

Jan 31-Feb. 1, 2015

Thoughts from the pastor,

For those of you who would like to do a road trip to see the stained-glass windows we have been talking about, I have set up an open house with the two churches involved. In two weeks on Sunday Feb. 15, St. Patrick Church will be open from 12:30-2:00pm. Then St. Rose Church, which is just down the road from St. Patrick will be open from 1:00-2:00pm. I am hoping that will give many of you a chance to see these windows in their native habitat. St. Patrick's Church is at 1412 Castelar St. St. Rose of Lima is at 4112 S. 26th St. This is especially important for anyone who is thinking of being on the window committee. I imagine that we will probably need to set up another open house later on but this will certainly get us started.

I still haven't heard any more from the Stained-glass window expert but then he told me very clearly that he would be very busy until this summer if not later. As I mentioned he is already working on a couple projects. One of those is St. Francis Borgia in Blair, NE. He is replacing their windows after they were destroyed but the hail storm last summer. It will be especially hard since he is actually working on giving them different designs for their windows and he is creating these for them.

On March 8, after the 11am Mass Fr. John will be giving a presentation on his work the last few years in Omaha. Then he will let us know what he will be doing in his home diocese when he gets back. The reason for this is that he will be needing some funds for the work he will be doing with the seminaries over there. The presentation will take about 45 minutes to an hour and will be in the parish hall. I will have more on this in coming bulletins.

This Friday is the Music for Catholic Schools Benefit Dance here at SEAS. It is this Friday, 2/6, in the evening. I went last year and it was so pleasant. Most of the time my old ears cannot handle the loud volume of the music at most events. This dance is put on by a big band and yet there is no trouble talking while they play. They also take breaks that give even more time for chatting. There are snack provided, like popcorn, so it is just a great evening out. The cause is good also. This program keeps music as a part of our Catholic Elementary Schools. With all the budget worries that so many of our schools have, music might otherwise be cut. So I hope you can participate in this wonderful evening. The tickets are \$15 per person.

God bless you all,
Fr. Frank