

My dear friends in Christ,
Most of us either know--or know of--at least one person who could tell a story like the following because it plays itself over and over in the lives of Christians:

I was a partier. Before I decided to live for Christ, I'd party with friends. As a guy who wanted to be a "cool and popular jock," I thought it was the thing to do. I'd drink, act stupid and end up making a fool of myself. But I didn't care, because I was popular and one of my school's top athletes. As for God, I thought he was for weak people. If Christians tried to tell me about Jesus, I'd make fun of them. I thought Christians who always talked about God were crazy. Then something happened my sophomore year that changed everything.

My sister almost died. My little sister Ashley, who was a freshman at the time, was riding in a car driven by one of her friends. Worried about getting home late, Ashley's friend started speeding. The car suddenly hit a rough railroad track and flipped over. Ashley soon lay in a hospital, on life support, in a coma, very close to death. At first, I was angry with God for what happened to my sister. I shouted to heaven, "If you are who you say you are, how could you let this happen?!" As angry as I was at God, I began to think about how much I really loved my family. It wasn't like I hadn't cared about them before, but all the pain, all those trips to the hospital and all those times we cried together, just began to bring us much closer together. My family suddenly seemed more important than anything else in the whole world.

Small steps. Even though my sister managed to survive, we were told her brain injury was so severe she'd probably never walk or talk again. But in the months that followed the accident, I helped coach her along as she struggled to stand and then, eventually, take a few tiny steps. I also listened in amazement as she began to put words together and form sentences. Slowly, very slowly, she was getting better. And slowly, very slowly, I was starting to change.

God became important. Along with realizing how important my family was to me, I also thought a lot about God and his place in everything that had happened. Instead of blaming him for it all, I began to thank him for my sister's life and for my whole family. I also began to see that all those things I'd lived for--like partying and acceptance by the popular crowd--weren't really important. Even sports no longer seemed as important as they used to. Instead, I started going to youth group and really enjoying it. I liked having conversations with my friends about God and Christianity. I wanted to know as much as I could about following God. During my junior year, I committed my life to Christ.

You might have heard similar or greater conversion stories in your life. However, what made the first followers of Jesus in Antioch to be called as Christians? Was it their ability to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel with a great conviction? Was it their ability to share and live the life-saving message of Jesus with everyone without discrimination? Probably it was their "fidelity to the Lord in firmness of heart" that made everyone to see the powerful presence of Christ in them. Added to that, the kind of lifestyle they adopted surprised everybody. They were very kind, generous and respectful of everyone in their life. They were ready to put all the resources in common and could use them according to the need of every one in the community. Above all the joy with which they participated in the breaking of the bread (i.e. the Eucharist) was so amazing. When we look back into all those unbelievable characteristic traits they expressed through their Christian life, it is no wonder why they got that name Christians. In our life today, what is that one thing through which someone would identify us as a good Christian? We have to reflect seriously and find out the many things in which we express ourselves as belonging to Christ? If we can say that there are a few things in which I seriously imitate Christ, then be happy and rejoice over your life style. Otherwise, let us take serious measures so as to follow Jesus more faithfully so that we can really call ourselves Christians.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Xavier Ilango

The eighth **World Meeting of Families** will be held this year in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from September 22-28, 2015. Held every three years, this is the first time the World Meeting of Families will be held in the United States. Started by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1994, its purpose is "to strengthen the sacred bonds of families across the globe." To help make this event readily available to you, the Office of the New Evangelization of the Diocese of Crookston will be leading a pilgrimage to the Philadelphia meeting. The Pilgrimage will include the opportunity to participate in the Sacraments, hear internationally known speakers, including Father Robert Barron and others, pray at national Shrines, and join Bishop Hoepfner in the celebration of the Eucharist and in celebrating the Eucharist with our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Copies of pilgrimage details are available in the vestibule.

Daily Mass Schedule -May 4-10

Mon: 5:30 p.m. +Bob Stroschein
Tues: 9:00 a.m. Neil O'Brien Family
Wed: 9:00 a.m. No Mass
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Deanna Wierima
Fri: 7:30 a.m. Steven Goddard
Sat: 5:30 p.m. Lee Witkop Family
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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

202 West Maple, Frazee MN 56544

We will pray the rosary during the month of May, 25 minutes before Mass, on the following dates:
May 02, May 09, May 16 and 17, May 23 and 24. On Saturday, May 02, we will have the living rosary.

