

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Dear friends in Christ,

"At a Lenten service with the second rite of penance – the communal examination of conscience with individual confessions – Pope Francis took it on himself to back up his words with example... while John Paul II routinely heard the confessions of 12 laymen every Good Friday in St Peter's and Benedict XVI spent some time administering the sacrament in a Madrid park at World Youth Day 2011, no Pope has ever been seen as a penitent. After his turn on the other side of the sacrament, Francis spent another 40 minutes hearing confessions." I am sure that every Pope had his personal confessor; but it is so humbling to see a Pope kneeling down in front of a priest and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am so edified to see video footage when Pope Francis just went and knelt down to do his confession.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most powerful and healing sacraments given to the Church by our Lord Jesus Christ. Before healing every person what He did was to forgive the sin of the person. Almost healing and forgiveness of sins occurred simultaneously. So much so that He always admonished the healed person to sin no more so that nothing worse could happen later. However, he never condemned the sinner. He never judged the sinful person to be unacceptable. On the contrary, he embraced every sinner with great love and compassion, affirmed their personal identity and human dignity, and offered a new way of looking at life. Thus he showed them the new perspective of living the human life as a son/daughter of God. Jesus is the only one who showed us the immeasurable mercy and forgiving Love of the heavenly Father through the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Many of us presume that we don't need to go to confession when we have not committed any mortal sin. Can we be too sure that we are all so pure in our thoughts, words and actions every day that we don't need to seek the forgiving mercy of God? Some saints went to confession frequently. Were they such worse sinners that they frequented that sacrament so often? We are going to have a Lenten Penance service on Wednesday April 9th. Just think about our frail human nature and our vulnerability to succumb so easily to the temptations on many occasions. If Pope Francis goes to confession so willingly and opens up his heart to a confessor, what should we all be doing then? Think for a minute. Kindly consider celebrating this sacrament in this Lenten season so that you may experience the great healing and affirmation that come to us from our heavenly Father through the ministry of the Church. Peace be with you in your hearts and families.

Your brother in Christ!
Fr. Xavier Ilango

The Crookston Diocese is offering **2 Cantor-Choir-Musician Workshops**, one in Crookston and one right here at Sacred Heart. If you are interested, please pick up one of the flyers in the vestibule for detailed information. On the same flyer, you find information for the rehearsals available around the Diocese for anyone wanting to sing in the **Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass** at the Crookston Cathedral at 7:00 pm, Monday, April 24.

Weekday Mass Schedule April 7-13

Mon.	5:30 p.m.	Christian Mothers
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	+Jim and Mayme Anderson
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	+Barb Hanson
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hanlon
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	+Ida George
	5:30 p.m.	+Virginia Quiggle
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	+Hilarion Byer
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	Pro Popolo

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Mass Times
Monday 5:30 p m
Tuesday-Thursday
9:00 am
Friday 7:30 AM
(Care Center)
Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:30PM
ADORATION:
Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

The Pastoral Council is seeking nominations for the upcoming term. The nominations need to be in by April 7 for an election to be held the weekend of April 13. Please consider who you would nominate and give the name(s) to Father Ilango, Bud Hensel, Andy Riewer, Paul Trimbo, Travis Nagel, Jeanne Riley, Dick Riewer, Heather Mitchell, Dallas Flynn or Marlys Jacobson.

Easter Lily Collection: At Easter we want to beautify our sanctuary with many flowers. Please consider donating toward this expense. You can put your donation in an envelope labeled **Easter Lilies** and drop it in the collection basket.

In March, our Building Fund donations totaled \$2,228.00. Our monthly loan payment is \$1,659.31.

