

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

The first of a seven-week reflection on the July 13, 2014, OSV article "How to talk to non-Catholics about the Faith" by Emily Stimpson

My dear friends in Christ,

Each one of us born on this earth leaves some impact behind us. Sometimes it is too small to be recognized or goes unnoticed; or we can have quite a bit of impact, and many are touched by our life. When Pope Francis was elected in 2013 and settled in his office, someone coined a term called, "the Francis effect." The same phrase has resurfaced in many magazines in the past year. Some think that it is too early to claim that such an effect has happened globally. I strongly believe that our Pope Francis does inspire many people by his life, through his words in the homilies, and through many symbolic actions he does every day, such as inviting some street people to come to his birthday lunch. As OSV presented a beautiful article on how to grab this opportunity as a great moment for Catholics to evangelize, I plan to reflect on those ten tips they have offered us for Evangelization (OSV July 13, 2014).

Look for Opportunities: It is true that most of us Catholics are too apprehensive to talk about God to others. We are either very shy or want to be very polite and politically correct, and we never talk about our beliefs and religion in public places, when we are sitting in an Airport, traveling, or happen to be in a game. All such hesitations come from a strong belief that nobody wants to hear about our relationship with God. According to Sherry Weddell, "A quarter of all adults in this country are actively spiritually seeking or passively scanning the horizon, looking for alternatives. It is not rare. The more you look for opportunities, the more you will find them." It is not correct to presume that nobody wants or is interested in talking about God, their religion, and their spiritual seeking. As long as the human race is alive, there will always be a searching and yearning for God in diverse forms.

It is up to us as individuals to look for opportunities. There will never be a perfect moment or ideal opportunity to approach someone with the God question. It could be one of your own siblings who drifted away or evolved to be a non-believer. It could be one of your own good friends who strayed away from the Catholic faith or any faith life. Don't wait for the perfect moment to talk to that person. When you want to talk about many other things, don't you just share it? Treat the question of faith in the same way. You can bring up the God conversation in the middle of a normal conversation in a natural way. That doesn't mean that every conversation needs to be on faith. But do not wait forever to begin that conversation, waiting for the most opportune moment.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Xavier Ilango

Weekday Mass Schedule July 21-27

Mon: 5:30 p.m. Ray and Lillian Buschette
Tues: 9:00 a.m. +Harry Schurmann
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Bob Stroschein
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Lucas & Elaina Weide
Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Martha Schultz
Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Carol Lormis
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
Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:30PM
ADORATION:
Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting July 22, @ 7PM

The St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club will be starting a new book on July 30th. Father has chosen the book 7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness by Joe Paprocki. It is about enriching your faith by strengthening the health of your soul. Please pick up a book from Father Ilango, Marlys Jacobson, or Kathy Peichel. Come and enjoy great relaxing reading and sharing. Everyone is welcome to come and jump into an experience you will enjoy.

Holy Family Icons pictures are available. If you would like to purchase one, the picture alone is \$2.00 and the framed one is \$10.00. These are the pictures that were gifted to those signed up for the Marriage Mass and breakfast. If you did not receive your picture yet, please contact Cheryl

KC's: Knights of Columbus **Sportsman Raffle tickets** are in. See Mark Byer, Tim Stenger, Dave Riewer or Jim Jaroszewski for tickets.

Diane Mistelske will be selling Premier Designs Jewelry on Saturday and Sunday, July 19th & 20th for a fundraiser for the church improvements ALL proceeds, plus a matching amount, will be donated. For example, if the sale takes in \$200 from the sale of jewelry, matching funds will bring it to \$400. Please help with this fundraiser.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

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

-Jim Wallace -Emily Martin
-Luella Baumgart -Dan Hodgson
-Casey Courneya -Ron Jensen
-Dave Goebel -William Swan
-Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
-Tammy Soyering -Norman Buseth
-Kenny Sprouls -Lisa Flynn
-Clem Neisen -Paula Stegeman

