

Catholic Tri-Parish Community

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL - Elkton
105 S. Bates St., FLANDREAU, SD 57028



G.K. Chesterton: The Seven Deadly Sins

A commentary by Dale Ahlquist: (part #2)

The Seven Deadly sins are not the mortal sins. They are not actual actions. They are the state that our soul has entered so that we commit acts of sins, including mortal sin. **They are called deadly for the simple reason that if we pursue any of these sins, they will destroy us.** People don't like to talk about sin, they prefer to talk about morality; well, they don't like talking about morality either. Nevertheless, the word morality seems less harsh and more open to interpretation than the word sin. Chesterton is struck by the term, 'current morality.' It sounds better than current sin, but Chesterton wonders what the term current morality means. He suggests that it means the morality that is always running away. He also observes that we don't really have disputes about what we call evil, only about what evils we call excusable. This is very dangerous. It is dangerous for our souls. 'A change has taken place. It is not so much in the sins for which individual sinners are punished, as the sins for which they are not punished. The sins that seem to be no longer regarded as sins at all. It is in the things taken for granted; the things passed over; even the things forgotten that the glaring change appears. It is involved in the very words used to whitewash it. People say there were black eyes like that of a hundred years ago and in every age. The answer is yes, there were black eyes like that a hundred years ago. But there were not respectable people like that a hundred years ago. Society did not assume a convention of sin which only became unconventionable when it actually turned into crime. It is not that more people have broken the law, it is that the law is broken. Broken in the sense of having broken down.

But just as there are no new sins, there are no former sins that have been upgraded into virtues. Morality has not changed in spite of our attempts to change it. We try to defy sin, but we only defy God with the same old sins. The main reason that we no longer recognize sin is that we no longer recognize virtue. 'The terrible danger at the heart of our society is that the tests are giving way. We are altering not the evils but the standard of good, which is the only standard by which any good can be detected and defined.' **There is one institution in the world that still calls sin, sin. It is the Catholic Church, which is ironically made up entirely of sinners. And yet the Church has the unenviable task of explaining that there are things in the world, that the world holds up as rights that are actually wrongs. The Church will not compromise with sin, in other words, it will not excuse sin.** But it will forgive sin. Not compromising with sin is an act of mercy, because only by admitting sin, admitting that sin is sin is what will make us better. It is called Confession. 'There are many critics that say it is morbid to confess your sins, but the morbid thing is not to confess them. The morbid thing is to conceal your sins and let them eat away at your soul, which is exactly the state of most people in today's highly civilized communities. It sometimes does people good to punish them. Yet often, probably more often, does them good to pardon them. Yet more often, does them good to understand them and so absolve them with a serious spiritual authority.'

The new ways of dealing with sin don't work only the old way. But the old way has become the new way since the new ways have failed and continue to fail. Chesterton says, 'It is of the new things that men tire, of fashions, proposals, improvements and change. It is the old things that startle and intoxicate. It is the old things that are young.' And so, let us talk about the Seven Deadly Sins. Chesterton's friend and fellow writer, Dorothy L. Sayers once recounted that someone said to her, 'I didn't realize there were Seven Deadly Sins, what are the other six?' What adds to the amusement of that comment is that this person never said what he thought the one deadly sin was. We can tell you however, what the worst of the Seven Deadly sins is. It is pride. All the sins are of self-indulgence, but pride is the chief sin. Humility is the chief virtue. God's greatest demonstration of His Love was an act of humility, becoming a man, sacrificing Himself, dying a horrible death to save His Own creation. Likewise, all human love, which is but a dim reflection of Divine Love, is an act of humility. Love is emptying the self, directing our attention, our affection, our concern, our effort, our will to God and our neighbor, who is made in the image of God and sometimes as mysterious as God.

(www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7_LAhFYTQ)

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**32nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2019**

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Nov. 11		No Liturgy		
Tues., Nov. 12	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Don/Elaine Ahlers
Wed., Nov. 13	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration Mass at Edgewood Vista	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin † Bechen Family
Thur., Nov. 14	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	All Parishioners
Fri., Nov. 15	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† John Evans
Sat., Nov. 16	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin
Sun., Nov. 17	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass (Retired Priest) Mass	Colman Aurora Flandreau	All Parishioners All Parishioners † Richard Headrick
<u>CONFESSIONS</u> ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Lay Minister: Sharon Landsman, Chris Myers

Lect/Comm: Mary Remund, Lois Stuefen

Altar Servers: William Neill, Aidan Owens

Greeters/Gift Bearers: Mary Remund

Ushers: Ervin Gebhart, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Lay Minister: Doug Entringer, Betty Merges

