

Monday, February 10, 2014, Francis offered some beautiful comments in his homily at daily Mass

Vatican Radio reports that Francis focused on the first reading of the day, which speaks of a theophany of God at the time of King Solomon. *The Lord descends like a cloud on the Temple, which is filled with the glory of God. The Lord - said the Pope - speaks to his people in many ways: through the prophets, the priests, the Holy Scripture.*

But with the theophanies, He speaks in another way, "different from the Word: there is another, closer presence, without mediation, near. It is His presence". "This - he said - happens in the liturgical celebration. The liturgical celebration is not a social act, a good social act; it is not a gathering of believers to pray together. It is another thing. In the liturgy, God is present", but it is a closer presence. At Mass, "the presence of the Lord is real, very real".

"When we celebrate Mass, we are not re-enacting the Last Supper: no, it is not a re-enactment. It is something more: it really is the Last Supper. It is really living the Passion and the redemptive death of the Lord once more. It is a theophany: the Lord is present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world. We hear or say, 'But I can not, now, I have to go to Mass, I have to go to hear Mass'. We do not 'hear' Mass, we participate, we participate in this theophany, in this mystery of the Lord's presence among us".

Pope Francis explained that the nativity scene, the Way of the Cross, are representations, Mass, however, Mass "is a real commemoration, in other words, a theophany; God draws close and is with us, and we share in the mystery of Redemption". Sadly - he added - many times we look at our watches at Mass, "we count down the minutes": "this is not the attitude that the liturgy asks of us: the liturgy is God's time and God's space, and we must place ourselves there, in God's time, in God's space without watching the clock".

"The liturgy is entering into the mystery of God, allowing ourselves be led to the mystery and being part of the mystery. For example, I'm sure you all come here to enter into the mystery, although, perhaps someone says, 'Oh, I have to go to Mass in Santa Marta, because there is a visit with the Pope in Santa Marta every morning as part of the sightseeing tour of Rome: it's a tourist site, is it not it?', (he laughs) . All of you come here, we gather here to enter into the mystery: this is the liturgy. It is God's time and God's space; it is the cloud of God that surrounds us all".

The Pope recalled that, as a child, during the preparation for First Holy Communion, there was a song that showed how the altar was guarded by angels to give "a sense of the glory of God; the space of God, time of God". And when, during rehearsals, they carried the hosts, the children were told: "Look, these are not what you will receive: these are not worth anything, because first there will be the consecration". Thus, the Pope concludes, "to celebrate the liturgy means having this willingness to enter into the mystery of God," into His space, His time, and trust in "this mystery".

"We will do well today to ask the Lord to give us all this 'sense of the sacred', this sense that we understand that it is one thing to pray at home, pray at church, pray the Rosary, pray many beautiful prayers, do the Way of the Cross, so many beautiful things, read the Bible ... and another to celebrate the Eucharist. In the celebration we enter into the mystery of God, on that path that we cannot control: only He is the One, He is the glory, He is the all powerful, He is everything. We ask for this grace that the Lord teach us to enter into the mystery of God".

Weekday Mass Schedule Feb 17-23

Mon. 5:30 p.m. Christian Mothers
 Tues. 9:00 a.m. +Bette Daggett
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Joseph O'Brien
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Ill in the Parish
 Fri. 7:30 a.m. Tim (George) Johnson
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Dorothy Roes
 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
 Sun ay 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 4:30PM

ADORATION:

Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

Have you heard about Cursillo:

It is a wonderful way to get a closer relationship with God. It will change how you look at your family, work and friendships. The Spring Women's Cursillo will be from March 20-23, 2014. It will be held at Sand Hill Lakes Bible Camp in Fosston. For more information contact Carol Olsonawski at 218.689.9081 or Mary Derosier at 218.253.4623. Applications are available in the vestibule or online at www.crookston.org/Cursillo.

Thank you to all who have participated so far in the 2014 Diocesan Annual Appeal! Your support makes a tremendous impact in the work of Church throughout the Diocese!

If you have not yet made your DAA commitment and your prayer requests to Bishop Hoepfner, DAA envelopes and prayer request cards will remain available in the vestibule. Please give your support to the Diocese of Crookston with your gift and prayers! You may also make a gift online at www.crookston.org/DAA or call the Office of Stewardship & Development toll-free at 1-855-397-8252 for assistance.

