

My dear friends in Christ,

I was part of this funeral conducted last Friday in Prior Lake, MN, of a young man called Mark Mahaney, who was 25 years old. He became friends with me last summer through another friend of mine. He was a fine young man with lots of zest for life and enthusiasm to accomplish good things for him and others. He was climbing Mount Rainier with other five men and he was camping on the mountain and swept away by an avalanche probably. The cause of his death is still a mystery. During the homily, I preached about how this young man was turning towards God, settling in a good job, planning to get married with his beloved of his life Desiree, and how, in a second, everything was taken away from him. But as his death occurred between the Feast of Ascension of our Lord and Pentecost, probably the Lord wanted to take him home on a good time. I shared many other positive things from the life of this young man that really moved the hearts of many who were present there. Many came to me after the Mass and shared with me how much of peace and healing that homily brought to them. It is not about my homily I want to brag about but how God could use us even in such trying moments as avenues of His grace and healing.

The parable of the Good Samaritan has multi-faceted meanings and messages for our life. One of them is that a Samaritan become the healer and emergency aid to a dying Jew. In fact given the cultural relationship between a Jew and a Samaritan, a Jew could not accept any help from a Samaritan who is the worst hated enemy. This involved cultural and religious beliefs of the Jews. The Jew could have preferred to die rather than receive the assistance provided by the Samaritan. Then why did Jesus present to us the Samaritan as a model to help those who are in need? Jesus does present the Samaritan as the best model of the one who goes forth to support someone in need. But more than that, what Jesus implies in this parable is that God's grace, healing and loving support can come to us through anyone. It could be even through a person as hated as the Samaritan. You can never exhaust the means and ways in which God's healing grace touches our lives. Thus, we have no right to limit the various options through which God can get into our lives.

If we look into our personal Christian life, we may wonder how God brings in so many people into our lives. They could be relatives, friends, a fellow parishioner or even a stranger. Sometimes they come into our lives in the most unexpected times and situations. We don't understand why this person comes into our life repeatedly. It could be God's positive plan to put that person into your life to understand His presence and grace. Let us never underestimate the power and grace of God to touch our lives through different persons and in diverse ways. We could also be used by God to be true instruments of healing and grace for many. Be open to this grace every moment that His grace will guide us to be healers and supporters of one another.

Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Xavier Ilango

Weekday Mass Schedule June 16-22

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Carol Lormis
Tues: 9:00 a.m. +Lester and Susanna Hanson
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Jeffrey Aarness
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Ill in the Parish
Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Gordon Sanders
Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Cecil Cook, Jr.
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

The Year of Marriage Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston is set for July 12, 2014. We will leave from the Church parking lot on an Anderson bus at 9:30 am and return around 3:45 pm. The cost is \$15/person or \$25/couple. There are both an agenda and a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we know how many to plan for.

To celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Christian Mothers will sponsor a light lunch after the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, June 28.

Applications for the Knights of Columbus' scholarships are available in the Church vestibule. Completed applications are to be returned to Tim Stenger by June 22.

Please turn in all your "Our Family" UPC's. According to Nash Finch Co. the program will end in July 2014. We don't know if the program will start up again. Thanks for submitting the UPC's.

The new CD for this month is "Down to Earth--Grounded in Faith", by Mark Hart. There are moments in life in which God grabs our attention and reminds us that He is in charge. Through humor and poignant biblical insights, Mark Hart here candidly reflects on a near-death experience in which our Lord grabbed his attention and put his Catholic faith to the test. Mark is one of the most highly sought-after speakers serving the Church today. This and several other CDs are available in the kiosk in the back of the Church for a \$3 donation.

Father Ilango will be the Spiritual Director for the Women's Cursillo at Fosston, MN, September 25-28, 2014. If you are interested, Application forms are in the vestibule.

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 Soyring
- Norman Buseth
- Kenny Sprouls
- Lisa Flynn
- Clem Neisen

Collections June 8, 2014		Attendance: 316		Needed per Week to	
		Reach	Budget:		
Collection Basket					
Adult	\$2,314.00			\$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	420.50				
Children	4.00				
Total:	\$2,738.50			\$4,148.01	
Other Budgeted Income					
Vigil Lights		\$ 9.25		This week's Total:	
Building Fund		530.00			
Steeple Fund		505.00			
Window Fund		1,155.00			
JP II Books		139.80			
Assumption Church		755.27			
Total		\$ 3,094.32			

Non-Parish Collections: Retired Priests—\$100

UPCOMING:

- Jun 16: Circle Leader's meeting after 5:30 pm Mass**
- Jun 16: KC Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm at Church**
- Jun 18: St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club 7:00 pm at Church**
- Jun 28: Light lunch in observance of the Feast of the Sacred Heart after 5:30 pm Mass**
- Jul 1: Finance Council, 7:00 pm at Church**
- Jul 2: St. Thomas Aquinas Book Club 7:00 pm at Church**
- Jul 5: Maryology, Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass at 9:00**
- Jul 5: Movie Night and light supper after 5:30 pm Mass**

Ministry Schedule for June 22, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—Glenn and Beverly Robertts		
Ministers	Kathy Ulschmid	Carol Aarness
Of Holy	Cheryl Stegmaier	Dallas Flynn
Communion	Jeanne Riley	Rose Roforth
		Kay Furey
		Virginia Thompson
Lectors	Ann Wothe	Marlys Jacobson
Ushers	Tom Mickelson	Dan Giefer
	Don Ulschmid	Mark Byer
Servers	Maddie Williams	Sarah LaSart
	Abigail Wothe	Ethan Wothe
		Cecilia George

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

Circle 5 is in charge of donuts in June
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June 2nd Collections: 15th—Retired Priests; 22nd—FACC

June 15 2014

Youth

Saint JPII Middle School Camp,
Sunday, July 6-Thursday, July 10, for students entering grades 7-9.

First Communion Students: if you have not received your pictures, they are in the back of Church. Please pick them up as soon as possible.

VBS was wonderful again this year because of the great volunteers! Tribe Leaders: Sierra Brolin, Madisen Ketter, Catherine Jaroszewski, Adam Jaroszewski, Kyliegh VanDenEykel, Sarah LaSart, , Matthew Jutz, Brock Riewer, Station Leaders: Megan Quittschreiber, Tab Heimenz, Nathan LaSart, Isaac LaSart, Sandy Rausch, Rachel LaSart, and Tracy LaSart, All the extra help setting up stations, and preparing for the Picnic, Susan Jaroszewski, Jim Jaroszewski, Theresa Stroschein, and Dawn Hanson, and anyone else that helped in any way with a hand or Prayer: All of the wonderful children that attended the week of knowing our God better—you are a blessing! To each of you my utmost Thank You! Cheryl

Christian Mothers:

Our annual **Cedar Chest** raffle tickets are available after weekend Masses. The drawing will be held on July 27, 2014. Items you would like to donate for the Cedar Chest may be dropped off in the church hall. Thank you.

