

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fr. David's Homilies—[frazeesacredheart.org.Homilies](http://frazeesacredheart.org/Homilies)

January 16, 2022

I listen to the piano music of George Winston. Occasionally one of his songs has a long repeating segment which I find annoying. After a minute it becomes like finger nails on a chalk board. I was talking to a friend about this. He knew exactly what I was talking about. He has attended a live performance and that is what makes the difference. In a concert hall, the repetition of the music begins to form a song within in song, this only happens when the music is live and with the acoustics of the concert hall. Each note becomes an echo and, joined to the other notes now living in the hall, it is a chorus that is breathtakingly beautiful. It is not possible for recorded music to create the same effect. Prayer can feel like this.

Most of the time my prayer seems one-sided and even one-dimensional. It is as if my voice is speaking into a pillow. Nobody is listening and it doesn't matter. It has no life and there is no response. In fact, it often feels like I have pushed the repeat button on an old CD player. My prayer is a loop of muffled noise that goes nowhere. At least this is what it feels like.

Prayer is more than mere words. It is an expression of faith. Faith gives permission to God to work in me, allowing me to think along with God. Faith is the concert hall that gives life to my words. Faith makes my prayer like a live performance. My small and insignificant words are received by God, and God responds with a chorus of breathtaking beauty.

I can pray without giving permission to God to work in me. I can pray while remaining only in my own thoughts, refusing to think along with God. When these are my dispositions, my prayer is only my words and remains my words. They lack faith.

"Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." (Eph 5:19)

Seasons of Hope Bereavement Groups are now scheduled. If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one or know of someone suffering from the grief of loss, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is good resource. The next group will meet for six consecutive weeks on Mondays from January 24-February 28, 2022. There will be a morning group at 10 a.m. and an evening group at 7 p.m. Each session is structured around prayer, scripture, faith-sharing, and fellowship. For more details, contact Marlys Jacobson at 218.280.0760 or marlysj.shfre@arvig.net

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

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Mass Times
Thursday 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS:
Thursday @ 6:15 pm
Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:
Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

Christmas Flower Memorials

Bill (Willie) Kivi	Leonard & Irene Spry
Mike & Anna Roberts	Lowell Baker
Mark Stalberger	Karen Spry
Art & Reine Stalberger	Larry Spry
Joe & Doris Zurn Family	Shauna Donner
Susie Spry	Floyd & Marie Solman
Arnold & Laretta Brown	Rebecca McDougall
Avis & Jerry Flottesmesch's children and grandchildren	
James & Grace Fairbanks Family	
Fred & Edwina Blattenbauer	

Deceased Members of the Bertram & Flottesmesch Families

Question of the Week: How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottesmesch, Brent Pearson, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping. Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek, Cleo Baker, Don Tietz, Violet Fairbanks, Irene Hazelton, Scott Pulse (son-in-law of Rick and Virginia McDougall), Betty Matter, Rachel Secrist (granddaughter of Roger & Sharon Winter), Nick Steffl, Fr. Adam Hamness and Linda Scheler.

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

Sunday, January 9--\$798
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Upcoming

Wed., Jan. 19: Church Cleaning at 11:00 am followed by a potluck meal
Sun., Jan. 30: Confirmation @ 10:30 am Mass

Mass Intentions

Thurs, Jan 20: +Ted Winter
Sun., Jan 23: Kristi Stalberger

Ministry Schedule for January 23

Altar Servers

Nathan Loreth

Eucharistic Minister

Roger Foltz

Lector

Christina Loreth

Presentation of the Gifts

Tom Molacek Family

Ushers

David Steffl & Don Tietz