The Cemetery committee would like to thank all those that came out Sat the 25th of April and helped clean up and do maintenance work at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. Your assistance was greatly appreciated by the members of the Committee.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank Adam Jaroszewski, the Boy Scouts from Detroit Lakes, Frazee and Vergas, their Parents and Knights of Columbus that assisted Adam with his Eagle Scout project. Seventy bases were set to establish an Avenue of Flags at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. The many hands made this project go smoothly and enjoyable. Again thanks to all that assisted.

Book Club will begin again on May 20 in the Hall of Saints. Please call Kathy Peichel at 334.3843 by May 13 if you plan to attend so we know how many books to order. The book we will be discussing is *Forming Intentional Disciples*.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests

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

Please pray for:
-Bonnie Wallace -Emily Martin
-Jim Jacobson -Spencer Fett
-Casey Courneya -Bob Thompson
-Connie Ulschmid -Steven Gabbard
-Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
-Norman Buseth -Bruce Moe
-Tammy Wothe -Lisa Flynn
-Reid Courneya -Irene Adams

Collection April 26, 2015

Collection Basket	Attendance	Needed per Week to Reach Budget:
Adult \$ 2,832.00	303	\$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.
Loose Guest 386.00		
Children 7.00		
Total: \$ 3,225.00		
Other Budgeted Income		
Vigil Lights	\$ 3.00	
St. Joe's, Bagley Reimbursement	120.86	
Building Fund	555.61	
Window Fund	10.00	
VBS Registration	15.00	
Minnkota Recycling	44.14	
Total	\$ 748.61	

Other Parish Fundraisers: FACC—\$ 10.00

Non-Parish Collections: Home Missions—\$ 373.00

UPCOMING:

May 3: First Communion, 8:30 am Mass
May 4: Christian Mothers meeting: Mass @ 5:30 pm, Rosary, light supper, meeting @ 7:00 pm
May 4: Knights of Columbus meeting @ 7:00 pm
May 6: Meeting for VBS volunteers @ 6:30 pm
May 10: Confirmation, 8:30 am Mass

Ministry Schedule for May 10, 2015

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
FCC—	Beverly Roberts and Ruth Ann Lehmann	
Ministers	Jeanne Riley	Cheryl Stegmaier
Of Holy	Kristi Roers	Tracy Roforth
Communion	Linda Mack	Roxie Riewer
		Marlys Jacobson
Lectors	Heather Mitchell	Confirmation Class
Ushers	Andrew Jutz	Jay Malstrom
	Jim Jaroszewski	Kyle Wothe
Servers	Abigail Wothe	Kaitlyn Wake
	Madison Ketter	Max Matejka
	Autumn Moe	Maddie Matejka
	Hayley Courneya	

May Special Collections: 3rd—Building Fund; 17th—Catholic Communication/Catholic University; 24th—FACC

Circle 2 is in charge of donuts in May
Circle 3 will be in charge in June

*****Youth*****

Saint John Paul II Middle School Camp
Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids, MN Sunday, July 5th through Thursday, July 9th.
Cost: \$300 with price breaks for families.

Vacation Bible School

June 1 through 5, 9:30AM until Noon, Monday through Friday, with a Mass at 11:30 on Friday followed by a potluck for families, Also a celebration Mass on Sunday June 7 at 8:30AM. Children will share their music from the week. Cost \$15.00 until May 16, then \$20 per student after this date (no one turned away). Registration forms are in the Kiosk and also in the entrance of Church. Questions contact Cheryl

Congratulations to these students on receiving their **First Communion** this Sunday: Andrew Aho, Emma Ketter, Cade Nagel, Bailey Peichel, Jake Piche, Olivia Wothe, Noah Yliniemi, Parker Johnson, Samantha Close, and Henry Peeters. Please keep them in your prayers

Please also keep these students in your prayers. They will be **Confirmed** May 10: Ethan Byer, Whitney Janu, Adam Jaroszewski, Andrew Jutz, Nathan LaSart, Kaitlin Morgan, Nathan Nguyen, Courtney Osterman, Hailee Oswald, Madison Oswald, Michela Sanders, Jackie Teiken, Jeric Trusty, and Kyle Wothe.

VBS: All wanting to help with Vacation Bible School (teachers, helpers, food, decorating, building)—We will have a meeting on Wednesday May 6, at 6:30PM. Please come to help out.