

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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St. Faustina,

“Once, I desired very much to receive Holy Communion, but I had a certain doubt, and I did not go. I suffered greatly because of this. It seemed to me that my heart would burst from the pain. When I set about my work, my heart full of bitterness, Jesus suddenly stood by me and said, My daughter, do not omit Holy Communion unless you know well that your fall was serious; apart from this, no doubt must stop you from uniting yourself with Me in the mystery of My love. Your minor faults will disappear in My love like a piece of straw thrown into a great furnace. Know that you grieve Me much when you fail to receive Me in Holy Communion.” (paragraph#156, Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary)

Saint Faustina was very sensitive to the presence of the least of sins because of her great love for Jesus. Saint Faustina had already turned away from the evils of mortal sin that occur when we knowingly and willingly break the Ten Commandments that God has given for us to live by. Her thoughts and feelings were correct in regards to mortal sins, which are greatly offensive to God and can bring further condemnation if we receive Jesus in Holy Communion without going to Confession. The mortal sins can be forgiven ONLY through The Divine Mercy that Jesus Christ offers to us in the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation.

The problem is that Saint Faustina mistakenly applied the effects of mortal sins to venial sins, that is why she did not want to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. She had not yet gone to confession and did not want to further offend Jesus. Mortal sin is an intense action of evil that destroys God's Love within us. Venial sin weakens God's Love in us and impedes our progress in virtue while leading us toward mortal sin. But with venial sins, love still exists and we can be forgiven with perfect contrition and the reception of Holy Communion. Jesus made St. Faustina aware of her scrupulosity, which is excessively concerned with the minor faults(venial sins) of our interior irritations, grumpy attitudes, impatiences etc.... Venial sins are indicators that we lack in The Ways of Love but not so seriously that it separates us from God's Love. Venial sins can be forgiven at the beginning of each Mass, as we call them to mind during the penitential rite with sorrow for committing them, and a desire not to commit them again as we pray an Act of Contrition. With a repentant heart, we can receive Jesus Christ in The Most Holy Communion, and The Power of His Infinite Love for us will burn away these minor faults(venial sins). This is what Jesus is telling Saint Faustina regarding Holy Communion and minor faults, do not let the minor faults(venial sins) keep you away from Holy Communion. She loved Jesus and did not want to offend Him in any way, that is perfect contrition. When we receive Holy Communion with perfect contrition, the venial sins are like pieces of straw that burn up in a huge fiery furnace of God's Infinite Love and Mercy.

At the same time, do not let mortal sins stop you from receiving Jesus. Humble yourself, repent of the sins and go to The Sacrament of Confession to receive The Divine Mercy that Jesus offers to all repentant sinners so that they may be re-grafted into The Vine(*Jesus*) and be restored as sons and daughters of God The Father. The Catholic Catechism says in #1855: “*Mortal sin* destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, who is his ultimate end and his beatitude, by preferring an inferior good to him.” #1856: “Mortal sin, by attacking the vital principle within us - that is, charity - necessitates(*requires*) a new initiative of God's mercy and a conversion of heart which is normally accomplished within the setting of the sacrament of reconciliation.” Mortal sins are “The Seven Capital Sins:” Pride, Anger, Greed, Envy, Lust, Gluttony, Sloth, which are expressed in using God's Name in vain, not keeping holy the Sabbath, lying, cheating, stealing, murder, lust, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, over eating, laziness, etc... Jesus tells us, “If you love me, then keep my commandments” (Jn 14:15), but if we fail to love God by keeping His Commandments, then go to the Sacrament of Confession where Divine Mercy is given to us in absolution which makes The One Perfect and Pleasing Sacrifice present to us when our Lord Jesus said from The Cross “Father, forgive them they know not what they do.” (Lk 23:34). Trust in His Mercy and Love, It is here for you now and It endures forever.

Fr. Doug Binsfeld

Pentecost Sunday ~ May 31, 2020

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., June 1		No Liturgy		
Tues., June 2	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† John Evans
Wed., June 3	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin
Thur., June 4	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., June 5	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Betty Hinricher
Sat., June 6	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	First Saturday Mass Mass	Flandreau Colman	† Ray Entringer All Parishioners
Sun., June 7	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Elkton Flandreau	† H. Joseph Maher † Gabe/Helen Berger
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> - Elkton & Colman 1/2 hour prior to weekend Mass - Flandreau after weekend Mass				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

COLMAN ~ SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Lect./Comm.: Paula Heinricy

ELKTON ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Lect/Comm: Lois Stuefen, Mary Remund

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Lect./Comm: Reggie Gassman, Pam Rorvik-Albers (C)

Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

Daily Mass Readings

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

June 2: 2 Peter 3:12-18; Ps 90:2-4,10,14,16; Mark 12:13-17

June 3: 2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12; Ps 123:1-2; Mark 12:18-27

June 4: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-14; Mark 12:28-34

June 5: 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Ps 119:157-168; Mark 12:35-37

June 6: 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9,14-17,22; Mark 12:38-44

June 7: Exodus 34:4-9; Daniel 3:52-55;

2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

Daily Readings can also be found on-line at

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>



Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) to register and give baptismal information.

