

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Although this solemnity was not inaugurated until the 1300's, it had its beginnings long before that – all the way back to the 300's in the struggle against Arianism. Arianism was a heresy (false teaching) in the early Church that denied the divinity of the Son of God, and thus of Jesus as well. As such, it was a heresy about both Jesus and the Trinity. In response to this, a special "Office" was added to the Liturgy of the Hours. Eventually this led to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.

At the root of the Arian heresy was the age-old enemy of pride, in this case taking the form of rationalism. Rationalism is a form of human arrogance which says, basically: the only things to believe are those that the human mind can fully comprehend. There is no mind, not even angelic ones, that can *fully* comprehend God; only God *fully* comprehends God. We can know some things about Him, but He cannot be *fully* comprehended. Thus, rationalism must make God "small," so to speak, it must deny Him as He really is and make Him fit the human mind and expectations – it creates a false God. This is what Arianism did. Yet is this not common in our own time as well? The only difference is that now rationalism simply eliminates God altogether, casting Him aside with either accusations like "if there is a good God, then why suffering," or with mockeries like: "I don't believe in an invisible man in the sky" (neither do I, incidentally) and replacing God with something much smaller like self-importance or scientism. Ironically, this rationalism actually makes man stupider since the human mind is capable of abstraction; truth, for example, is something abstract (you can't go to a store and buy a bucket-full of it or hold it in your hand) yet thinking people understand that there is such a thing as truth. The human mind is capable of abstraction which means it is capable of grasping the existence and activity of the unseen as well, of God.

Coming back to the modern death rattles of agnosticism and atheism, we can take a lesson from the Church Fathers on how they countered the rationalism of their time, namely with the Trinity. The same can be helpful now too, *if* people are willing to actually think about things rather than just follow the crowd. How does the Trinity help? It is easy enough to see that "everything fits together" by considering God's own interior life. We have spoken before about how even the most basic things flow from the nature of the Trinity. Life itself is one example; what are the properties of life? Activity & reproduction. What do we see in the inner life of the Trinity? The complete giving of one person to the other. And what is all of this giving, receiving, contemplating? It is *activity*. Reproduction: the Father *generates* the Son – like (not the same as but *like*) reproduction. The very characteristics of life that we take for granted are not mere accidents – they reflect God's own being because He created them! What about marriage, sexuality (deep interpersonal communication), family life, and even friendship? Would any of these even exist if God was not a union of persons? If God was absolute solitude, then absolute solitude would be the highest good, not coming together. God is also absolute unity as well as life. What happens to a dead body? It disintegrates – no life, no unity. The relation of the 3 persons is called love; God is love and our Lord manifested love in the sacrifice of Himself. Do we believe in love without willingness to sacrifice for the other person? As we think about all that our Lord

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ MAY 30, 2021

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., May 31	5:30 PM	Mass	Flandreau	dec & ill CDA members
Tues., June 1	5:30 PM	Mass	Flandreau	† Marcella Hoisington
Wed., June 2	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	Crystal Buemer
Thur., June 3	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	Personal Intention
Fri., June 4	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Leonard Dressen
Sat., June 5	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	1st Saturday Mass Mass	Flandreau Colman	† Helen Rueschenberg † Ray/Ethel/Michael Heinricy
Sun., June 6	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	† G'Ann Hegerfeld All Parishioners

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 5

Lector: Roger Merges

Altar Servers: Ben/Anna Zwart,
Austin Gullickson, Kadance Landis

ELKTON ~ SUN., JUNE 6

Lector: Mary Remund

Altar Servers: Jack Skordahl, Aidan Owens,
Andrew Landsman, Claire McMahon

FLANDREAU ~ SUN., JUNE 6

Lector: Jessica Lewis

Altar Servers: Matthew Drietz,
Cade/Brant/Bryson LeBrun

Sacristan: Libby Heinemann

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.



Colman: \$605

5/16: \$4110

Elkton: \$886

5/16: \$1289

Flandreau: \$3733

Thank you!

Confirmation: The survey for preference of location for Confirmation is completed. I think there were good and weak points for each of the three options made available to us by the chancery so I really didn't have a preference for any particular one. So I want to thank all of the parents who responded as it was very helpful in deciding which one to pick. The results were: **Regional 53.3%, Cathedral 26.7%, and Parish every 3 years 20%**. Therefore I will submit a request to the chancery for "regional" Confirmation. What that means, once again, is that several parish linkages all come to a "central" location (probably Brookings for us, as it was this year) for Confirmation. I realize a lot of people probably prefer to have it at one of our parishes *every year* but that option was simply not available. You're welcome to provide me with feedback if you like and I can try to provide it to the chancery or bishop when an opportunity presents itself. Or you can perhaps provide feedback directly to the chancery as well. Either way, I'm sure it will be listened to and may have an effect. But I cannot change the options available myself. Just one last thing I would like to offer...Let's make sure that we remember to be grateful for the sacrament regardless of where it's administered. It's easy (for priests too) to get so caught up in external aspects that we lose sight of the fact that this is a powerful gift from God. Whatever the externals are, let's be sure to have simple and sincere gratitude to our Lord for the great gifts that He won for us through His Passion and death.

