

My dear friends in Christ,

It is so awesome to begin another year in the history of our salvation. Though we count our lives more by the calendar year, it is very important to connect our birth with the day of our Baptism and the beginning of a year with Advent. It is so obvious because our new life began only with the Incarnation of Christ our Savior. This week when I was in a faith-sharing group, all of them congratulated me for becoming a citizen of the United States. One of them asked me this question, "Did you have any hard time making a decision to change your citizenship?" I said it didn't bother me much because I consider all our earthly citizenships as very temporary, and our true citizenship belongs to the Kingdom of God. My answer was well-liked by everybody because that is the truth. If we consider our citizenship to the Kingdom of God seriously, then it is so appropriate to begin this new year of Salvation with due preparation.

Advent is a time meant to prepare our hearts to receive the Prince of Peace. Prophet Isaiah proposes a way to become peace-loving people. Turn swords in to plowshares and spears into pruning hooks! This is a strong proposal to convert all the weapons of destruction into weapons of construction. Leave alone all the nuclear weapons the humanity has in store. Leave alone all the weapons of mass destruction some countries possess. Consider how many strong weapons of destruction we all personally possess, using them to destroy good and beautiful relationships in our daily life. When we are angry and frustrated, our abusive words may spring forth from our mouth! Our mouth can always be a potential weapon of destruction. When we dislike someone for certain reasons, our hearts could entertain so many unnecessary evil thoughts against the other person. Our feet could walk away from someone we hate. Our minds many times contemplate both evil and unwanted desires and thoughts that lead us into many troubles. As humans we sometimes nurture such negative thoughts and plans against others that our human life loses the peace that is part of our daily life.

The centurion in the gospel, who was used to the ways of war, receives the gift of peace from Jesus through the healing of the centurion's son (Matt 8:5-11). We may wonder whether that centurion changed his profession after receiving the gift of peace from Jesus. Even if he had not changed his profession, he probably learned how to live a life of peace from Jesus. Advent is about learning the way to find the true instruments of peace for our life. We must find ways to get reconciled with God constantly. We should be able to find peace with our coworkers with whom we may have some conflicts. We should have the generous heart to get back in good terms with some of our own family members. Converting swords and spears into plowshares and pruning hooks is to turn every energy in our life into constructive sources of peace. Let us begin our Advent with a positive note, becoming true ministers of Peace.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Xavier Ilango

**Daily Mass Schedule December 1-7**

Mon: 5:30 p.m. Christian Mothers  
Tues: 9:00 a.m. +Gordon and Bernice Sanders  
Wed: 9:00 a.m. +Chad Jutz  
Thurs: 9:00 a.m. +Sarah Hunt  
Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Virginia Quiggle  
Sat: 9:00 a.m. Lori & Tom Adams Family  
5:30 p.m. Amy Witkop Family  
Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro Popolo

There are a number of items available in the vestibule:

- 2015 Liturgical Calendar—1 per family
- Little Blue Books—Advent readings
- The Word Among Us—December issue
- The Catholic Yearbook—sponsored by local businesses.

Take one of each if you wish while the supply lasts.



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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



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We will pray the rosary starting 25 minutes before each weekend Mass during Advent.

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On Dec 1, Father Ilango will speak at the Christian Mothers meeting at @ 7:00 pm. He will speak on the Christian Mothers in India. Also at this meeting the Christian Mothers will prepare the Christmas cards for the Frazee Care Center.

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Mark your calendars. We will be having a **Parish Mission April 15-17**. Fr. William Mason, OMI, will be our Mission leader. Some of you may remember Fr. Mason from a mission he did for us a decade or so ago.