Intention of the Holy Father for June:

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions every day. Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you. Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love, and mercy.

May 17 th Our Weekly Offering		Elkton: \$ Flandreau: \$3497 Colman: \$2087
THANK YOU!!		

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Used Ceiling Tiles available. Approximately 150 of these 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.

Offering Envelope Box Sets are in the back of church. Please pick up your set for the upcoming fiscal year.

Pans and bowls (left when food was brought for funerals or other events) accumulate in the church kitchen. Please stop down and see if you may have an item or two to pick up.



First Holy Communion:

Sunday, June 7 at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please pray for our 1st Communion Students.

James Heinemann

Sofia Hernandez

Tenley LeBrun

Dasha Pedraza-Felix

Evan Hoffman

Arianna Meyer

Austin Ehrichs

ST. PETER

Free Piano: The piano in the parish hall is no longer being used and we are offering it to any parishioner who could use it. Contact Renee Gullickson (864-1743) for more information.

First Confession: Wed., June 3 - 6:00 PM.



First Holy Communion:

Saturday, June 6 at the 7:00 PM Mass. Please pray for our 1st Communion Students.

Gavin Groos

Seth Larson

Briggs Mousel

Quinn Hemmer

Cruz Luze

Josie Pederson

Landon Preheim

FORGET

Regret nothing. Not even the sins and failures. When a man views Earth's wonders from some mountain height he does not spend his time in dwelling on the stones and stumbles, the faints and failures, that marked his upward path.

So with you. Breathe in the rich blessings of each new day—forget all that lies behind you.

Man is so made that he can carry the weight of twenty-four hours, no more. Directly he weighs down with the years behind, and the days ahead, his back breaks. I have promised to help you with the burden of today only, the past I have taken from you and if you, foolish hearts, choose to gather again that burden and bear it, then, indeed, you mock Me to expect Me to share it.

For weal or woe each day is ended. What remains to be lived, the coming twenty-four hours, you must face as you awake.

A man on a march on Earth carries only what he needs for that march. Would you pity him if you saw him bearing too the overwhelming weight of the worn-out shoes and uniforms of past marches and years? And yet, in the mental and spiritual life, man does these things. Small wonder My poor world is heartsick and weary.

Not so must *you* act.

From "God Calling" by A.J. Russell

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

First Confession: Wed., June 10 - 6:30 PM.

First Holy Communion:

Sunday, June 28th at the 8:30 AM Mass.

If anyone is in need of help, please call the parish office (997-2610). If you are quarantining yourself, and need assistance getting food or medicine, we are here to help you.

The Breadbasket: Nutritious, shelf-stable goods are requested at this time: Noodles, rice, canned meat/fish, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned tomatoes, canned soups, instant potatoes, dried beans, etc. Monetary donations will be used for milk, margarine, and/or items from FeedingSD (a food bank from which they order).

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.

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.

Relief fund established in response to COVID-19:

In response to Bishop Donald E. DeGrood's request that we unite as brothers and sisters in the Lord and have great confidence in Him, the Catholic Community Foundation for Eastern South Dakota has established the COVID-19 Relief Fund to provide financial resources to people in eastern South Dakota who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage those who are able to give to this fund. Assistance will be given through local parishes/pastors. To learn more or to donate, go to www.CCFESD.org.

Read our parish bulletins on-line:
www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish



Please pray for the newly ordained of our diocese:
To the Priesthood - ordained on May 29th
 Rev. Michael Kapperman
 Rev. Tony Klein
To the Diaconate - ordained on May 28th
 Deacon Jacob Doty
 Deacon Scott Miller
 Deacon Jeff Schulte

Discipleship Camp – Summer 2020: You can still register for either High School Session 1 or the Jr. High Session. Discipleship Camp is a four-day summer camp held at Broom Tree Youth & Family Camp. Youth will hear talks to help them grow in faith, bond with a small group of other teens, compete in epic all-camp Olympic games, go to Mass, Confession and Adoration, and meet lots of new friends! Register at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/.

There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father.
Pope Francis

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WISDOM
To value the things of God

UNDERSTANDING
To grasp faith's mysteries

COUNSEL
To make wise decisions

FORTITUDE
To strengthen your will

KNOWLEDGE
To enlighten your mind

PIETY
To love and serve God

FEAR OF THE LORD
To respect God's majesty