

The sixth of a seven-week reflection on the July 13, 2014, OSV article "How to talk to non-Catholics about the Faith" by Emily Stimpson

My dear friends in Christ,

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. There she was on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping that the lens had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. So there she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom, there was a new party climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it! Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

Can you just imagine the power of entrusting everything in the hands of God? This young woman in the story could never have imagined retrieving her contact lens. But when you trust the Lord, even the impossible happens. It is applicable to fruitful evangelization, too, and a meaningful evangelization begins and ends with prayer. "The goal of evangelization is a transformed heart. And that is always the work of the Holy Spirit, not a human evangelist. We're just one beggar telling another beggar where we found some bread. Our goal is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit (OSV July 13, 14)." There is nothing wrong when we address the intellectual issues that arise in evangelization. But to start our evangelization with arguments rather than with prayer is to start in the wrong place.

"There are people out there that I don't know, but who God knows are ready, and I pray that God brings them to me. When they come, you walk with them along the part of the journey that you can, and then you trust them to God. As for how much to pray, Corzine offers this rule of thumb: "Always talk to God about your friends and family more than you talk to your friends and family about God (OSV July 13, 14)." Entrusting all our initiatives of evangelization in the hands of God is a good way to understand that to spread His own message He is the one who uses us as HIS INSTRUMENTS.

Your brother in Christ,

Daily Mass Schedule Sept 1-7

Mon: 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving/Hannah Lowry's return to health
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. Dan Wegner
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving/Becky Korzendorfer's return to health
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. +Chad Jutz
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Mike and Sophie Gobernatz
 Sat: 9:00 a.m. +Lillian Buschette
 5:30 p.m. +Russell Vikesland
 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

Safe Environment

All that have done or are new to ministries that need Safe Environment: The new test and Acknowledgement Consent forms are available online. Go to frazeesacredheart.org. Click on the Safe Environment, and it will take you through the test etc. If you are new or have not done SEP in 2 years or more, you must use the New Volunteer option. Even if you did the SEP just prior to July 1st, you MUST do it again. This needs to be done before September 27, 2014. Any questions— contact Cheryl. Thank you!

There are copies of the Sacred Heart Prayer Chain and laminated prayer cards in the vestibule. If you are on the prayer chain and have not yet taken a copy, please take one on your way out today. Please check your name off the list when you have a copy.

Christian Mothers

- Patriotic Rosary will be recited after 8:30 am Mass on August 31, 2014.
- Christian Mothers is sponsoring a Parish-wide Bake Sale at both of Labor Day weekend Masses. Garden produce and home-made jellies, pickles, etc. are also welcome.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill

Please pray for:

- Bonnie Wallace
- Luella Baumgart
- Casey Courneya
- Dave Goebel
- Ken Jacobson
- Norman Buseth
- Emily Martin
- Betty Cook
- Arlene Schreiner
- Clem Neisen
- Roger Wolden
- Paula Stegeman

Collections Aug 24, 2014

Collection Basket	Attendance	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Adult \$1,891.00	305	\$5,642.00—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, Building, Steeple, and Window Funds, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
Loose 333.00		
Direct Deposits 600.00		
Children 8.00		
Total: \$2,832.00		
Other Budgeted Income		
Vigil Lights \$ 9.25		
Building Fund 470.00		
Steeple Fund 2000.00		
Window Fund 5,025.00		
Assumption Church (reimbursement) 238.80		
Total \$ 7,743.05		This week's Total: \$2,832.00 7,743.05 \$ 10,575.05

UPCOMING:

- Aug 30/31: Parish-wide Bake Sale
- Aug 31: Patriotic Rosary after Mass
- Sept 3: St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club 7:00 pm @ Church
- Sept 6: Maryology: Rosary @ 8:30 am, Mass at 9:00 am
- Sept 6: Reasons to Believe (video, light supper, and discussion) after 5:30 pm Mass
- Sept 7: Reasons to Believe video after 8:30 am Mass
- Sept 8: Christian Mothers meeting: Mass @5:30 pm, Rosary, light supper, meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Sept 8: Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00 pm at Church
- Sept 8: Stewardship meeting 4:00 pm
- Sept 9: Pastoral Council 7:00 pm at Church
- Sept 17: RE, grades 7-11, begins with Mass at 6:30 pm
- Sept 17: St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club 7:00 pm @ Church
- Sept 19-21: Healing of Families, Holy Rosary (see details in vestibule)
- Sept 21: RCIA Team meeting 7:00 pm @ Church

Ministry Schedule for Sept 7, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—Russell and Mary Ann Karasch		
Ministers Of Holy Communion	Jeanie Wothe Linda Mack Kristi Roers	Marlys Jacobson Heather Mitchell Mark Byer Kathy Peichel Cheryl Stegmaier Kay Furey Kyle Wothe Bud Hensel Ethan Wothe Madison Ketter Ricky Roforth Zach Roforth
Lectors	Jim Courneya	
Ushers	Adam Jaroszewski Jim Jaroszdwski Cath. Jaroszewski Grace Jaroszewski Hayley Courneya Isaac Courneya	
Servers		

Circle 7 is in charge of donuts in August
 Circle 1 is in charge of donuts in September

August 31, 2014

Youth

Religious Education Classes will begin on September 17 for grades 7 through 11. We will have Mass at 6:30PM. All Juniors (Confirmation Class) must attend with Parents/Guardians; following Mass, there will be an information meeting for these students and parents/guardians.

We are in need of Teachers for both afternoon and evening classes. If you think you may be interested in teaching or helping out, please contact Cheryl. This ministry may not always seem so, but it is a blessing to help our youth discover our Catholic faith more fully. We are all called in different ways, and even if you are thinking maybe....it is probably God sending you our way. Thank you!

CATECHIST TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The Office of the New Evangelization is offering a training session, "Catechists' Best Practices," in each deanery this fall. In preparation for the new teaching year, all catechists are invited to attend a session that is convenient to them. This will benefit all parish catechists and youth ministry volunteers, pre-K through 12th grade. The principles articulated will be relevant to RCIA Directors as well. Light snacks will be provided. *You may choose any of these dates, but we would like as a group to attend the September 10 session at Holy Rosary Detroit Lakes*
 Wednesday, September 3rd, 7:00-8:30 p.m., St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Thief River Falls
 Wednesday, September 10th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Detroit Lakes
 Wednesday, September 17th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Stephen's Catholic Church, Stephen
 Thursday, September 25th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., St. Philip's Catholic Church, Bemidji

September 21 is **Stewardship Sunday**, a time when we highlight parish stewardship and aim for greater involvement from members of Sacred Heart Parish. The *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* defines stewardship for us: "What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord." As our parish approaches Stewardship Sunday, please ponder and pray on what role you can fill as a good steward of Sacred Heart Parish.