Catholic Tri-Parish Community

ST. PETER - Colman STS. SIMON & JUDE - Flandreau 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 #3)

"Pride, says Chesterton, is the ultimate human evil. It is the last insult to God. It is the sin that denies sin. It means failing in self-criticism and abounding in self praise. Chesterton said that if he were a preacher and he had only one sermon to preach, it would a sermon against pride. 'The more I see of existence, the more I am convinced of the reality of the old religious thesis that all evil began with some attempt at superiority. Pride, you see, is a poisoning so very poisonous that it not only poisons the virtues, it even poisons the other vices. The wickedest work in this world is symbolized not by a wine glass, but by a looking glass. And it is not done in public houses, but in the most private of all private houses, which is a house of mirrors. Pride consists in a man making his personality the only test instead of making the truth the test. Is it not true that pride gives to every other vice an extra touch of the intolerable? I think the instinct of mankind against pride as the ultimate human evil can be proved from the prosaic(ordinary) of details. Nobody ever hated a miser, fundamentally, everybody pitied him. The miser never minded looking like a fool, therefore, men have always joked about the miser. The real beggar was funny. The false beggar was even funnier. The usurers(people who lend money) and princes of avarice were never hated, until there had been added to them that dynamite detail which we call pride. But our modern rich have abandoned the wise precaution and the misers of old. The misers hid their wealth. Today's millionaires display it. The miser is ashamed of being a miser, but our modern millionaire is not ashamed of being a millionaire. He believes that since he admires himself that all other men will admire him as well. I believe that the sin of pride is at the root of all other sins. Gluttony is a great fault, but we do not necessarily dislike a glutton. We only dislike the glutton when he becomes the gourmet. That is, we only dislike him when he not only wants the best for himself, but when he knows what is best for other people. It is the poison of pride that has made this difference. Sloth is a great fault, but we do not necessarily dislike the sluggard. We only dislike the sluggard when he becomes the aesthete(a person who professes to have an especially refined sense of beauty in art, music, poetry...) The man who need not do anything, but that he only exist beautifully. It is the poison of pride again that has made the difference.' And that is why Chesterton said that if he had only one

The next Deadly Sin: avarice, greed. The idea that more money, more wealth, more of everything is always better. 'There are many definite methods, honest and dishonest which make people rich. The only instinct I know of that drives such methods is that instinct which theological Christianity crudely describes as the sin of avarice. It is not mere business, it is mysticism. The horrible mysticism of money.' Avarice is the sin that sustains unbridled capitalism, but it is also the great temptation of the politician. It can subject him to blackmail or even treason. In other words, it can lead to the ruin of a nation or the state that he serves. A politician's blunders may not be his fault, but his scandals are his fault. While avarice feeds the flame of big industry, big industrialists and big politicians who would do their bidding, it also feeds smaller flames to the ruin of smaller men. All those get rich quick schemes and books on success, Chesterton says, they do not teach people to be successful, but they do teach people to be snobbish. They spread a sort of evil poetry of worldliness. The Puritans are always denouncing books that inflame lust and what shall we say of books that inflame the viler passions of avarice and pride? The first way to get rid of avarice, as with any sin, is to repent. But Chesterton says that we've lost the idea of repentance, especially in public things, and that is why we can not really get rid of our great national abuses in both our economic and our political tyrannies. Avarice was one sin that did not tempt G.K. Chesterton. 'I am not interested in wealth beyond the dreams of avarice, since I know that avarice has no dreams but only insomnia.' The insomnia of the rich is an old problem that we see revealed in the OT book of Ecclesiastes: 'Sweet is the sleep of the laborer, whether he has eaten little or much, but the surfeit (excess) of the rich will not let him sleep." (www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7 LAhiFYTQ)

sermon to preach, he was confident that he would not be asked to preach another.

Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Nov. 18		No Liturgy		
Tues., Nov. 19	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	† Dorothy Doyle
Wed., Nov. 20	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin
Thur., Nov. 21	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Colman	Christian M.
Fri., Nov. 22	9:00 AM	Mass/Exposition/Adoration	Flandreau	† Ray Entringer
Sat., Nov. 23	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin
Sun., Nov. 24	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Alfred/Mary Ann/Ralph/Bill Loiseau
CONFESSIONS ~ 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Lay Minister: Rich Frederiksen, Kelly Neill Lect/Comm: Beth Frederiksen, Judy Kampmann

Altar Servers: Colt Beck, Jack Skordahl Greeters/Gift Bearers: Dan Skordahl Family Ushers: Ervin Gebhart, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Lay Minister: Ryan/Mary Zwart, Alice Berg

Lect./Comm.: Paula Heinricy

Altar Servers: Aneesa McGuire, Ava Mousel Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Duane/Cindy Voelker

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Lay Minister: Charles Rosheim, Jim Redder,

Marilyn Schwebach

Lect/Comm.: Tom Luze, Marty Parsley (C)
Altar Servers: Liam Knippling, Abigail Lewis

Cade/Brant LeBrun

Ushers/Greeters: Jim/Jan Lahr, Gail Keating

Sacristan: LaVonne Headrick

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.

There are only two persons you can never escape, not for a moment, either in time or eternity: God and yourself.

Peter Kreeft

Nov. 10th Elkton: \$610 Our Flandreau: \$3757 Colman: \$1300

Daily Mass Reading

Nov 18: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Ps 119:53.61,134,150,155,158; Luke 18:35-43

Nov 19: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Luke 19:1-10

Nov 20: 2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31; Ps 17:1,5-8,15; Luke 19:11-28

Nov 21: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-6,14-15; Luke 19:41-44

Nov 22: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12;

Luke 19:45-58

Nov 23: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-6,16,19; Luke 20:27-40

Nov 24: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Colossians 1:12-20;

Luke 23:35-43

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."

(2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

A saint might be described as one who has the utmost distrust of his own strength and the Utmost confidence in God. Fr. Leo Trese

Thanksgiving Masses

Wed., Nov. 27 - 7:00 PM - Elkton Thur., Nov. 28 - 9:00 AM - Flandreau

Parish office closed on Friday, November 29th.

STS. SIMON & JUDE

<u>Adult Choir Practice:</u> Sundays - 9:00 AM in the choir loft. New members welcome!

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. Contact the parish office.

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



Cookie Dough Sales: Our local CDA court will be selling cookie dough following mass on 11/17 and

11/24. Cost is \$4 per dozen of pre-portioned peanut butter, chocolate chip, or sugar cookie dough. All proceeds will be going towards angel tree gifts within our community. Thank you for your support!

Mark your Calendar:

Nov. 27 ~ No CCD - Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 15 - 5:30 PM ~ Christmas Program

Jan. 8 - 5:45 PM ~ CCD Preschool Class begins

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! **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** --- register before February 1st and receive \$50 off of your registration. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/youth

Going Deeper Retreat will be held at St. Thomas More, Brookings on Feb. 7-9. These retreats are designed for youth in grades 9-12 who are desiring to go deeper in their prayer life. This is not a confirmation retreat. Register at www.sfcatholic.org/youth/

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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.

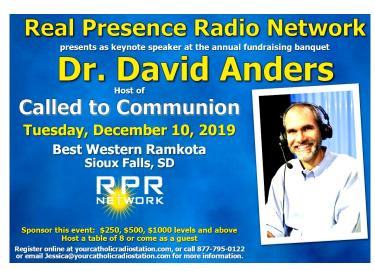
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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

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.

Calendars Diocesan Praver listing our Priests. Permanent Deacons/Wives, and Seminarians and Deacon Candidates are available in the church entrance. Please continue to 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

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

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.

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.

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 <u>www.ccfesd.org</u>, 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.

(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.

RCIA

CCD: Wednesdays Flandreau: K-6 ~ 5:45 PM: 7-12 ~ 7:15 PM Colman & Elkton: All grades ~ 6:30 PM

Grieving the Loss of a Spouse: Six Tuesdays, 6:30pm - 8:30 pm. **January 7-February 11** at Catholic Family Services, Sioux Falls. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. This program is for adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss. The program will offer assistance with change and making copina readjustments. Non-denominational- Cost -Donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

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!

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

Read our parish bulletins on-line:

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