

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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My dear friends in Christ,

I would like to start the reflection for this week with a little story from a desert father. As we are about to begin this Lenten season, it is good to get into the hidden wisdom of God in our lives, so that we can walk closely with Him.

A novice went to Abbot Macarius seeking advice about the best way to please the Lord. - Go to the cemetery and insult the dead – said Macarius.

The brother did as he was told. The following day, he returned to Macarius. Did they respond? – asked the abbot.

The novice said no, they didn't.

Then go to them and praise them.

The novice obeyed. That same afternoon, he returned to the abbot, who again wished to know whether the dead had responded.

No – said the novice.

In order to please the Lord, behave as they do – said Macarius. Pay no heed to the insults of men, nor to their praise; in this way, you shall forge your own path.

What do we want to achieve through this Lent? Are we planning to please God by giving up certain things? It is not a bad idea. At the same time, it is not the best idea either. How many Lents have we passed this way, and have we achieved anything different than just doing the routine. As I perceive the time of Lent to be so precious, I would like you all to go deeper in your relationship with the Lord. To build a deeper and personal relationship with the Lord, you need to spend more time in prayer than you do usually. Just think of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying. It was the best time he had as a human person, conversing with the heavenly Father all the time. At such moments of solitude, he found the true Will of the Father. He could understand what God the Father expected him to do on this earth. He realized his call to bring salvation to the whole humanity. We are called to walk with Jesus in his forty days in the desert.

Through prayer, fasting and alms giving, let us purify our life. Let us get into a new self. Let us travel deep into our personal self and perceive the presence of God there. This perception will teach us what is best in us and what is worst in us. In that way, the mercy of God will help us through this season of grace and forgiveness to shed our old self and to put on the new self of Christ. I wish you all a fruitful Lenten Journey.

Your brother in Christ, Fr. Xavier Ilango

Readings for Lent available in the vestibule:

- Little Black Book
  - The Word Among Us
- Help yourself to a copy while they last.

### Daily Mass Schedule February 16-22

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Vern Hunt  
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention  
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Frank and Ann Ulschmid  
 7:00 p.m. +Raymond and Lillian Buschette  
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Ill in the parish  
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Barb Hanson  
 5:30 p.m. +Cecil Cook, Jr.  
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Bob Stroschein  
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro populo

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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

Are you looking for a way to have a deeper relationship with Jesus? Cursillo is a way to deepen your faith with others on a spirit-filled weekend. Our Diocese is sponsoring a Men's Cursillo weekend on February 26-March 1, 2015, and a Women's Cursillo weekend on March 19-22, 2015, at Sand Hill Lake Bible Camp south of Fosston. For more information please contact Carol Olsonawski at 218.689.9081 or Mary Derosier at 218.253.4623. Applications are also available in the vestibule.

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The 2015 DAA is underway. Our parish DAA goal is \$17,675. Let us all prayerfully consider how to help our parish meet its goal this year and support the ministries and work of the Diocese of Crookston, including Vocations and Seminarian Education.

Thank you to all who have already made their 2015 DAA pledge/donation. Extra DAA envelopes and prayer request cards are available in the vestibule if you need one. You may either mail your DAA envelope directly to the diocese or put it in a Sunday collection basket. You may also make a gift online at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://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:  
 -Bonnie Wallace -Emily Martin  
 -Luella Baumgart -Bruce Moe  
 -Casey Courneya -Henry Schreiner  
 -Connie Ulschmid -Dave Goebel  
 -Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden  
 -Norman Buseth -Paula Stegeman  
 -Tammy Wothe -Lisa Flynn  
 -Bob Thompson -Kenny Sprouls  
 -Paul Guck

Collection	Feb 8, 2015	Attendance	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.
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<b>Collection Basket</b>			
Adult	\$ 3,198.00		
Loose	187.00		
Children	7.00		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,392.00</b>		
<b>Other Budgeted Income</b>			
Vigil Lights	\$ 6.26		
Building Fund	140.00		
Steeple Fun			
Window Fund	100.00		
RE (Christian Mothers)	4,595.39		
Funeral Lunch	250.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,091.65</b>		<b>This week's Total: \$ 3,392.00 5,091.65 \$ 8,483.65</b>

### UPCOMING:

Feb 14/15: Parish-wide Valentine's weekend Bake Sale after both Masses

Feb 15: RCIA 7:00 pm @ church

Feb 16: Knights of Columbus Business meeting 7:00 pm @ Church

Feb 16: Faith Formation Committee meeting 7:00 pm @ Church

Feb 17: Liturgy Committee meeting 7:00 pm @ Church

Feb 18: Ash Wednesday Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Feb 20: Mass @ 5:30 pm followed by Soup/Sandwich Supper

Feb 20: Stations of the Cross @ 6:45 pm

Feb 27: Mass @ 5:30 pm followed by KC's Fish Fry

Feb 27: Stations of the Cross @ 6:45 pm

### Ministry Schedule for Feb 22, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—Christine Daggett and Sharon Guck		
Ministers	Cheryl Stegmaier	Rose Roforth
Of Holy	Tammy Sattler	Pat Schurmann
Communion	Dale Sattler	Marlys Jacobson
		Kay Furey
		Virginia Thompson
Lectors	Ann Wothe	Mary Flynn
Ushers	Tom Mickelson	Dan Giefer
	Andrew Jutz	Mark Byer
Servers	Autumn Moe	Sarah LaSart
	Abigail Wothe	Ethan Wothe
	Grace Jarowszewski	Scott Seim

February 2nd Collections: 15th—FACC; 22nd—Black & Indian Missions

Circle 6 is in charge of donuts in February  
 Circle 7 will be in charge of donuts in March

### \*\*\*Youth\*\*\*

#### February RE

Regular classes: 4, 11, 25

Wednesday The 18th Ash Wednesday: Afternoon Ash Service, evening 6:30 Class with Mass at 7:00PM

#### Saint John Paul II Middle School Camp

Where: Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids, MN

When: Sunday, July 5th through Thursday, July 9th.

Cost: \$300 with price breaks for families.

If interested in attending this camp, there will be an information meeting on February 15 following the 8:30AM Mass. We will discuss fundraising and requirement to attend. All interested please attend!

#### Christian Mothers

Christian Mothers are sponsoring a parish wide St. Valentine weekend Bake sale, February 14 and 15. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

St. Francis of Assisi Charity Committee would like to say, "Thank You" for all the support that we received for our First Annual Christmas Meal for the needy in our community. We feed around 170 people. Thank You to the Knights for setting up the tables. Thank You for all the wonderful warm hats, mittens, and scarves that we had available for people to take that needed them to stay warm in our Minnesota winters. The extra hats and mittens were given to the Frazee Police Department to hand out as needed and some were given to the Red Lake Catholic Church. Father Jerry very much appreciated the donation. Thank You to all those that volunteered their time and talents to this event. Thank You also for all the yummy cupcakes that were donated. We really couldn't do what we do without the love and support that we received through our parishioners.

Thank You so very much  
 St. Francis of Assisi Charity Committee