

(Part 3 of Pope Francis Christmas Message to the Roman Curia)

3. There is also the sickness of mental and spiritual "petrification": namely those who have a heart of stone and a "stiff-neck" (*Acts 7:51-60*); those that, along the way, lose interior serenity, vivacity and daring and hide themselves under papers becoming "practice machines" and not "men of God" (*Cf. Hebrews 3:12*). It is dangerous to lose the necessary human sensibility to make us weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice! It is the sickness of those who lose "the sentiments of Jesus" (*Cf. Philippians 2:5-11*) because, with the passing of time, their heart is hardened and becomes incapable of loving unconditionally the Father and their neighbor (*Cf. Matthew 22:34-40*). To be Christian, in fact, means: "to have the same sentiments that were in Christ Jesus, sentiments of humility and of self-giving, of detachment and generosity."

4. The sickness of excessive planning and functionalism: When the apostle plans everything minutely and thinks that with perfect planning things effectively progress, thus becoming an accountant or a businessman. It is necessary to prepare everything well but without ever falling into the temptation of wanting to enclose and pilot the freedom of the Holy Spirit who remains always greater, more generous than any human planning (*Cf. John 3:8*). One falls into this sickness because "it is always easier and more comfortable to settle down in one's own static and unchanging positions. In reality, the Church shows herself faithful to the Holy Spirit in the measure in which she does not have the pretext of regulating or domesticating Him. To domesticate the Holy Spirit ... He is freshness, imagination, novelty." [9]

5. The sickness of bad coordination: when the members lose communion among themselves and the body loses its harmonious functioning and its temperance becoming an orchestra that produces noise because its members do not collaborate and do not live the spirit of communion and of team. When the foot says to the arm: "I have no need of you," or the hand to the head: "I command," thus causing harm and scandal.

6. There is also the sickness of spiritual Alzheimer's disease: namely the forgetfulness of the "history of Salvation," of one's personal history with the Lord, of one's "first love" (*Revelation 2:4*). It is a progressive decline of the spiritual faculty which in a longer or shorter interval of time causes serious handicaps to the person, making him become incapable of carrying out an autonomous activity, living in a state of absolute dependence of his often imaginary views. We see it in those who have lost the memory of their encounter with the Lord; in those who do not make the Deuteronomic sense of life; in those that depend completely on their "present," on their passions, whims and fixations; those who build walls and habits around themselves, becoming ever more slaves of idols that they have sculpted with their own hands.

7. The sickness of rivalry and vainglory [10][11]: when appearance, the color of garments and signs of honor become the primary objective of life, forgetting Saint Paul's words: "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (*Philippians 2:1-4*). It is the sickness that leads us to be false men and women and to live a false "mysticism" and a false "Quietism." Saint Paul himself describes them as "enemies of the Cross of Christ" because "they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things" (*Philippians 3:19*).

8. The sickness of existential schizophrenia: it is the sickness of those who live a double life, fruit of hypocrisy typical of the mediocre and the progressive spiritual emptiness that degrees and academic titles cannot fill. A sickness that often strikes those that, abandoning pastoral service, limit themselves to bureaucratic affairs, thus losing contact with the reality, with concrete persons, thus creating a parallel world for themselves where they put aside all that they severely teach others and they begin to live a hidden and often dissolute life. Conversion is all the more urgent and indispensable for this very serious sickness (*Cf. Luke 15:11-32*).

(Part 4 next week)

Daily Mass Schedule January 12-18

Mon: 5:30 p.m. No Mass
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. No Mass; Adoration 9:00-6:00
 Wed: 9:00 p.m. No Mass
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. No Mass
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. No Mass
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Margaret and John Anderson
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. +Carol Lormis

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Mass Times
 Monday 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday-Thursday
 9:00 a.m.
 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

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KC Supper will be on January 11, 2015. Social at 5:00 and pot luck supper at 6:00. All spouses are invited including spouses of deceased KC members and Christian mothers

For any emergencies during Father's Ilango's absence, please contact Holy Rosary at 218.847.1393.

This month's CD is "Being All In--from NFL playing field to the mission field", by Eric Mahl. Eric Mahl earned a scholarship to play Division One college football, and was signed by the Cleveland Browns in 2005. In this heartfelt presentation, Eric recounts how he disposed of all of his belongings to give himself fully to the Lord and live out the message of Divine Mercy. He currently works and serves with the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. This CD and several others are available in the kiosk in the back of the church for a \$3.00 donation. Thank you for supporting this Christian Mothers project.

