

48th World Communications Day--Communication at the Service of an Authentic Culture of Encounter, 1 June 2014: Message of His Holiness Pope Francis (Part 2)

Whenever communication is primarily aimed at promoting consumption or manipulating others, we are dealing with a form of violent aggression like that suffered by the man in the parable, who was beaten by robbers and left abandoned on the road. The Levite and the priest do not regard him as a neighbour, but as a stranger to be kept at a distance. In those days, it was rules of ritual purity which conditioned their response. Nowadays there is a danger that certain media so condition our responses that we fail to see our real neighbour.

It is not enough to be passersby on the digital highways, simply "connected"; connections need to grow into true encounters. We cannot live apart, closed in on ourselves. We need to love and to be loved. We need tenderness. The world of media also has to be concerned with humanity, it too is called to show tenderness. The digital world can be an environment rich in humanity; a network not of wires but of people...

As I have frequently observed, if a choice has to be made between a bruised Church which goes out to the streets and a Church suffering from self-absorption, I certainly prefer the first. Those "streets" are the world where people live and where they can be reached, both effectively and affectively. The digital highway is one of them, a street teeming with people who are often hurting, men and women looking for salvation or hope. By means of the internet, the Christian message can reach "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Keeping the doors of our churches open also means keeping them open in the digital environment so that people, whatever their situation in life, can enter, and so that the Gospel can go out to reach everyone. We are called to show that the Church is the home of all. Are we capable of communicating the image of such a Church? Communication is a means of expressing the missionary vocation of the entire Church; today the social networks are one way to experience this call to discover the beauty of faith, the beauty of encountering Christ. In the area of communications too, we need a Church capable of bringing warmth and of stirring hearts.

Effective Christian witness is not about bombarding people with religious messages, but about our willingness to be available to others "by patiently and respectfully engaging their questions and their doubts as they advance in their search for the truth and the meaning of human existence" (BENEDICT XVI, Message for the 47th World Communications Day, 2013). We need but recall the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. We have to be able to dialogue with the men and women of today, to understand their expectations, doubts and hopes, and to bring them the Gospel, Jesus Christ himself, God incarnate, who died and rose to free us from sin and death. We are challenged to be people of depth, attentive to what is happening around us and spiritually alert. To dialogue means to believe that the "other" has something worthwhile to say, and to entertain his or her point of view and perspective. Engaging in dialogue does not mean renouncing our own ideas and traditions, but the claim that they alone are valid or absolute.

May the image of the Good Samaritan who tended to the wounds of the injured man by pouring oil and wine over them be our inspiration. Let our communication be a balm which relieves pain and a fine wine which gladdens hearts. May the light we bring to others not be the result of cosmetics or special effects, but rather of our being loving and merciful "neighbours" to those wounded and left on the side of the road. Let us boldly become citizens of the digital world. The Church needs to be concerned for, and present in, the world of communication, in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ. She needs to be a Church at the side of others, capable of accompanying everyone along the way. The revolution taking place in communications media and in information technologies represents a great and thrilling challenge; may we respond to that challenge with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God.

From the Vatican, 24 January 2014, the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales.

**Weekday Mass Schedule Mar 3-9**

Mon. 5:30 p.m. Christian Mothers  
 Tues. 9:00 a.m. +Michael Anderson  
 Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Chad Jutz  
 7:00 p.m. +Harry Schurmann  
 Thurs: 9:00 a.m. +Carol Lormis  
 Fri. 7:30 a.m. +Gordon Sanders  
 5:30 p.m. +Jim and Mayme Anderson  
 Sat: 5:30 p.m. +Gordon & Bernice Sanders (Anniversary)  
 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  
 Sun ay 8:30AM

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

**Have you heard about Cur-sillo:**

It is a wonderful way to get a closer relationship with God. It will change how you look at your family, work and friendships. The Spring Women's Cursillo will be from March 20-23, 2014. It will be held at Sand Hill Lakes Bible Camp in Fosston. For more information contact Carol Olsonawski at 218.689.9081 or Mary Derosier at 218.253.4623. Applications are available in the vestibule or on-line at [www.crookston.org/Cursillo](http://www.crookston.org/Cursillo).

