

Dear friends in Christ,

"I would like to present to you the devotion of our Pope Francis to our blessed Mother Mary as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception on December 8th."

Ten years ago I read about Our Lady's request at Fatima that we say a daily rosary. At first I flinched at the notion of saying one every day. I thought it impossible; I'd never have the time, the concentration or the patience to meditate on five decades each day. But it got easier. Now, even if I have worked for 12 hours, and struggle to fit in the five decades, I still manage it, even if I forfeit sleep or a social occasion or have to eat a late dinner and pray the rosary at the same time. But I'd never measure up to Pope Francis. Our Pope recites 15 decades of the Rosary every day, three times that which Our Lady asked for at Fatima. Two days ago he tweeted that the month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. and it is "fitting" to start the habit of a daily rosary now. The rosary is a time-honored prayer, but difficult to say. By promoting it, Pope Francis is giving people the means to win graces that will enable them overcome their problems. One of the 15 promises given those who recite the rosary is that "they will never be conquered by misfortune." I often tell my friends to say a rosary when they are between jobs, stumped with a huge bill, or have been reminded of their student debt.

The Pope's confidence in Our Lady developed because of two key personal awakenings that happened in the mid-1980s. In 1985 he attended a rosary that was being led by St John Paul II. The sight of the Polish Pope on his knees greatly moved him. He did some acute soul-searching as to how much he trusted Our Lady, and he later reflected: "I became aware of the density of the words of the Mother of Guadalupe to St Juan Diego: 'Don't be afraid, am I not perhaps your mother?'" From that day forth, he said 15 decades of the Rosary.

In 1986, the then Padre Bergoglio finished as rector in the seminary, and was sent to Germany for six months. At the time, to borrow modern parlance, Fr Bergoglio was not in a good place - the Dirty War had exacted a heavy toll on his nerves and he worried that the Jesuit community would never recover from the many mutinies that had taken place in their ranks. But it was here in Germany that he would find solace when praying before the painting of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, in Augsburg. He carried the devotion from Germany back home to Argentina.

A copy of the original German painting was done in an ordinary Argentinean church, San José del Telar. As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, he would stroll into this modest church and pray before the painting. Now as Pope, he has used the symbolism of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, to explain matters of the faith. For Pope Francis, the knots represent the sins that separate us from God, and Our Lady, in untying them, brings us closer to God. As the Pope has said: "Mary, whose 'yes' opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that he can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy."

Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Donations: Help make Christmas special this year. Donate a \$10 memorial to help purchase poinsettias to decorate our church for the Christmas season.

Please print:

Purchaser's Name: _____

Amount given: \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

(Please return by Sunday, December 21, 2014. A Memorial list will be published in a later bulletin.)



Daily Mass Schedule December 8-14

Mon: 9:00 a.m. Raymond and Lillian Buschette
5:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving
Tues: 9:00 a.m. No Mass
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Gary Pfeiffer
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. +Catherine Parker
Fri: 7:30 a.m. +William & Mary Hensel & Family
Sat: 5:30 p.m. +James and Marie Anderson
Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro Popolo

Christmas and Liturgical Ministries

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to sign up for the Christmas and New Years liturgical ministries. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Altar Servers—Please check the lists and sign up for when you are available.



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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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

202 West Maple, Frazee MN 56544



We will pray the rosary starting 25 minutes before each weekend Mass during Advent.

There will a parish-wide effort to clean our church for Christmas.

This is scheduled on two days, December 16 & 18 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on both days. Everyone's help is needed. We need the men as well as the women for some of the chores. A chore list will be available at the back of the church. Also, please bring cleaning supplies, buckets and cleaning rags.

Remember the St. Francis of Assisi Christmas Dinner for the parish and the surrounding Community on January 3. This includes the families who in the past have received Christmas food baskets. Frazee Lions have donated the turkeys for the meal.

