

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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The fifth 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,

When I was a young kid in India, my grandpa used to tell me many stories. The stories were about his stay in a foreign country called Burma where he had a good job as a farmer. He told me how fertile it was with many acres of paddy fields, fruit trees and fresh water. Since my native town was dependent on monsoons, we never had many fruit trees or fresh water flowing everywhere. In such a dry area, no wonder the stories of my grandpa always took me to a fairyland. I always wanted to be in a place such as the one he narrated in his stories so that we could enjoy the facilities of a fertile and rich land. I never knew how close his stories were to the truth. But I believed them to be so. Personal stories are always very convincing because you take them for granted and they have so much personal impact on you.

In evangelization, including truth and personal stories of conversion and grace are so important. "No one can argue with your story. It pierces relativism." Martin explained. Providing that story starts with knowing it. Weddell, Corzine, Barber and Martin all agree that every Catholic needs to know how to give a three-minute account of their conversion story - of how they met Jesus and came to love and follow him. Every catholic also needs to have a few other stories at their disposal - stories about how God has worked in their life, blessed them and drawn them closer to him. People are looking for something lived - stories of answered prayer and experiences of the presence of God. If we can tell those stories in natural, easy ways, people will remember them (OSV July 13, 2014)."

Besides telling our personal stories of grace and conversion, one should know Jesus' story. That would include the history of salvation as well as a few bible stories that will bring the right comfort and direction to people who are with particular struggles or questions. Many people need time to process and understand who Jesus is for them. It takes a while for those people to come in touch with that story of Jesus. We should give them the opportunity to wrestle with who he is. Thus we allow many to hear the Jesus' story, what he has done to us personally, and what he can do to them if they allow him to enter their lives. This could be slow process, but we will have planted the seed for conversion. Will we have the courage to share our stories of Faith?

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Xavier Ilango

Repair on our century-old steeple is complete.		Original
Expenses:	Steeple collections	Steeple Fund had
OK Lumber \$ 235.35	May \$ 1,750.00	\$15,733.09
Winter Masonry 9,859.00	June 3,309.00	
Herzog Roofing 26,360.00	July 4,294.95	\$ 42,104.35
Ellenson Caulking 5,650.00	Aug 1-17 2,332.50	-11,686.95
Total \$42,104.35	Total \$11,686.95	-15,733.09
Total still needed to cover steeple repairs		\$ 14,684.31

Daily Mass Schedule Aug 25-31

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Carol Lormis
Tues: 9:00 a.m. +John Leavette
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Charles George
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Ill in the Parish
Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Barb Hanson
Sat: 5:30 p.m. +William & Jertina Blauert
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!

The August 17 edition of **Our Sunday Visitor** had an excellent *In Focus* section titled "5 Steps to Becoming an Intentional Disciple." To encourage many to read this, we have ordered 50 extra copies of that edition, and they are available in the vestibule. Please take a copy while they last, paying particular attention to this *In Focus* section.

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 -Emily Martin
-Luella Baumgart -Betty Cook
-Casey Courneya -Paul Guck
-Dave Goebel -Clem Neisen
-Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
-Norman Buseth -Paula Stegeman
-Jean E. Sailer (Sr)

Collections Aug 17, 2014

Collection Basket	Amount	Attendance	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Adult	\$2,447.00	344	\$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	542.28		
Children	4.00		
Total:	\$2,993.28		This week's Total:
Other Budgeted Income			\$2,993.28
Vigil Lights	\$ 21.02		2,063.36
Building Fund	282.78		182.22
Steeple Fund	125.00		\$ 5,238.86
Window Fund	125.00		
Assumption Collection (loose)	96.50		
Assumption Church	901.06		
Assumption envelopes	512.00		
Total	\$ 2,063.36		

Other Parish Fund Raisers: :FACC—182.22

UPCOMING:

- Aug 26: Stewardship Committee meeting 6:00 pm at 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
- Sep 8: Christian Mothers meeting: Mass @5:30 pm, Rosary, light supper, meeting @ 7:00 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)

Ministry Schedule for Aug 31, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—Paul and Sharon Guck		Cheryl Stegmaier
Ministers	Russell Karasch	Pat Schurmann
Of Holy	Jeanie Wothe	Marlys Jacobson
Communion	Linda Mack	Kathy Peichel
		Karen Nelson
Lectors	Keith Adams	Christine Daggett
Ushers	Ross Kasowski	Tim Stenger
	Andrew Jutz	Bud Hensel
Servers	Hayley Courneya	Kaitlyn Wake
	Isaac Courneya	Braylee Riewer
	Cath. Jaroszewski	Madison Ketter
	Grace Jaroszewski	

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

August 24, 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!

Youth Grade 9-12 **final summer hoorah** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Regional XLT: Conception: a Diocesan-wide "end of summer" XLT (short for Exalt!). This is an official Year of Marriage youth event for high school teenagers that will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise & Worship, and a keynote talk by the Central Regional Director for Lifeteen, Katie Gray. This is a great follow-up to summer camps, Catholic Heart, D-Week, and Steubenville Conferences that can help unite our youth who have had similar experiences this summer. XLT is August 24th from 4:00-6:00 pm including dinner. Following the XLT will be a concert by internationally acclaimed Catholic recording artist concert by Sarah Hart at 7:00 pm. Incoming freshmen and just graduated seniors should feel welcome to come.

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, August 27th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Dilworth
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., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Stephen
Thursday, September 25th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., St. Philip's Catholic Church, Bemidji

The **Mass cards** in the pews are easily destroyed if they are left loose in the pews or in the book racks. Before leaving Mass, please see that all Mass cards are put in the back of the hymnals to keep them from deteriorating.