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Our Parish DAA 2014 goal is \$15,948. As of 2.10.14 the Diocese has received \$6,265.00 in contributions and pledges toward this goal This takes us to 38.7% of our goal with 12.14% of the parish

participating.

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Be sure to pick up a copy of our 2014 Lenten Schedule at the church entry.

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The Little Black Books for Lenten devotions are on the counter in the vestibule. Take one while the supply lasts.

**Parishioners' Prayer Requests**

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

- Barbara Hanson
- Emily Martin
- Luella Baumgart
- Sue Turnbull
- Casey Courneya
- Ron Jensen
- Dave Goebel
- Diane Quiram
- Tammy Soyring
- Henry Schreiner
- Cecil Cook
- Debbie Ehler
- Norman Buseth
- Kylee Jean Miller
- Tom Trieglaff
- Dan Hodgson
- Becky Korzendorfer

Collection Basket	Feb 23, 2014	Attendance:	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Adult	\$1,815.00	Saturday	\$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	217.75	265	<b>This week's Total:</b>
Children	6.00		\$ 1,815.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,038.75</b>		<u>80.75</u>
<b>Other Budgeted Income</b>			
Vigil Lights	\$ 5.75		\$ 2,038.75
Building Fund	75.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 80.75</b>		

**UPCOMING:**

- Mar 2: Pancake Breakfast, Circles 7 & 1, Circle 7 in charge
- Mar 3: Christian Mothers meeting: Mass @ 5:30 pm, Rosary, light supper; meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Mar 3: Knights of Columbus meeting @ 7:00 at Church
- Mar 5: Ash Wednesday: Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Mar 7: Mass 5:30 pm; Soup/Sandwich Supper after Mass; Stations of the Cross @ 6:45 pm
- Mar 14: 5:30 pm Mass, followed by KC Fish Fry; Stations of the Cross @ 6:45
- Mar 17: KC Officers' Meeting 7:00 at Church

*Ministry Schedule for Mar 9, 2014*

	5:30 PM	8:30 PM
FCC— Mark Byer and Barb Rice		
<b>Ministers</b>	Ruth Lehmann	Kathy Peichel
<b>Of Holy</b>	Linda Mack	Kay Furey
<b>Communion</b>	Jeanie Wothe	Roxie Riewer
		Virginia
Thompson		
<b>Lectors</b>	Hailey Jutz	Al Jacobson
<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Jutz	Bev Roberts
	Jim Jaroszewski	Jay Malmstrom
<b>Servers</b>	Abigail Wothe	Kyle Wothe
	Madison Ketter	Kaitlyn Wake
		Charlton Wake
		Maddie Williams

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

Circle 2 is in charge of donuts in March  
 Circle 3 will be in charge of donuts in April

March 2nd Collections: 2nd—Building Fund; 9th—Black & Indian Missions; 16th—FACC; 30th—Catholic Relief Services

Parish Directories are here. If you have your picture in the directory, check the table in the back of the Church for your copy

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

**March RE schedule, All Grades: 5, 12, 19, 26**

Ash Wednesday: Class @ 6:30, Mass @ 7:00

Penance Service: March 9

**Steubenville North Conference—University of St. Thomas, July 25th - 28th, 2014**  
**Cost: \$ 300 (\$75 non-refundable payment due April 1.**

Want to ignite your faith? Want to experience the church like never before? If so, then Steubenville is right for you. This conference is filled with dynamic speakers, charismatic music, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Holy Mass. Open to all youth in grades 9 and up.

Contact: Cheryl 218-847-4599

**Christian Mothers**

Janelle Schamilic has asked to give a short presentation about Real Presence Radio. The Christian Mothers invited her to come to our meeting on March 3, 2014. All women are invited to join us. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Mass 5:30 pm, Rosary, light lunch.

**March is Food Share Month.** In the vestibule you will find grocery bags with a list of the most needed items. You may take a bag, fill it, and return it to the alcove on the west side of church by March 23rd. If you prefer to donate cash, you can just put it in an envelope labeled Becker County Food Pantry and put it in the collection basket. If you write a check, please make it out to the Food Pantry. Perhaps you are aware that with cash donations, the Food Pantry can get many more pounds of food per dollar that we can at the store.