Maureen Baumberger

Lect/Comm.: Roger Merges

Altar Servers: Anya Hemmer, Josie Mousel

Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Bob/Maureen Baumberger

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Lay Minister: Marty/Rita Parsley, Jean McGlone

Lect/Comm.: Les Heinemann, Reggie Gassman (C)

Altar Servers: Benjamin/Austin/Katherine Kulm
Jayden Julson

Ushers/Greeters: Jim/Jan Lahr, Gail Keating

Sacristan: Jackie Burggraff

Intention of the Holy Father for November:

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Nothing in this world is of value until
offered or dedicated to a higher end.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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Our Weekly Offering	Elkton: \$2616 Flandreau: \$2238 Colman: \$1406

Daily Mass Reading

Nov 11: Wisdom 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Luke 17:1-6

Nov 12: Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3,16-19; Luke 17:7-10

Nov 13: Wisdom 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-7; Luke 17:11-19

Nov 14: Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Ps 119:89-91,130,135,175; Luke 17:20-25

Nov 15: Wisdom 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Luke 17:26-37

Nov 16: Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43; Luke 18:1-8

Nov 17: Malachi 3:19-20; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12;

Luke 21:5-19

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

A dead thing can go with the stream,
only a living thing can go against it.

G.K. Chesterton



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to support those with intellectual disabilities
November 10 & 17
at all three parishes.

STS. SIMON & JUDE

Adult Choir Practice: begins Nov. 17th - 9:00 AM in the choir loft. New members welcome!

Altar Society Dues: Annual \$15 dues are payable in the fall of each year. Group leaders will be in the church entrance today to accept your payment. Thank you all for helping with your time and talents!

Help Wanted - Parish Handy Man: Someone to help with minor repairs and upkeep of parish facilities. Contact the parish office (997-2610).

Needed: An Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Minister to take Holy Communion to Riverview Manor on Sunday mornings for two Sundays every other month. Call the parish office.

Quilting: Thursdays at 8:30 AM in the church basement. Questions, call LaVonne 633-1739.

Make A Difference: Court Our Lady of Peace #1708 of the Catholic Daughters is collecting hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for area children. A collection tote is in the back of the church. Please bring new or gently used articles. These items will be distributed locally within the next few weeks. Thank You for your support!

CDA Bazaar Raffle Winners:

Beef Bundle-Janet Chamblin
\$50 Mad Mary's Gift Certificate-Laura Drietz
2-\$50 Cash Prizes-Denise Wiese, Mary Schwebach
\$50 VISA gift card-Leah Dailey
\$50 Maynard's Gift Certificate-Tiffany Stenger
Sparkle Car Wash Gift Certificate-Tammy Stenger
Season Tickets to The Crystal Theater-Tom Stenger
2 tickets to SDSU FB Game on Nov. 9-Brenda Oswald
1 hour massage with Knot's Therapeutic-Brenna LeBrun
Quilts-Allison Hamilton, Ashley Stenger, Florence Evans
2 Tickets to the Brookings Chamber Music Society Performance-Jean McGlone
Exercise Basket-Ed Duncan
Homemade card bundle-Fr. Doug Binsfeld
Grilling Basket-Lavonne Headrick
Popcorn Basket-Leslie Heinemann, Rosemary Gill
Blue Jays Basket-Libby Heinemann
Women of Faith Basket-Molly Stenger

Children's Raffle Winners:

Family Membership to The Great Plains Zoo & Delbridge Museum of Natural History-Rosellyn O'Brien
Family Membership to The Children's Museum of South Dakota-Ben Kulm
Lego Sets-Luxyn Jorden, Carly Pogle
Candy Basket-Evy Hamilton
Razor Scooter-Evy Hamilton
Raggedy Ann & Andy Dolls & Chairs-Bryson LeBrun
Unicorn Basket-Jean McGlone

ST. PETER

The Colman CDA is sponsoring a Christmas raffle and the drawing will be December 1, 2019. Chances are \$1 each and will be sold on FOCUS Sundays, November 3 and December 1 or chances can be purchased from any CDA member. Prizes include gift cards, baskets, goodie trays and more. Thank you for your past and present support of St. Elizabeth Court 1362.

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00. You are invited to come and be with the Lord in adoration.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are here. Parishioners are encouraged to take one, fill it, and bring it back to the church **by November 24th** to be taken to a drop off location. There is a sheet with gift ideas and a tag to place on top of the box to identify if you are giving to a boy or girl and the age group.

