

October 25, 2015

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quote for Consideration:

"Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one."

-1 Corinthians 9: 24-25

Since sports both locally and nationally have been really ramping up in the last few weeks (high school football, volleyball, MN Wild Hockey, Vikings football, World Series playoffs in baseball, etc.), I thought it would be appropriate to have a sports themed quote this weekend. I find these two scripture passages from St. Paul to be very helpful because he is using a sports image to evoke a comparison to what our life of faith should look like. Remember, the Corinthians were Greek, and sport and races were very important to them (the Olympic games originated in 776 B.C. in Olympia, Greece). Thus St. Paul uses an analogy that would have resonated very well with the Corinthian mind and culture in order to teach the Corinthians about the level of devotion and discipline that they should strive for in regards to their Christian faith. He is basically saying that all of the athletes who run in races train vigorously so that they may have the best chance to win. And they do this for a crown of leaves, which withers and wastes away. How much more then, should a Christian "run the race so as to win" in order to attain the crown of everlasting life in Heaven, crowned as one of God's saints?

The really neat thing is that this sports image is just as applicable to us today. Many of you play sports, or have kids or grandkids who do. And you know firsthand just how much money, time, training and effort goes into preparing for game day. And as much fun as sports can be, both to play and to watch, they are temporary, and they are, after all, just a game. They last only for a time. And while they may produce lasting and cherished memories, they don't have *eternal* value.

However, the spiritual journey of this life, living the Christian faith and challenging ourselves to grow deeper in our relationship with God and to live a virtuous and upright moral life *does* have eternal effect. I know that this is challenging, but it's an important question that we need to ask ourselves: if we spend a lot of time, money, effort, and energy on a sport (or musical instrument, hobby, interest, etc.) which produces only temporary effects and has no eternal significance, *how much more* time, energy, resources and effort should we spend on our spiritual development and relationship with God, which *has tremendous eternal significance*. It's a good point, and one that we have to courageously consider- are sports, music, hobbies such as hunting and fishing, or any other recreational activity more important to me than my relationship with God? If the answer to that question is "yes," then the solution is not necessarily to quit our recreational activities (they are an important and necessary part of a healthy human life), but to take time to reorder our priorities. This life is just a temporary pilgrimage to an eternal one after we die. What we do here in this life determines where we'll be in the next. In that case, let's run the race of life so as to win the imperishable crown of glory that God longs to give to us in Heaven. Next week I'll talk more specifically about the notion of discipline in the spiritual life. God bless you!

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers: We will have an installation for the Eucharistic Ministers who completed the recent training during Mass on **Sunday, November 1**. If you are a Eucharistic Minister please plan to attend; if you are unable to attend, please talk to Father Steve.

For those sensitive to the use of Incense: Incense will be used during Mass on **Sunday, November 1** for **All Saints Day**. No incense will be used during Mass on Saturday, October 31.

Father Steve will have **Mass for All Souls Day** at **9 am** on **Monday, November 2**.

There will be **training for all Altar Servers** on **Wednesday, November 4** and **Wednesday, November 18**. The training will begin at 7:30 pm (immediately following Faith Formation) and will last approximately a half hour. If you are currently a server or would like to be in the future, please plan to attend both of these sessions. **We welcome adults as well as the youth**, so please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, October 28**, at **1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. We welcome new members. Knit/crochet/goodies. Questions? Contact Lana at 353-7714.

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Saturday	<i>ST. ANDREW MARY CLARET; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10/24/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Alan Larson</i> ☩ Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/ Guitar Accpt. Plate.....Rose Elam Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Servers.....Giovanni Marolt & Caleb Geissler Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/25/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Jim Frericks Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/ Guitar Accpt. Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Susan Frericks Chalices....Tom Frericks Servers.....Mita Frericks & Sheena Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/26/15
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/27/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>	
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>STS. SIMON & JUDE</i>	10/28/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Schwaab Family</i>	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/29/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Alan Larson</i> ☩	
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/30/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for Don Frericks</i> ☩	
Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10/31/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Richard Lyons</i> ☩ Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Don Seipke Chalices....Rose Elam Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Servers.....Jason Blood & Laurese McKinney Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>ALL SAINTS DAY</i>	11/01/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Susan Michels Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Chalices....Lois Kaari Servers.....Zack Fredrickson, Lucas Stadler & Thomas Rowlee Gifts.....Volunteers	

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Lillian Miller, Gale Fredrickson, Tom Bott, Susan Gelatic, Betty Dugas, Lanay Frericks, Alma Ferris, Richard Keseley, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Lyle Shepersky, Vicky Johnson, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Ben Hadrich, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Alexa & Rauri Byrnes, Grace Kramer, Liam Traut, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, Kennady Roberts, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, John & Denise Kuchta (Elaine Rollins' nephew & his wife who are expecting quadruplets).
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, November 4 at 6 pm**. The evening will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by classes for everyone at 6:30 pm. The **Adult Faith Formation is open to everyone**, not just the parents, so please join us as we all grow in our faith together. Child care is available for younger children.

Interested to learn more about the Sacraments? Starting **Wednesday, November 4**, Father Steve will be doing a series on the Sacraments during the Adult Faith Formation. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. The talk will begin at **6:30 pm** but please feel free to join us for dinner & fellowship at 6 pm.

Cindy will be out of the office on **Wednesday, October 28 & Thursday, October 29** to attend the Bookkeepers Conference. If you have announcement for the bulletin next week, please have it in by Tuesday, October 27.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to "Adopt the Church Walkways." We had an amazing group of snow angels last winter who volunteered to clear snow on weekends, and we are hoping for more help this year. Please consider this opportunity to give back by offering up a weekend for this important task. There's a calendar for scheduling weekends on the back table. If you are able to commit now, please sign up for a weekend that works for you. If you are unable to commit to a weekend this far in advance but would like to help, please add your name to the volunteer list located next to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy in the parish office. Thank you for your consideration.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$1653.55
UCA.....	\$125.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$1510.00