

(continued synopsis of Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel")

In relation to the challenges of the contemporary world, the Pope denounces the current economic system as unjust at its root (59). Such an economy kills because the law of the survival of the fittest prevails. The current culture of the disposable has created something new: the excluded are not the exploited, but the outcast, the leftovers (53). A new tyranny is thus born, invisible and often virtual, of an autonomy of the market in which financial speculation and widespread corruption and self-serving tax-evasion reign (56). He also denounces attacks on religious freedom and the new persecutions directed against Christians. In many places the problem is more that of widespread indifference and relativism (61). The family, the Pope continues, is experiencing a profound cultural crisis. Reiterating the indispensable contribution of marriage to society (66), he underlines that the individualism of our postmodern and globalized era favors a lifestyle which distorts family bonds (67).

He re-emphasizes the profound connection between evangelization and human advancement (178) and the right of pastors to offer opinions on all that affects peoples lives (182). No one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society. He quotes John Paul II, who said that the Church cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice (183). For the Church, the option for the poor is primarily a theological category rather than a sociological one. This is why I want a Church that is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us (198). As long as the problems of the poor are not radically resolved, no solution will be found for this world's problems (202). Politics, although often denigrated, he affirms, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity. I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the lives of the poor! (205). He adds an admonition: Any Church community, if it believes it can forget about the poor, runs the risk of breaking down.

The Pope urges care for the weakest members of society: the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and migrants, for whom the Pope exhorts a generous openness (210). He speaks about the victims of trafficking and new forms of slavery: This infamous network of crime is now well-established in our cities, and many people have blood on their hands as a result of their comfortable and silent complicity (211). Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment and violence (212). Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays, efforts are made to deny them their human dignity (213). The Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question; it is not progressive to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life (214). The Pope makes an appeal for respect for all creation: we are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live (216).

With regard to the theme of peace, the Pope affirms that a prophetic voice must be raised against attempts at false reconciliation to silence or appease the poor, while others refuse to renounce their privileges (218). For the construction of a society in peace, justice and fraternity, he indicates four principles (221): *Time is greater than space* (222) means working slowly but surely, without being obsessed with immediate results (223). *Unity prevails over conflict* (226) means a diversified and life-giving unity (228). *Realities are more important than ideas* (231) means avoiding reducing politics or faith to rhetoric (232). *The whole is greater than the part* means bringing together globalization and localization (234).

(concluded next week)

**Weekday Mass Schedule Jan 13-19**

Mon. 5:30 p.m. Christian Mothers  
Tues. 9:00 a.m. +Chad Jutz  
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Jeffrey Aarness  
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Ill in the Parish  
Fri. 7:30 a.m. +Joe Stegmaier  
Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Rhoda Koehnen  
Sun. 8:30 a.m. Pro populo

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**Mass Times**

Monday 5:30 pm  
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

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The January-March weekend Ministry Schedule is available in the kiosk at the church entry. It is also available on the parish website. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Altar Server or Sacristan, please be sure you have a copy. If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please use the attached list to find a substitute.

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The 2014 Liturgical Calendars are in the vestibule. Please take one per family while they last.

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Father Ilango has come home for our funerals this week for Gordon Sanders, Betty Daggett, and Carol Lormis. He will return to India on January 20. Please keep Gordon, Betty, and Carol in your prayers, as well as those grieving their loses.

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**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
- Ken Jacobson
- Norman Buseth
- Harry Schurmann
- Cecil Cook
- Emily Martin
- Sue Turnbull
- Ron Jensen
- Diane Quiram
- Henry Schreiner
- Debbie Ehler
- Kylee Jean Miller
- Dan Hodgson

<b>Collections</b> Jan 5, 2014		Attendance:
<b>Collection Basket</b>		227
Adult	\$ 1,621.00	
Loose	1,693.00	
Children	4.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,318.00</b>	
<b>Other Budgeted Income</b>		
Vigil Lights	\$ 11.00	
Assumption (Reimbursement	44.25	
Building Fund	528.54	
Churh Basement Rental	50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 633.79</b>	
<b>Solemnity of Mary Collection</b>		
Adult	\$ 683.00	
Loose	80.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 763.00</b>	
<b>Other Parish Fund Raisers:</b> FACC—\$10		

Needed per Week to Reach Budget:

\$4202.29—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, etc), not just the Sunday collections.  
**This week's Total:**  
**\$ 3,318.00**  
**633.79**  
**763.00**  
**\$ 4,714.79**

**UPCOMING:**

- Jan 13: Christian Mothers Meeting/Epiphany Party at 6:00 pm
- Jan 13: KC's meeting 7:00 pm at Church
- Jan 15: Evening RE—Intergenerational (Adoration, Praise and Worship)
- Jan 20: KC's Officers' meeting 7:00 pm @ Church

*Ministry Schedule for Jan 19, 2014*

	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:30 PM</b>
FCC—	Mark Byer and Barb Rice	
<b>Ministers</b>	Ruth Ann Lehmann	Roxie Riewer
<b>Of Holy</b>	Jeanie Wothe	Barb Rice
<b>Communion</b>	Jeanne Riley	Rose Roforth
		Marlys Jacobson
		Tracy Roforth
<b>Lectors</b>	Keith Adams	Christine Daggett
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Hofer	Bud Hensel
	Kyle Wothe	Dan Giefer
<b>Servers</b>	Byron Byer	Charlton Wake
	Ethan Byer	Ricky Roforth
		Zach Roforth

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

Circle 7 is in charge of donuts in January  
Circle 1 will be in charge of donuts in February

January 2nd Collections: 12th—FACC; 19th—Church in Africa;



**\*\*\*Youth\*\*\***

**January RE schedule:**

All grades—Jan 15, 22, 29

**Jan 15: Evening RE—Intergenerational (Adoration, Praise and Worship)**

**Jan 19: Children's Mass 8:30 am**

**Youth Night** January 26 (grades 9-12)

**Children's Bibles for Sale:**

Grades 1-4: **The Catholics Children's Bible** \$30 Soft cover, \$38 Hardcover.  
Grades 5-8 **Breakthrough the Bible for Young Catholics:** \$25 soft cover and \$32 hard cover.

Teens interested in attending:

Steubenville North-St Paul University of St Thomas • July 25 - 27, 2014—Cost: \$190 **Youth please register for Steubenville as soon as possible. If you have any questions please see Cheryl**

NET RETREAT: At Holy Rosary for grades 6-8. Monday January 13, 4:30-9:00PM. Cost is only \$5.00! Please register with Cheryl by than January 9th. This is a great opportunity for youth to come closer to their Faith and get to now other youth from nearby Parishes.

**Important:** There will be a short insert-service on the use of our AED (Defibrillator) in the Church basement after Mass Saturday, January 11, and again on Sunday, January 12. Ushers are urged to attend, and any other interested parish members are welcome.