Thank you and God bless you, Fr Kuhn.

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.

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.



Please pray for Ashley Stenger and Cole Maly who will be married on June 12.

Daily Readings for the Week

May 31: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 1:39-56

June 1: Tobit 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2,7-9; Mark 12:13-17

June 2: Tobit 3:1-11,16-17; Ps 25:2-9; Mark 12:18-27

June 3: Tobit 6:10-11, 7:1,9-17, 8:4-9; Ps 128:1-5;
Mark 12:28-34

June 4: Tobit 11:5-17; Ps 146:1-2,6-10; Mark 12:35-37

June 5: Tobit 12:1,5-15,20; Tobit 13:2,6-8; Mark 12:38-44

June 6: Exodus 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-18; Hebrews 9:11-15;
Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Day of Recollection at Abbey of the Hills:

June 8, 10AM - 3PM with Fr. Michael Wensing

Topic: "How Catholics Should Do Bible Study for Knowledge, Prayer and Inspiration!"

Registration is required for meal planning
www.abbeyofthehills.org or call 605-398-9200.

New This Summer!

Broom Tree Family Camp: June 21 - 24,

Join us for an all-inclusive Family Camp experience! This camp, directed by Sean & Jenn Dalton and Father Scott Traynor, offers your family a great opportunity to get away from the busyness and distractions of daily life to grow together in your relationship with each other and with God.

More information and register at:
broom-tree.org/retreats/broom-tree-family-camp/

ST. PETER

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.

Needed: Someone to host the two boy members of the Lumen Christi team 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/.

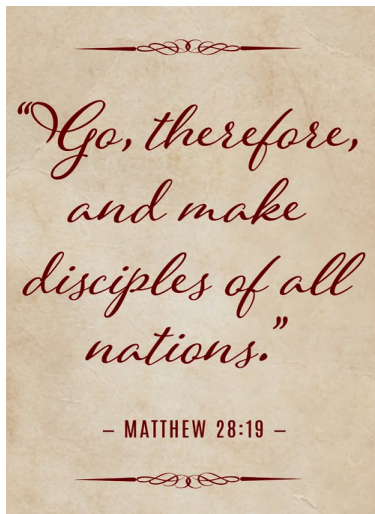
Breadbasket Needs: Ivory bar soap, Black, pinto and kidney beans

Pray for Vocations!

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(a man who did things well beyond the power of man) revealed about God, we can see with our own eyes that there is a great consistency between what God is and the created world. Is it proof for the existence of God? It's not, but any thinking person has to at least say: it does all hang together, it is consistent, it does make sense, and more sense than anything else. A thinking person has to say: what's more likely, this cogent, coherent, sufficient explanation of how and why things are as they are, or...or what? Some blind force called chance directing everything? Now who believes in tooth fairies!

God bless you, Fr. Kuhn



**“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.

Job Openings at the Diocese

Interested candidates should send their resume and cover letter to the Director of Human Resources, Twila Roman at troman@sfcatholic.org or 523 North Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Administrative Assistant for the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota:

Seeking an experienced professional who desires to become a part of a growing organization to serve in the role of Administrative Assistant. This full time position plays an important role in a fast paced, dynamic ministry and will provide administrative support within the operations team of the Foundation. Responsibilities will include processing of correspondence, gift and distribution documentation, data entry, and serving as the first point of contact for office visitors and phone contacts, and other general office duties. The qualified applicant must have demonstrated skills in all Microsoft Office software and an attention to detail. Prior experience as an administrative assistant and an active Catholic preferred.

Billing Specialist for Catholic Family Services:

Seeking a faithful Catholic professional to serve in the full-time role of Billing Specialist within the Sioux Falls office. The successful candidate will have a minimum of an Associate’s Degree in an accounting related field with experience working in a clinic setting. Responsibilities include all client billing and financial processes as well as collaborating with a dynamic team to provide a welcoming and client friendly experience.

Parish Accounting Services at The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls:

Seeking an active, practicing Catholic who is detail oriented to serve in this full-time position. The ideal candidate will be responsible for maintaining accounting principles and practices to ensure accurate and timely financial statements for parishes and other diocesan entities. Activities of the position include general ledger preparation and related reconciliations, completion of financial reporting, payroll, year-end tax filing and providing technical support for parish bookkeepers on accounting software program. The position offers the option of working remotely from a parish office located outside of the Sioux Falls area.

