

My dear friends in Christ,

I would like you to understand the message of our Holy Father Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation known as "Joy of the Gospel." Let us go through a synopsis of his exhortation that we will follow through his message of love and joy of Jesus. Fr. Ilango

The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Thus begins the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, by which Pope Francis develops the theme of the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world, drawn from, among other sources, the contribution of the work of the Synod held in the Vatican, from 7 to 28 October 2012, on the theme *The new evangelization for the transmission of the faith*. I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come (1). It is a heartfelt appeal to all baptized persons to bring Christ's love to others, permanently in a state of mission (25), conquering the great danger in today's world, that of an individualist desolation and anguish (2).

The Pope invites the reader to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, finding new avenues and new paths of creativity, without enclosing Jesus in dull categories (11). There is a need for a pastoral and missionary conversion, which cannot leave things as they presently are (25) and a renewal of ecclesiastical structures to enable them to become more mission-oriented (27). The Pontiff also considers a conversion of the papacy to help make this ministry more faithful to the meaning which Jesus Christ wished to give it and to the present needs of evangelization. "The hope that the Episcopal Conferences might contribute to the concrete realization of the collegial spirit," he states, "has not been fully realized" (32). A sound decentralization is necessary (16). In this renewal, the Church should not be afraid to re-examine certain customs not directly connected to the heart of the Gospel, even some of which have deep historical roots (43).

A sign of God's openness is that our church doors should always be open so that those who seek God will not find a closed door; nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. These convictions have pastoral consequences that we are called to consider with prudence and boldness (47). He repeats that he prefers a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us it is the fact that many of our brothers and sisters are living without the friendship of Jesus Christ (49).

(continued over the next 3 weeks)

**Weekday Mass Schedule Dec 30—Jan 5**

Mon.	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Tues.	5:30 p.m.	+Val Koehnen
Wed:	8:30 a.m.	+George Guck
Thurs:	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	+Gary Wright Children and Families
Sat:	5:30 p.m.	George Manning and Family
Sun.	8:30 a.m.	+Russell Vikesland

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**Mass Times**  
Monday 5:30 pm  
Tuesday-Thursday  
9:00 am  
Friday 7:30 AM  
(Care Center)  
Saturday 5:30 pm  
Sun ay 8:30AM

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

The January-March weekend Ministry Schedule is available in the kiosk at the church entry. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Altar Server or Sacristan, please be sure you have a copy. If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please use the attached list to find a substitute.  
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The *Living Faith Daily Catholic Devotions* are available in the vestibule. Take one while they last.  
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If you are available for any of the ministries for Dec 31/Jan 1 (Feast of the Solemnity of Mary), please sign up on the schedule in the vestibule  
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The 2014 Liturgical Calendars are in the vestibule. Please take one per family while they last.

The calendars are paid for by the sponsors listed at the bottom. Please thank them by giving them your business.  
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Next weekend is the first weekend of the month, and we will have our Building Fund Collection.



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Father Ilango will be gone to India from December 26 to January 31. Father Theisen from St. John's Abby will be here for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Masses in January during Father Ilango's absence.

**Parishioners' Prayer Requests**

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill  
Please pray for:  
-Barbara Hanson -Emily Martin  
-Luella Baumgart -Sue Turnbull  
-Casey Courneya -Carol Lormis  
-Dave Goebel -Diane Quiram  
-Tammy Soyring -Henry Schreiner  
-Ken Jacobson -Debbie Ehler  
-Norman Buseth -Kylee Jean Miller  
-Harry Schurmann -Dan Hodgson  
-Cecil Cook -Bette Daggett  
-Ron Jensen

<u>Collections</u> Dec 22, 2013		Attendance:	<u>Needed per Week to Reach Budget:</u>
<u>Collection Basket</u>		337	<u>\$4202.29</u> —This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, etc), not just the Sunday collections.
Adult	\$ 2,481.00		<b>This week's Total:</b>
Loose	368.25		<b>\$ 2,853.25</b>
Children	4.00		<b><u>11,499.28</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,853.25</b>		<b>\$14,352.53</b>
<b>Other Budgeted Income</b>			
Vigil Lights	\$ 8.75		
Jeffrey Aarness Memorial	2000.00		
Diocese of Crookston	444.53		
KC's/FACC	499.00		
Calendar Ad	25.00		
ARISE Book	12.00		
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>8510.00</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,499.28</b>		

**UPCOMING:**

**Dec 31: Mass at 5:30 pm—the Eve of the Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Jan 1: Holy Day Mass at 9:00 am**  
**Jan 5: Pancake Breakfast, Circles 3 & 4, Circle 3 in charge**  
**Jan 6: Christian Mothers Meeting/Epiphany Party at 6:00 pm**  
**Jan 6: KC's meeting 7:00 pm at Church**  
**Jan 16: Evening RE—Intergenerational (Praise and Worship/ speaker**

*Ministry Schedule for Jan 5, 2014*

	5:30 PM	8:30 PM
FCC—	Christine Daggett and Kristi Roers	
<b>Ministers</b>	Nancy Dashner	Mark Byer
<b>Of Holy</b>	Kristi Roers	Dallas Flynn
<b>Communion</b>	Kathy Ulschmid	Kathy Peichel Carol Aarness Barb Rice
<b>Lectors</b>	Russell and Mary Ann Karasch	Mary Flynn Bruce Hofer
<b>Ushers</b>	Adam Jaroszewski Jim Jaroszewski	Jay Malmstrom Matthew Daggett
<b>Servers</b>	Ethan Byer Bryon Byer Cath. Jaroszewski Grace Jaroszewski	Charlton Wake Kaitlyn Wake Patrick Vacek
<i>*Note to ministers: This schedule does not reflect any recent changes or substitutions you may have made.</i>		
Circle 6 is in charge of donuts in December Circle 7 will be in charge of donuts in January		
January 2nd Collections: 5th—Building Fund; 12th—FACC; 19th—Church in Africa;		

**\*\*\*Youth\*\*\***

**January RE schedule:**  
All grades—Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

**Jan 19:** Children's Mass 8:30 am

**Youth Night** January 26 (grades 9-12)

**Children's Bibles for Sale:**  
Grades 1-4: **The Catholics Children's Bible** \$30 Soft cover, \$38 Hardcover.  
Grades 5-8 **Breakthrough the Bible for Young Catholics:** \$25 soft cover and \$32 hard cover.

Teens interested in attending:  
Steubenville North-St Paul  
University of St Thomas • July 25 - 27, 2014—Cost: \$190 **Youth please register for Steubenville** as soon as possible. If you have any questions please see Cheryl

**Christian Mothers**

The **Christian Mothers Epiphany Party** is on January 6, 2014, at 6:00 pm. The meal is potluck. Please bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. KC's are invited to the party.