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**All Safe Environment must be done by November 30, 2014. If not done, you will be dropped from the list and will not be able to continue your ministry. All must do this who have any contact for the parish with youth, or vulnerable adults (the Care Center) or is an employee of Sacred Heart**

**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
- Luella Baumgart -Betty Cook
- Casey Courneya -Arlene Schreiner
- Dave Goebel -Connie Ulschmid
- Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
- Norman Buseth -Paula Stegeman
- Lisa Flynn -MaryAnn Parsons

**Collections Nov 23, 2014**

**Collection Basket**  
Adult \$ 3,041.00  
Loose 521.84  
Children 4.00  
**Total: \$ 3,566.84**

**Other Budgeted Income**

Vigil Lights \$ 10.00  
Building Fund 40.00  
Steeple Fund 75.00  
Window Fund 75.00  
Children's Bibles 23.00  
ARISE books 24.00  
**Total \$ 247.00**

Attendance  
Saturday 110

**Needed per Week to Reach Budget: \$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.

**This week's Total:**  
\$ 3,566.84  
247.00  
\$ 3,813.84

**Non-Parish Collections: Campaign For Human Dev.—\$514**

## UPCOMING:

- Dec 1: Christian Mothers meeting: Mass @ 5:30 pm, Rosary, light supper, meeting @ 7:00 pm**
- Dec 1: Knights of Columbus meeting @ 7:00 pm**
- Dec 3: Mass for grieving families @ 6:00 pm in the Chapel**
- Dec 3: Coincidence or is God Talking to Me? 6:30 pm**
- Dec 6: Maryology: Rosary @ 8:30 am, Mass @ 9:00 am**
- Dec 7: Christian Mothers Brunch and Basket Event**
- Dec 9: Finance Council @ 6:00 pm**
- Dec 9: Pastoral Council @ 7:00 pm**
- Dec 14: RCIA @ 7:00 pm**
- Dec 15: KC Officers' meeting @ 7:00 pm**
- Dec 17: Communal Penance Service @ 7:00**
- Dec. 20/21: Bake Sale after each of the Masses**

## Ministry Schedule for Dec 7, 2014

	5:30 PM	8:30 AM
<b>FCC</b> —Pat Schurmann and Nancy Bentley		
<b>Ministers Of Holy Communion</b>	Russell Karasch Linda Mack RuthAnn Lehmann	Marlys Jacobson Heather Mitchell Mark Byer Kathy Peichel Sandy Hofer
<b>Lectors</b>	Jim Courneya	Kay Furey
<b>Ushers</b>	Adam Jaroszewski Jim Jaroszewski	Kyle Wothe Bud Hensel
<b>Servers</b>	Cath. Jaroszewski Grace Jaroszewski Hayley Courneya Isaac Courneya	Chelsey Hofer Rachel Kasowski Ricky Roforth Zach Roforth

November 2nd Collections: 30th—St. Mary's Mission Appeal

Circle 3 is in charge of donuts in November  
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### \*\*\*Youth\*\*\*

**December RE schedule:**

Afternoon classes: Dec 3, 10, 17  
Evening classes: Dec 3  
(Intergenerational: "Coincidence"), 10, 17 (Penance Service)

**3rd Youth pilgrimage to National March for Life in Washington DC** this January 19-25, 2015, Grades 9-12. This trip can have a profound impact on your spiritual journey in life. Cost \$475, Must register with \$150 non refundable deposit by November 21, 2014. Please contact Cheryl for more information.

The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Christmas Eve at 4:30PM, before the 5:00PM Mass  
Please sign up in the back of Church. Practice will be following the Children's Mass on December 21st.

Christian Mothers will have a "Brunch and Basket Event" on Sunday, Dec. 07, 2014, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Brunch (baked egg dish, ham, fruit and rolls) and baskets (silent auction). The cost for the brunch is \$6.00, children 5 and under \$3.00. For more information pick up a flier in the back of the church. Thank you.



On Dec. 20 and 21, there will be a parish Bake Sale after each of the Masses.

**Live Music**—April Spaeth (piano) and Paul Liversage (saxophone)



will be performing live jazz, pop and Christmas music at Spanky's Stone Hearth on Saturday, December 6th, from 8-10pm. Call (218) 334-3555 for reservations.