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
- Connie Ulschmid
- Ken Jacobson
- Norman Buseth
- MaryAnn Parsons
- Bob Thompson
- Emily Martin
- Bruce Moe
- Henry Schreiner
- Dave Goebel
- Roger Wolden
- Paula Stegeman
- Lisa Flynn
- Bill Prendergast

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.
This week's Total:

The collection information for December 25 and 28 printed in last week's bulletin was incorrect.

The insert in today's bulletin contains the correct collection information for December 25 and 28 as well as for January 1 and 4.

UPCOMING:

- Jan 11: KC Supper Social at 5:00 pm, Supper at 6:00. Christian Mothers are invited.
- Jan 12: Stewardship Committee Meeting at 4:00 pm
- Jan 18: RCIA 7:00 pm @ Church

Ministry Schedule for Jan 18, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—	Christine Daggett and Sharon Guck	
Ministers	Ruth Ann Lehmann	Marlys Jacobson
Of Holy	Kristi Roers	Dale Sattler
Communion	Jeanne Riley	Tammy Sattler
		Roxie Riewer
		Mark Byer
Lectors	Keith Adams	Kay Furey
Ushers	Bruce Hofer	Bud Hensel
	Kyle Wothe	Dan Giefer
Servers	Autumn Moe	Braylee Riewer
	Scott Seim	Ricky Roforth
	Abigail Wothe	Zach Roforth

January 2nd Collections: 18th—Solidarity for the Church in Africa; 25th—FACC

Circle 5 is in charge of donuts in January
 Circle 6 is in charge of donuts in February

*****Youth*****

Re January Schedule
 Wednesday January 7, 14, 21 and 28 Regular Classes

January 21, Confirmation class with Sponsors.

VIGIL FOR LIFE at St. Henry's in Perham
 The annual Vigil for Life will be taking place on Wednesday, January 21st featuring Pam Stenzel who will speak on relationships & purity. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30-6:45: Meal (free will offering)
- 6:30-7:00: Praise & Worship Music
- 7:00-8:15: Speaker, Pam Stenzel
- 8:30-9:00: Adoration/Silent Prayer
- 9:00-9:30: Vespers
- 9:30-10:15: Rachel Rosary
- 10:30-11:00: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 11:15: Litany for Life
- 11:45: Benediction

3rd Marriage Banns:
 Ashley Elizabeth Dretsch and Phillip Ronald Frericks

January 11, 2015

Collection data for December 25 and 28 and January 1 and 4

December 25

Collection Basket	
Adult	\$ 5,735.00
Loose	2,481.40
Children	2.00
Total:	\$ 8,218.40

Other Budgeted Income

Window Fund	200.00
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>15000.00</u>
Total	\$ 15,200.00

December 25 Total:

\$ 8,218.40
<u>15,200.00</u>
\$ 23,418.40

January 1, 2015

Collection Basket	
Adult	\$ 1,255.00
Loose	246.00
Children	4.00
Total:	\$ 1,505.00

Other Budgeted Income

Diocese of Crookston	455.61
Window Fund	125.00
Steeple Fund	125.00
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$ 955.61

January 1 Total:

\$ 1,505.00
<u>955.61</u>
\$ 2,460.61

Non-Parish Fundraiser: Cemetery Fund--\$134.77

December 28

Collection Basket	
Adult	\$ 2,143.00
Loose	379.00
Children	4.00
Total	\$ 2,526.00

Other Budgeted Income

Vigil Light	\$ 20.70
Building Fund	40.00
Facility Rental	50.00
<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$ 150.70

Other Parish Fundraisers: FACC--\$150.00, Food Shelf (Youth)--\$50

December 28 Total:

\$ 2,526.00
<u>150.70</u>
\$ 2,676.70

January 4, 2015

Collection Basket	
Adult	\$ 3,153.00
Loose	257.79
Children	6.00
Total	\$ 3,416.79

Other Budgeted Income

Vigil Light	\$ 22.00
Building Fund	1,216.99
Steeple Fund	45.00
<u>Window Fund</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,338.99

Non-Parish Fundraisers: Church in Africa--\$25

January 4 Total:

\$ 3,416.79
<u>1,338.99</u>
\$ 4,755.78