

48th World Communications Day--Communication at the Service of an Authentic Culture of Encounter, 1 June 2014: Message of His Holiness Pope Francis (Part 1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we are living in a world which is growing ever "smaller" and where, as a result, it would seem to be easier for all of us to be neighbours. Developments in travel and communications technology are bringing us closer together and making us more connected, even as globalization makes us increasingly interdependent. Nonetheless, divisions, which are sometimes quite deep, continue to exist within our human family. On the global level we see a scandalous gap between the opulence of the wealthy and the utter destitution of the poor... We have become so accustomed to these things that they no longer unsettle us...

In a world like this, media can help us to feel closer to one another, creating a sense of the unity of the human family which can in turn inspire solidarity and serious efforts to ensure a more dignified life for all. Good communication helps us to grow closer, to know one another better, and ultimately, to grow in unity. The walls which divide us can be broken down only if we are prepared to listen and learn from one another. We need to resolve our differences through forms of dialogue which help us grow in understanding and mutual respect. A culture of encounter demands that we be ready not only to give, but also to receive. Media can help us greatly in this, especially nowadays, when the networks of human communication have made unprecedented advances. The internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. This is something truly good, a gift from God.

This is not to say that certain problems do not exist. The speed with which information is communicated exceeds our capacity for reflection and judgement, and this does not make for more balanced and proper forms of self-expression...

While these drawbacks are real, they do not justify rejecting social media; rather, they remind us that communication is ultimately a human rather than technological achievement. What is it, then, that helps us, in the digital environment, to grow in humanity and mutual understanding? We need, for example, to recover a certain sense of deliberateness and calm. This calls for time and the ability to be silent and to listen. We need also to be patient if we want to understand those who are different from us. People only express themselves fully when they are not merely tolerated, but know that they are truly accepted. If we are genuinely attentive in listening to others, we will learn to look at the world with different eyes and come to appreciate the richness of human experience as manifested in different cultures and traditions. We will also learn to appreciate more fully the important values inspired by Christianity, such as the vision of the human person, the nature of marriage and the family, the proper distinction between the religious and political spheres, the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, and many others.

How, then, can communication be at the service of an authentic culture of encounter? What does it mean for us, as disciples of the Lord, to encounter others in the light of the Gospel? In spite of our own limitations and sinfulness, how do we draw truly close to one another? ... We might paraphrase the question in this way: How can we be "neighbourly" in our use of the communications media and in the new environment created by digital technology? I find an answer in the parable of the Good Samaritan, which is also a parable about communication...The Good Samaritan not only draws nearer to the man he finds half dead on the side of the road; he takes responsibility for him... it is not just about seeing the other as someone like myself, but of the ability to make myself like the other. Communication is really about realizing that we are all human beings, children of God. I like seeing this power of communication as "neighbourliness".

(Part 2 will follow in next Sunday's Bulletin)

Weekday Mass Schedule Feb 24-Mar 2

Mon. 5:30 p.m. Gene Manning and Family
 Tues. 9:00 a.m. +Carol Lormis
 Wed. 9:00 a.m. +Jeffrey Aarness
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Alex & Cela Sumerfelt Family
 Fri. 7:30 a.m. +Chad Jutz
 Sat: 9:00 p.m. +Gordon Sanders
 5:30 p.m. +Harriet Leone
 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 on-line at www.crookston.org/Cursillo.

KC News

Knight of the Month is LeRoy Adams. Thank you LeRoy for everything you do for the Knights and for the Church.

KC Poster Contest: Forms and Paper are in the vestibule for the Poster Contest. Return posters to Mark Byer by March 2.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill

Please pray for:

- Barbara Hanson
- Luella Baumgart
- Casey Courneya
- Dave Goebel
- Tammy Soyring
- Cecil Cook
- Norman Buseth
- Harry Schurmann
- Tom Trieglaff
- Emily Martin
- Sue Turnbull
- Ron Jensen
- Diane Quiram
- Henry Schreiner
- Debbie Ehler
- Kylee Jean Miller
- Dan Hodgson

Collections Feb 16, 2014		Attendance: Saturday 280	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.
Collection Basket			This week's Total: \$2,265.00
Adult	\$2,019.00		111.25
Loose	242.00		\$2,376.25
Children	4.00		
Total:	\$2,265.00		
Other Budgeted Income			
Vigil Lights	\$ 11.25		
Building Fund	10.00		
Total	\$ 111.25		
Other Parish Fundraisers: FACC—\$209.00			
Non Parish Collections: Catholic Home Missions—\$15.00			

UPCOMING:

Mar 1: Maryology—Rosary at 8:30 am; Mass at 9:00 am
 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
 Mar 5: Ash Wednesday: Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
 Mar 7: Mass 5:30 pm; Soup/Sandwich Supper after Mass; Stations of the Cross @ 6:45 pm

Ministry Schedule for Mar 2, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 PM
FCC—FCC—	Paul and Sharon Guck	
Ministers	Jeanne Riley	Nancy Christensen
Of Holy	Nancy Dashner	Barb Rice
Communion	Jill Mickelson	Christine Daggett
		Bev Roberts
		Heather Mitchell
Lectors	Russell and Mary Ann Karasch	Kathy Stenger
Ushers	John Mack	Bud Hensel
	Mike Hiemenz	Bruce Hofer
Servers	Byron Byer	Madison Ketter
	Ethan Byer	Wesley Kropuenske
	Isaac Courneya	Patrick Vacek
	Hayley Courneya	Cecilia George

**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

March 2nd Collections: 2nd—Building Fund; 9th—Black & Indian Missions; 16th—FACC; 30th—Catholic Relief Services

Love Your Enemies

*****Youth*****

February RE schedule, All Grades: 26.
March RE schedule, All Grades: 5, 12, 19, 26

Ash Wednesday: Class @ 6:30, Mass @ 7:00
 Penance Service: March 19

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

Building Fund Update

July 1-Dec 29, 2013			
Donations	\$17,444.83		
Collection on Pledge	\$ 8,400.00	Total	\$25,844.43
Payments on Loan 7 months @ \$1,659.31 / month	\$11,615.17		
January 2014			
Donations	\$ 1,333.54		
Collection on Pledge	\$ 1,600.00	Total	\$ 2,933.54
Payment on Loan	\$ 1,659.31		
Collected since July 1, 2013	\$ 28,777.97		
Payments Total Since July 1, 2013	\$ 13,274.48		

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