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 From the A commentary by Dale Ahlquist: (part #4)

"This brings us to the next Deadly Sin. A sin which can also lead to sleepless nights; Envy. Chesterton mostly refers to envy in a paradoxical sense. He says that he envies people caught in the London flood because they know what it is like to live in Venice, and he envies people stranded on a desert island, because they know what it is like to have peace and quiet. He even points out the strange lack of envy in the modern world saying, that there is something wrong in a society when ordinary people are out of touch with ordinary sins. 'Just as it is a bad economic sign in the state that masses of our fellow citizens are too poor to be taxed, so it is a bad ethical sign in the state that matters of our neighbors have become too dulled to be envied. That sort of superiority to envy is not enviable. There is something wrong with a man if he does not want to break the Ten Commandments.' You heard that right, 'There is something wrong with a man who does not want to break the Ten Commandments.' If the conditions of our society have dulled our free will, we have lost our human dignity. Sin is supposed to be a temptation. We could even say that sin is supposed to be easy; it usually is. The difficult thing is to be good, to be virtuous, to be obedient. It is a choice. A difficult choice to make. The choice NOT to sin. If we become so numbed, so passive as to not be tempted, well, we are probably guilty of the sin of sloth. We'll talk about sloth later if we feel like it. Back to envy! The envious man is not content to live his own life but wants to live everybody else's life. 'He is not content to be himself. He wants to **be everyone else.** Most of advertising is designed directly on appealing to the sin of envy. Every available flat surface is plastered with images of somebody who has something that you don't have, and you are made to feel that you won't be happy unless you have it too. Most of our accomplishments in commerce and industry are driven by envy. The economists call it competition, and they say it is a good thing. But it always makes people compromise their virtues. There are two virtues to counter the sin of envy. Kindness and contentment. One has to do with our relationship with our neighbor, and the other has to do with our relationship with God. In other words, obeying the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor, that's what makes us fulfilled. Happiness is a choice. We can choose to be happy, rather than imagining ourselves unhappy because we do not have something that someone else has. Or being unhappy simply because someone else is happy. If we rejoice with those who rejoice, we are rejoicing. We're not envying. If we are busy being kind to our neighbor, we are less driven to envy him. And if we are content with what God has given us, we are less likely to envy our neighbor. Both virtues are based on thankfulness. Chesterton says that thanks is the highest form of thought. He tells us to be pleased, positively pleased with what we have. 'Being content with bread and cheese, ought not to mean not caring about what you eat. It ought to mean caring for bread and cheese. Handling and enjoying the cubic content of the bread and cheese and add it to your own. True contentment is the power of getting out of a situation all that there is in it. The voices of the saints and sages recommending contentment, should sound unceasingly like the sea."

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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, FATHER DOUG BINSFELD, PASTOR King of the Universe November 24, 2019

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Liturgy Schedule			Location	Mass Intention
Mon., Nov. 25		No Liturgy		
Tues., Nov. 26	7:30 AM	Mass	Flandreau	Ron/Pat Briggs (Anniv.)
Wed., Nov. 27	7:00 PM	Mass (Thanksgiving)	Elkton	† Emmett Coughlin
Thur., Nov. 28	9:00 AM	Mass (Thanksgiving)	Flandreau	† Francis/Erma DeLay George/Louise/Gary Hemmer
Fri., Nov. 29		No Liturgy		
Sat., Nov. 30	5:00 PM	Mass	Elkton	† Jim Oberembt
Sun., Dec. 1	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Mass Mass	Colman Flandreau	All Parishioners † Richard Mengenhauser
CONFESSIONS ~ $1/2$ hour prior to each weekend Mass.				