There is now a drop-off box for the hats and mittens in the Hall of Saints. Please help contribute the hats and mittens needed by these families to stay warm during the winter months.

We are trying to preserve the condition of the Mass cards in the pews. Please take a minute at the end of each Mass to make sure all the Mass cards near you are tucked into the *Gathering* song books to help protect them from damage.

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
- Lisa Flynn
- Emily Martin
- Betty Cook
- Henry Schreiner
- Connie Ulschmid
- Roger Wolden
- Paula Stegeman
- MaryAnn Parsons

December 7, 2014

Collections Nov 30, 2014

Collection Basket

Adult \$ 2,623.00
Loose 1,382.00
Children 7.00

Total: \$ 4,012.00

Other Budgeted Income

Vigil Lights \$ 7.00
Building Fund 40.00
Steeple Fund 20.00
Window Fund 1,420.00
Calendar Ad 40.00
Children's Bibles 47.00
Diocese of Crookston 455.61

Total \$2,029.61

Other Parish Fund Raisers: FACC—\$25

Non-Parish Collections: Campaign For Human Dev.—\$20;

SMMA—\$992.70; Retired Religious—\$25

Attendance 365

Needed per Week to Reach

Budget: \$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.

This week's Total:

\$ 4,012.00
2,029.61
\$ 6,041.61

UPCOMING:

Dec. 7: Christian Mothers Brunch and Basket Event, 9-11 am

Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation

Dec 14: RCIA @ 7:00 pm

Dec 15: KC Officers' meeting @ 7:00 pm

Dec 16: Finance Council @ 6:00 pm (Note change in date)

Dec 16: Pastoral Council @ 7:00 pm (Note change in date)

Dec 16 & 18: Church cleaning for Christmas 8:00 am—8:00 pm

Dec 17: Communal Penance Service @ 7:00

Dec. 20/21: Bake Sale after each of the Masses

Dec. 24: Children's Christmas Pageant 4:30 pm

Holy Day Masses, Monday, Dec. 8

9:00 am
5:30 pm

Schedule for Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Christmas Day 8:30 am

Ministry Schedule for Dec 14, 2014

5:30 PM
FCC--Russ and MaryAnn Karasch
Ministers Jeanie Wothe
Of Holy Nancy Dashner
Communion Kathy Ulschmid

Lectors Ann Wothe
Ushers Don Ulschmid
Cary Alger

Servers Abigail Wothe
Brett Alger
Carson Alger

8:30 AM
Bev Roberts
Rose Roforth
Roxie Riewer
Karen Nelson
Marlys Jacobson
Fred Daggett
Dan Giefer
Mark Byer
Ethan Hofer
Maddie Matejka
Max Matejka
Sierra Brolin

December 2nd Collections: 7th—Building Fund; 14th—Retired Religious; 21st—FACC

Circle 4 is in charge of donuts in December
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***** Youth *****

December RE

December 10-Regular Class All
December 17- Regular Class Afternoon; Evening—Class 6:30-7:00PM
December 21-Children's Mass/Pageant Practice
December 24-No Class, Children's Mass/Pageant
January 7, 2015 Classes Resume

3rd Youth pilgrimage to National March for Life in Washington DC this January 19-25, 2015, Grades 9-12. This trip can have a profound impact on your spiritual journey in life. Cost \$475, Must register with \$150 non refundable deposit by November 21, 2014. Please contact Cheryl for more information.

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Christmas Eve at 4:30PM, before the 5:00PM Mass
Please sign up in the back of Church. Practice will be following the Children's Mass on December 21st.

Christian Mothers will have a "Brunch and Basket Event" on Sunday, Dec. 07, 2014, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Brunch (baked egg dish, ham, fruit and rolls) and baskets (silent auction). The cost for the brunch is \$6.00, children 5 and under \$3.00. For more information pick up a flier in the back of the church. Thank you.

On Dec. 20 and 21, there will be a parish Bake/Homemade Crafts Sale after each of the Masses.