Collections July 13, 2014

Collection Basket	Attendance:	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Adult \$2,513.00	341	\$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 525.26		This week's Total:
Children 4.00		\$3,042.26
Total: \$3,042.26		\$ 8,306.51
Other Budgeted Income		
Vigil Lights \$ 25.00		
Building Fund 930.00		
Steeple Fund 2,135.25		
Window Fund 2,000.00		
Bible Study Books 24.00		
Wedding 150.00		
Total \$ 5,264.25		

Non-Parish Collections: Retired Priests—\$15; Peter's Pence—\$545.83

UPCOMING:

Jul 19: The 3 M's (Mass, Meal, and Movie): After 5:30 pm Mass
Jul 21: KC Officers' meeting 7:00pm at Church
Jul 22: Liturgy Committee meeting 7:00 pm @ Church
Jul 26: Youth Cakewalk, Main Street, 2-3 pm
Jul 26: Teen Dance, High School Red Gym, 9:00 pm to midnight
Jul 29: Finance Council meeting 7:00 pm @ Church
Jul 30: St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club 7:00 pm at Church
Aug 2: Maryology, Rosary at 8:30 am; Mass at 9:00
Aug 12: Stewardship Committee meeting 6:00 pm @ Church
Aug 12: Pastoral Council meeting 7:00 pm @ Church

Ministry Schedule for July 27, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC— Russ and Mary Ann Karasch		
Ministers	Cheryl Stegmaier	Carol Aarness
Of Holy	Russell Karasch	Bev Roberts
Communion	Joan Schraufek	Dallas Flynn
		Karen Nelson
		Christine Daggett
Lectors	Vince Roers	Virginia Thompson
Ushers	Adam Jaroszewski	Mark Byer
	Jim Jaroszewski	Bruce Hofer
Servers	Hayley Courneya	Sierra Brolin
	Isaac Courneya	Max Matejka
	Ethan Byer	Maddie Matejka
		Sarah LaSart

Circle 6 is in charge of donuts in July
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July 2nd Collections: 27th—FACC

July 20, 2014

Youth

Safe Environment

All that have done or are new to ministries that need Safe Environment: The new test and Acknowledgement Consent forms are available online. Go to frazeesacred-heart.org. Click on the Safe Environment, and it will take you through the test etc. If you are new or have not done SEP in 2 years or more, you must use the New Volunteer option. Even if you did the SEP just prior to July 1st, you MUST do it again. This needs to be done before September 27, 2014. Any questions— contact Cheryl. Thank you!

***Turkey Days Teen Dance** sponsored by Sacred Heart Youth: Saturday July 26, 2014-9PM to Midnight-High School Red Gym-Cost \$6.00. Volunteer Youth and Adults needed to Chaperone/Work dance

***Cake Walk** -sponsored by Sacred Heart Youth-Saturday July 26, 2014, 2-3PM-W Main Street. Volunteers Youth/Adults needed to help bake cakes Thursday July 24th at 10:00AM and decorate Friday July 25 at 10:00AM. Also Anyone that would like to donate cake mixes, frosting, disposable pans (the small ones), decoration items (candies etc.) we would really appreciate the donations. Contact Cheryl for more information.

Christian Mothers:

Turn in your raffle tickets for the Cedar Chest. Please bring a donated item so we can fill the Cedar Chest. The drawing will be held on July 27, 2014 (Turkey Days) at 12:00 PM. Thank you.

Gordon Sanders Memorial Pancake Breakfast Sunday July 27th from 7am – 10am at VFW in Frazee; Free will offering with proceeds to the VFW

St. Henry's, Perham: Divine Mercy Eucharistic Holy Hour, Sunday July 27, starting at 3:00 pm.

Sacred Heart, Dent: Sunday, August 10 11:00 am to 1:30 pm—Chicken & Meatball Dinner, Country Store, Silent Auction Games, Refreshments, Raffle, and Live Music.