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 -Ron Jensen
 -Dave Goebel -Diane Quiram
 -Tammy Soyering -Henry Schreiner
 -Cecil Cook -Debbie Ehler
 -Norman Buseth -Kyle Jean Miller
 -Harry Schurmann -Dan Hodgson
 -Tom Trieglaff -Henry Hubert Hall

Collections	Feb 9, 2014	Attendance:	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Collection Basket		Saturday	
Adult	\$2,621.00	310	\$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	237.00		This week's Total:
Children	4.00		\$ 2,862.00
Total:	\$2,862.00		885.83
Other Budgeted Income			\$ 3,747.83
Vigil Lights	\$ 7.50		
Assumption Church	728.33		
Building Fund	150.00		
Total	\$ 885.83		

UPCOMING:

Feb 17: KC Officer's meeting 7:00 pm @ Church
 Feb 18: Finance Council meeting 6:00 pm @ Church
 Feb 18: Pastoral Council meeting 7:00 pm @ Church
 Mar 2: Pancake Breakfast, Circles 7 & 1, Circle 7 in charge
 Mar 3: Christian Mothers meeting: Mass @ 5:30 pm, Rosary, light supper, meeting @ 7:00 pm
 Mar 3: Knights of Columbus meeting @ 7:00 at Church

Ministry Schedule for Feb 23, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 PM
FCC—	Ruth Ann Lehmann and Pat Schurmann	
Ministers	Jeanie Wothe	Heather Mitchell
Of Holy	Ruth Ann Lehmann	Barb Rice
Communion	Cheryl Stegmaier	Mark Byer
		Kathy Peichel
		Tracy Roforth
Lectors	Hailey Jutz	Virginia Thompson
Ushers	Don Ulschmid	Kyle Wothe
	Carey Alger	Dan Giefer
Servers	Cath. Jaroszewski	Ethan Wothe
	Grace Jaroszewski	Zach Roforth
	Brett Alger	Ricky Roforth
	Carson Alger	

*Note to ministers: This schedule does not reflect any recent changes or substitutions you may have made.

Circle 1 is in charge of donuts in February
 Circle 2 will be in charge of donuts in March

February 2nd Collections: 2nd—Building Fund; 9th—DAA Commitment Sunday; 16th—FACC



May the Holy Spirit guide these people along with our prayers as they prepare for: **RCIA**—Kari Adams and Sarah Penn; and **Confirmation**—Byron Byer, Mollee Byer, Mathew Daggett, Tabitha Hiemenz, Garrett Malstrom, Alexis Parsons, Alexis Peichel, Megan Quittschreiber, Kyle Sprouls, Tony Teiken, Kyliegh VanDenEykel, Anne Winter, and Josh Wurst

*****Youth*****

February RE schedule, All Grades: 19, 26.

Intergenerational: February 19, 6:30-7:30PM; "Who do they say I am" Working on our relationship. **Adults** please attend and Help our Youth with their relationship within the Church.

Steubenville North Conference University of St. Thomas July 25th - 28th, 2014

Cost: \$ 300 (\$75 non-refundable payment due April 1.

Want to ignite your faith? Want to experience the church like never before? If so, then Steubenville is right for you. This conference is filled with dynamic speakers, charismatic music, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Holy Mass. Open to all youth in grades 9 and up. Contact: Cheryl 218-847-4599

This month's CD is 'From Atheism to Catholicism--My Conversion Diary', by Jennifer Fulwiler. Jennifer Fulwiler is a popular writer and speaker from Austin, Texas. In this compelling presentation, she recalls her spiritual journey--one which ultimately led her to enter the Catholic Church after having lived a life of atheism. Jennifer is a regular contributor to the National Catholic Register and frequently appears on Catholic radio and EWTN. She chronicles her experiences of faith and family life on her popular blog, ConversionDiary.com. Included on this CD is a bonus excerpt from 'Answering Atheism', by Ken Hensley. This CD and several others are available in the kiosk in the back of the church for a \$3 donation to the Christian Mothers.

St. Henry's, Perham: Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Sunday, February 23, 3:00 pm.