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp): It's already time to start thinking about signing up for D-Camp! D-Camp is a four-day camp for Junior High and High School youth held at Broom Tree. Come hear talks to help you grow in your faith, bond with a small group of other teens, compete in epic all-camp Olympic games, have the chance to go to Mass, Confession and Adoration, and meet lot of new friends! The **EARLY BIRD** registration for D-Camp runs from November 9th to February 1st. If you register before February 1st, you will receive \$50 off of your registration. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/youth

Pray for Vocations!

Prayer Calendars listing our Diocesan Priests, Permanent Deacons/Wives, and Seminarians and Deacon Candidates are available in the church entrance. Pray for vocations and all religious.

Necrology

Sts. Simon & Jude

Fred J. Smith	11/21/2018
Mary E. Myers	11/21/2018
Toby N. Taylor	03/27/2019
Thomas B. Ludgate	04/21/2019
Della I. Bechen	04/28/2019
Carol A. Parsley	08/05/2019
Larry J. Hanson	08/11/2019
John D. Evans	08/27/2019
Pauline M. McGlone	09/20/2019

St. Peter

Helen J. Moe	08/20/2019
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Our Lady of Good Counsel

JoAnn M. Heesch	11/22/2018
Robert C. Rochel	06/24/2019
Maxine M. Lynn	07/17/2019
Emmett Coughlin	08/17/2019
Mildred M. Vaske	10/04/2019

**Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them;
may they rest in peace. Amen**

Healing Prayer Ecumenical Service

Sunday, November 17th, 3:00 PM

St. Thomas More ~ Brookings

*Are you suffering? Do you need healing?
Come, receive the healing touch of Jesus!*

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

TUESDAYS ~ 7:00 PM

IN SS&J MEETING ROOM

- Any Non-Catholic interested in joining the Catholic faith or who just wants to learn more about the Catholic faith
- Any Catholic who has not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Any Catholic wishing to learn more about their Catholic faith

Please call Father Doug or the parish office (997-2610) to sign up for the class.

Baptismal Preparation Class: Required of all parents requesting to have their child baptized. Classes are held on the **1st Thursday** of each month in SS&J Parish Basement. Contact Fr. Doug (997-2610) prior to the class to register and give baptismal

Seminary Visits 2019: For men age 16 or older.

⇒ Nov. 14-16 ~ St. John Vianney Seminary - St. Paul, MN
Join Vocation Director Fr. Jordan Samson for a seminary visit. Cost is FREE. Want to learn more? Call 605-988-3772 or email Father at frjordansamson@sfcatholic.org

Reckless: A Catholic Couples Conference: February 1-2,

The conference is designed for couples of all ages and stages to step away from life's business and have intentional time together to pray and grow! Hosted downtown Sioux Falls. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/couplesconference.

Day of Recollection: Nov. 12th, 10:00-3:00 PM.

Total Commitment: Living as a Disciple of Christ: In this Day of Reflection, Dr. Chris Burgwald will explore and unpack what it means to follow Jesus as His disciples with Total Commitment. Lunch provided. Freewill offering. Register at www.abbeyofthehills.org or call 605-398-9200.

March for Life: Jan. 22-26 Spots are filling up for our March for Life Pilgrimage. Open to anyone (youth groups, adults and families). Middle School youth are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent. Registration deadline is Dec. 1st. www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife/march-for-life.

CCD: Wednesdays

Flandreau: K-6 ~ 5:45 PM; 7-12 ~ 7:15 PM

Colman & Elkton: All grades ~ 6:30 PM

Annual Christmas at the Cathedral – Dec. 19, 20, 21, 22

This year's theme, "Light of the World" was inspired by the writings of St. John, experiencing God's immense love for each of us as His Light came into the darkness of our world through the birth of the Christ child. "God is Light. In Him there is no darkness."

In addition to bringing the community together to celebrate this special time of year, *Christmas at the Cathedral* supports the poor and vulnerable in our midst through the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House Endowment as well as the ongoing care of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, one of the region's most significant civic and sacred landmarks.

There are several ways to purchase your tickets: 1) at any Sioux Falls HyVee store (general admission only, beginning November 11th), 2) on-line at www.ccfesd.org, 3) phone 605.988.3765 4) email events@ccfesd.org, 5) stop by the Catholic Community Foundation Office (523 N Duluth Ave). Please also note that many volunteers are needed and if interested, you are encouraged to call 605-988-3769.

If you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain.

Dolly Parton

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

www.parishesonline.com/find/sts-simon-and-jude-parish