

The third 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,

A friend of the author's was going to a party where he would be meeting his wife's coworkers from her new job for the first time. He felt anxious as the time for the party grew near, and wondered whether they would like him or not. He rehearsed various scenarios in his mind in which he tried in different ways to impress them. He grew more and more tense. But on the way to the party, the man came up with a radically different approach, one which caused all of his anxiety to melt completely away. Find out what he decided to do, and how it all turned out, in this true story that could serve as inspiration for us all.

He decided that, instead of trying to impress anyone, he would spend the evening simply listening to them and summarizing what they had just said. At the party, he spent the evening listening carefully to everyone, responding with phrases like, "I understand what you're saying, you feel strongly that. . ." and "Let me see if I understand what you mean. . ." He also avoided voicing his own opinions, even though at times it meant biting his tongue to keep from doing so.

To his amazement, he discovered that no one noticed or remarked on the fact that he was just listening. Each person he talked to during the evening seemed content to be listened to without interruption. On the way home, his wife (whom he had not told about the experiment) told him that a number of people had made a point of telling her what a remarkable person he was. The word "charismatic" was used by one person to describe him, while another said he was one of the most "articulate" people she had ever met. Could it be that charisma and brilliance have as much to do with how we listen as with what we say? Imagine a world where people actually listen to one another, rather than just waiting for the other people to stop talking so they can give their opinion. (Care2 Website)

The power of listening is so vital in human communication. It is equally important in the process of evangelization, too. It is so needed to make people ask questions so that we can proceed with a conversation about their life of faith. In conversations of faith, you don't need to expect a logical order. What you need is a psychological order where the need of the person involved in the conversation is what matters. We start from wherever the person wants to start. Some people may have problems with Mary, and others don't like purgatory, or some may struggle with belief in general. Our role as good evangelizer is to listen. Take the person with what they believe and move on with the conversation with a good listening. We should never push our agenda over the other person. That is when evangelization becomes proselytizing. "If someone says they don't want to talk about a topic or they freeze up, then stop talking and love them in the moment (OSV July 13)."

Your brother in Christ,
Father Xavier Ilango

Daily Mass Schedule Aug 18-24

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Lillian Buschette
Tues: 9:00 a.m. Father Ilango
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Jeffrey Aarness
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. No Mass
Fri: 7:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Virginia Quiggle
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

KC's: Knights of Columbus Sportsman Raffle tickets are in. See Mark Byer, Tim Stenger, Dave Riewer or Jim Jaroszewski for tickets.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the parish garage. Special thanks to KC's, Mark Sorlien, and Kurt Anderson. The garage is near completion with only some dirt work and electricity to complete--

All flowers at the cemetery, except those attached to headstones, need to be removed by August 24. After that date, they will be discarded.

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:

- Jim Wallace
- Luella Baumgart
- Casey Courneya
- Dave Goebel
- Ken Jacobson
- Tammy Soyring
- Kenny Sprouls
- Clem Neisen
- Paul Guck
- Emily Martin
- Dan Hodgson
- Ron Jensen
- William Swan
- Roger Wolden
- Norman Buseth
- Lisa Flynn
- Paula Stegeman

Collections Aug 10, 2014

Collection Basket
Adult \$2,723.00
Loose 508.71
Children 4.00
Total: \$3,235.71

Other Budgeted Income
Vigil Lights \$ 6.50
Building Fund 6,156.56
Steeple Fund 2,000.00
Window Fund 2,000.00
Weddings 300.00
Facility use fee 50.00
Total \$ 10,513.06

Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
\$4,202.29—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
This week's Total:
\$ 3,235.71
10,513.06
\$13,748.77

Non-Parish Collection: Cemetery Fund—\$30

UPCOMING:

- Aug 18: **KC's Officers' meeting 7:00 pm @ Church**
- Aug 26: **Finance Council, 7:00pm @ Church**
- Aug 27: **St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club 7:00 pm @ Church**
- 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 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**

Ministry Schedule for Aug 24, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC —Mark Byer and Barb Rice		
Ministers	Kathy Ulschmid	Rose Roforth
Of Holy	Kristi Roers	Dale Sattler
Communion	Cecelia Ziegler	Tammy Sattler
		Kay Furey
		Virginia Thompson
Lectors	Ann Wothe	Mary Flynn
Ushers	Tom Mickelson	Dan Giefer
	Don Ulschmid	Mark Byer
Servers	Autumn Moe	Sarah LaSart
	Abigail Wothe	Ethan Wothe
	Grace Jaroszewski	Scott Seim

Circle 7 is in charge of donuts in August

August 2nd Collections: 17th—FACC

August 17, 2014

We are happy to announce that our steeple repair is complete. Next week's bulletin will present the financial breakdown of costs and donations to date.

Youth

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!

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!

The **Diocesan Summer Appeal** collection is this weekend. Summer Appeal envelopes are still available in the vestibule. If you wish to make a donation, you can mail your gift directly to the Diocese or place it in the collection basket. If you would like to use your credit card or direct debit for your donation, call Lisa Hatlestad toll-free at 1-855-397-8252.

Adult Faith Formation:
Starting September 6, after 5:30 pm Mass, running for 6 consecutive weeks.



Video, light supper, and discussion