never changes. The Church is holy because of that Divine presence. The human dimension of the Church is almost always in need of some reform (sometimes, perhaps now, more than others) but the Divine dimension is never in need of reform. The fact that our Lord created the Church also means that those aspects that our Lord Himself established cannot be undone. Some people want to set aside the Magisterium (or hierarchy = Pope & bishops) of the Church as the means of governance of the Church. Some seem to believe that the Church should be a democracy. This hierarchical / Magisterial structure, however, was established by our Lord Himself, which means it cannot be set aside; such a thing would most definitely be against His will -- an offense against Him. If we set aside the Magisterium, we would cease to be Catholic. Now saying that this structure of governance (hierarchical) must be kept in place is much different than saying certain members need to either reform or be replaced; that can be very much true, and has been from the beginning, starting with Judas. It is one thing to say that the office (of Pope and bishop) must be in place, it is another matter as to who should occupy that office. It may very well be that particular bishops, or even a pope, need to either convert or be replaced but (again) that is much different than saying replace the *form* of governance of the Church, i.e., eliminate the *offices* of Pope and bishop altogether. Being humble is not easy and few people fully and deeply embrace it; nonetheless it is essential. And a good part of humility is making sure that I don't think I know better than our Lord!

I want to return for a moment to the Divine dimension of the Church. Let us always remember that the Divine dimension of the Church is never in need of reform. The Church's definitive teachings are never in need of reform; in fact, they cannot change because God does not change. The Church has no authority to change that which God has declared. The main point I want to come to here, however, is that the Divine dimension of the Church is why I'm here. I am here because the Lord is here. I am here because the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church was established by our Lord Himself. Too many people today are under the erroneous belief that there's little, if any, difference between the Catholic Church and Protestant denominations. There are a number of very significant differences, one of which is that the Catholic Church is the only Church established by our Lord. Protestantism was not started by Christ, it was started by man, 1500 years *after* the birth of our Lord. For the first 1500 years of Christianity, there was no such thing as Protestantism; to be Christian meant being Catholic (except for the Orthodox (mainly in Eastern Europe) which split off around the year 1,000). I am Catholic because it is the beloved Master's will that I, along with every other human being, be part of the one only Church that He Himself created. I am here because the head of the Mystical body (the Church) is inseparably connected to His body. I am here because of our Lord's presence in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

I long for a great purification of the Church – that we may once again breathe the clean fresh air of pure doctrine. That we may see truth lived out, especially in our liturgy and our sacred places. But no matter how bad the warts are in the human dimension of the Church, I will not leave because to leave is to betray the good Master. The Church is the Kingdom of God here on earth and for those who are truly united to our Lord, it will culminate in Heaven.

God bless you, Fr. Kuhn