Clem and Betty Neisen will be celebrating their 59 years of marriage on April 12. A month later, Clem turns 80 on May 12. Blessings and congratulations to them from Sacred Heart parishioners.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill. Please pray for:

- Becky Korzendorfer-Emily Martin
- Luella Baumgart
- Casey Courneya
- Dave Goebel
- Tammy Soyring
- Cecil Cook
- Norman Buseth
- Dan Hodgson
- Kenny Sprouls
- Sue Turnbull
- Ron Jensen
- Terri Quittschreiber
- Henry Schreiner
- Debbie Ehler
- Kylee Jean Miller
- Jim Wallace

April 6, 2014

Collections Mar 30, 2014		Attendance:	Needed per Week to
Collection Basket		Sunday	Reach Budget:
Adult	\$2,622.00	341	\$4,202.29—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
Loose	331.00		
Direct Deposit	100.00		
Children	4.00		
Total:	\$3,057.00		This week's Total:
Other Budgeted Income			\$ 3,057.00
Vigil Lights	\$ 19.00		\$ 589.53
Crookston Diocese	444.53		\$ 3,646.53
ARISE Books	26.00		
Easter Flowers	80.00		
Building Fund	20.00		
Total	\$ 589.53		
Non-Parish Collections: Catholic Relief Services —\$483; Food Shelf —\$60.50			

UPCOMING:

Apr 6: Pancake Breakfast, Circles 2 & 3, Circle 3 in charge
Apr 7: Liturgy Committee Meeting 7:00 pm at Church
Apr 7: Christian Mothers meeting: Mass @ 5:30 pm, Rosary, light supper, meeting @ 7:00 pm
Apr 7: Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 pm at Church
Apr 8: Pastoral Council 7:00 pm at Church
Apr 9: Penance Service 7:00 pm
Apr 11: Mass @ 5:30 pm Mass, followed by KC Fish Fry; Stations of the Cross @ 6:45
Apr 14: Chrism Mass Crookston Cathedral, 7:00 pm
Apr 26: Cantor-Choir/Musician Workshop, here at 10:00 am
Apr 26: Baccalaureate, 5:30 pm Mass

Ministry Schedule for April 13,

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
4.13.14—FCC—Christine Daggett and Kristi Roers		
Ministers	Russell Karasch	Nancy Christensen
Of Holy	Kathy Ulschmid	Paul Guck
Communion	Jill Mickelson	Sharon Guck
		Virginia Thompson
		Dallas Flynn
Lectors	Jim Courneya	Mary Flynn
Ushers	Carey Alger	Kyle Wothe
	Mike Hiemenz	Bud Hensel
Servers	Brett Alger	Madison Ketter
	Carson Alger	Cecilia George
	Ethan Wothe	Sarah LaSart

*Note to ministers: This schedule does not reflect any recent changes or substitutions you may have made.

Circle 3 is in charge of donuts in April
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April 2nd Collections: 6th—Building Fund; 13th—FACC; 27th—Home Missions

Parish Directories are here. Any directories not picked are available in the Office

Youth

Penance Service: April 9
April RE schedule: Grades 7-11, April 9, 16, 23, 30; May 7 Last class
First Communion: May 4
Confirmation: May 24

Each Sunday of Lent the Children are encouraged to bring in canned goods or money for the food shelf. They may take these items up at the offeratory time and put in the basket by the Altar. There is a class challenge in each grade to see which class can bring in the most.

Wooden Egg Painting: Palm Sunday April 13, following 8:30AM Mass.
All are welcome

Thank you to all the youth that brought in canned items and Dollars for the food shelf. You raised almost \$100, and numerous canned items. Winners in the afternoon classes was Ruthann Lehmann's second grade class bringing in the most at 57 points and Dave Pawlitschek's sixth grade with a close 51 points. Evening classes are still bringing in the rest of Lent, and all are encouraged to bring in at Mass. Let's get the numbers even bigger, It will help those in need.

WORLD RENOWNED SPEAKER IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA: Thursday, May 1st, 7:00 PM, Immaculee will be at St. Henry's Church in Perham to speak of her experience as a Rwanda genocide survivor who endured 91 days of confinement in a 3' X 4' bathroom with 7 other women. A LIMITED number of tickets are available so please stop in or call the Parish Office at 218-346-4240 to purchase your tickets which are VIP: \$20.00; General: \$15.00 and 18 & under: \$10.00. For more info, check St. Henry's Church website: www.parityfaith.com.

On April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have a **Day of Marriage Celebrating our Christian Family Life.**

We would like to honor all couples who have been married 25 or more years with the Mass followed by a brunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for couples wishing to participate. If you are able to be here and participate in this Celebration, please add your names to the list in the vestibule so that we know how many to plan for.