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MINISTERS OF SERVICE

ELKTON ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 Lay Minister: Judy Kampmann, Chris Myers Lect/Comm: Bill Fargen, Sharon Landsman Altar Servers: Ashton/Garrett Neill Greeters/Gift Bearers: Eric/Nancy Speiring Ushers: Ervin Gebhart, Dwight Gullickson

COLMAN ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 Lay Minister: Mary Zwart, Mary Gengler, Jerry Hemmer Lect/Comm.: Grades 5 & 6 Altar Servers: Grades 5 & 6 Gifts/Ushers/Greeters: Grades 5 & 6

FLANDREAU ~ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Lay Minister: Pam Rorvik-Albers, Tom Stenger, Betty Groos Lect/Comm.: Paul/Jessica Lewis Altar Servers: Maria/Hannah/Paul Parsley, Anthony Pieper Ushers/Greeters: Jim/Jan Lahr, Gail Keating Sacristan: Libby Heinemann

FLANDREAU ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 Lay Minister: Dave/Deb Feske, Susan Gross Lect/Comm.: Lisa Rosheim, Kris Johnson (C) Altar Servers: Liz/Bella Pavlis, Tiffany Taylor, J.P. Powers Ushers/Greeters: Ed Duncan, Glenn Burggraff Family

Sacristan: Pam Rorvik-Albers

Nov. 17th Elkton: \$703 Our Flandreau: \$4385 Weekly Offering Colman: \$603

Daily Mass Reading

Nov 25: Daniel 1:1-20; Daniel 3:52-56; Luke 21:1-4 Nov 26: Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3:57-61; Luke 21:5-11 Nov 27: Daniel 5:1-6,13-17,23-28; Daniel 3:62-67; Luke 21:12-19 Nov 28: Sirach 50:22-24; Ps 113:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19

Nov 29: Daniel 7:2-14: Daniel 3:75-81: Luke 21:29-33

Nov 30: Romans 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Matthew 4:18-22

Dec 1: Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Stewardship Thought for the Week:

"....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12) God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

Intention of the Holy Father for December:

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

<u>Thanksgiving Masses</u>

Wed., Nov. 27 - 7:00 PM - Elkton Thur., Nov. 28 - 9:00 AM - Flandreau Parish office closed on Friday, November 29. Bulletin deadline - noon on Wed., Nov. 27.

STS. SIMON & JUDE

First Sunday Meal: December 1st - the KC's will be serving Chili, Garlic Bread, and Fruit.

Choir Practice: 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: No quilting on Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving.



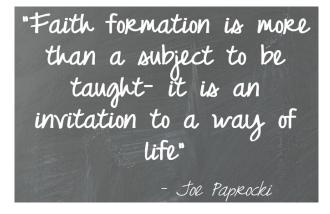
Cookie Dough Sales: Our local CDA court will be selling cookie dough following mass today. Cost is \$4 per dozen of pre-portioned peanut butter,

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

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

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) TUESDAYS ~ 7:00 PM IN SS&J MEETING ROOM



ST. PETER

The Colman CDA Christmas raffle drawing will be December 1, 2019. Chances are \$1 each and will be sold on FOCUS Sunday 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.

<u>No</u> CCD on Wednesday, November 27th.

Focus Sunday for 5th & 6th grade - December 1st

Christmas Program: December 18 - 6:30 PM.

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

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

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.

No CCD on Wednesday, November 27th. Christmas Program: December 15 - 4:00 PM.

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/

Advent Mission: From the Wood of the Crib to the Wood of the Cross.

6:30 pm on Dec. 9th & 10th at St. Therese in Sioux Falls. Many of the saints have noted that Jesus was born to die. Join Dr. Chris Burgwald for an Advent Mission and discover how Jesus' mission to suffer and die on the Cross out of love for us began with his birth and infancy. Both nights will begin with Mass followed by presentation & discussion and then adoration & confession. No cost. No registration necessary.

Grieving the Loss of a Spouse: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. Jan. 7-Feb. 11 at Catholic Family Services, SF. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran. For adults who have lost a spouse and are trying to cope with the pain of separation and loss and will offer assistance in coping with change and making healthy readjustments. Non-denominational- Cost – Donation. Call 988-3775 or 1-800-700-7867 to register.

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 at CFS office, or call 800-700-7867.

"Christians are people of hope, people of possibilities. Have courage and together let's set out to change the world as the first Christians did." *Matthew Kelly*

<u>Christmas cookie and Holiday Bake Sale</u>: Sat., Dec. 7, 10:00-4:00; St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison <u>Cookie Parade, Lunch, Crafts</u>: Sun., Dec.

8, 11:30-2:30; Risen Savior, Brandon, SD

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) <u>prior to the class</u> to register and give baptismal information.

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.

<u>March for Life:</u> 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.1**st. 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>, 3) phone 605.988.3765 4) email <u>events@ccfesd.org</u>, 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.



"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

