

November 8, 2015

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quote for Consideration:

"Never relax, for you will not attain to the possession of true spiritual delights if first you do not learn to deny your every desire."
-St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

You may remember that two weeks ago, my quote for consideration was from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, in which he spoke of athletes who deny themselves all kinds of things in order to attain a crown which will decay, but we Christians strive after the crown of eternal life in Heaven. So in that case, run the race of life so as to win, St. Paul exhorts us. In that bulletin article two weeks ago, I challenged us to consider that if we put a lot of time, money, energy, and effort into developing our sports skills or pursuing our favorite hobbies or interests, how much more time, money, energy and effort should we spend on our relationship with God and the Church, which has eternal significance. This week, I would like to speak more specifically about spiritual discipline, which is so vitally important, but so often neglected, especially in our modern world.

A key part of St. Paul's quote from 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 is to remind the Corinthians that part of living an authentic Christian life means developing spiritual muscles so to say, through spiritual exercise and discipline. The quote above from St. John of the Cross, one of the great mystics and spiritual writers in the history of the Church, expresses a similar sentiment in a different way. Certainly, in saying, "never relax," St. John is not wishing for us to take that literally- leisure, sport and relaxation are important to a healthy and wholesome life. What St. John is getting at is the spiritual **vigilance** that we should exercise in regards to our human desires, passions and will.

Often times, our culture tries to teach us that religion, like everything else, should be a matter of what feels good. However, this couldn't be farther from the truth: if we only pray, go to Mass, do good deeds, and live our faith when we feel like it, we will do these things seldom, and half-heartedly. We must never forget that the spiritual life is a **discipline**, which must be learned through repetition and practice. Remember, true and authentic love is not a feeling, but a choice, an act of the will. Growing deeper in our relationship with God means continuing to pray, go to Mass, do what is right, witness to the faith, even and perhaps especially when we don't feel like it. Why? Because then we are not doing it based on emotion, but on love- we are **choosing** to love God by committing to daily prayer, weekly Mass, loving acts towards those around us. By practicing spiritual discipline, we grow deeper and deeper in our relationship with God, who loves us unconditionally. God bless you!

Our second **training for all Altar Servers** will be on **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. We welcome adults as well as the youth, so please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.

Pancake Breakfast -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, November 8**. Please join us for great fellowship & delicious pancakes. If you attend Mass on Saturday, please come back Sunday morning for the breakfast. We'd love to see you and would enjoy visiting with you. Free will donation.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, November 18 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 will continue our journey through the Sacraments with Father Steve. 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.



The Knights of Columbus Games Party!
Tuesday, November 17, 7 pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall.
Bring your friends to join you in the fun.



St. Mary's Catholic Church - 57 Horn Blvd; Silver Bay, MN 55614

Parish Office Located in Rectory 8 am - 2 pm Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 8:45 am - 3:00 pm **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** 226-3639 or 226-3351

Fr. Steve Laflamme (218) 834-4313 **Fr. Steve's E-Mail** : slaflamme@dioceseduluth.org

Fr. Michael Lyons (218) 830-1600 **Fr. Michael's Email**: milyons16@gmail.com

Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	11/07/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Alan Larson</i> ☩ Reader.....Maria Riederer Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks Plate.....Tom Frericks Chalices.....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Ken Kruger Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/08/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Marge Jorgenson Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Bonnie Kruger Chalices....Judy Zupancich Servers.....Jake Stadler & Lucas Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	11/09/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. LEO THE GREAT</i>	11/10/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – <i>Intention for Andrew Johnson</i> ☩	
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS</i>	11/11/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>ST. JOSAPHAT</i>	11/12/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – <i>Intention for Andrew Johnson</i> ☩	
8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group	
Friday	<i>ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI</i>	11/13/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for Mary Ann Swaab</i> ☩	
Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	11/14/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Mary Wright</i> Reader.....Jessalyn Hansen Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Leanne Buell Chalices....Michael Rowlee Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jada Kirk Gifts.....Volunteers	
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7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Sue Bahar Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Servers.....Jake Stadler & Lucas Stadler 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:** Dawn Stefanich, Alexa & Rauri Byrnes, Grace Kramer, Liam Traut, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, 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.

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.

VETERANS DAY SOUP DINNER-Wednesday, November 11, 4:30-6:30 at the Wm Kelley School Cafeteria. \$6 for one bowl of soup, bread/crackers, beverage and dessert or \$10 makes your bowl bottomless. **ALL VETERANS EAT FREE!** Delicious soups donated by local businesses: Northwoods Family Grille, Cove Point Lodge, Lemon Wolf Cafe, Northern Lights Roadhouse, Our Place, 4 Seasons, Camp 61, Bluefin Grille, Grand Superior Lodge, The Rustic Inn, Lutsen Resort and Chef Johnson. Proceeds support After Prom.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, November 11, at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apt. We welcome new members. Knit/crochet/goodies. Questions: Lana 353-7714.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$2593.00
UCA.....	\$385.00
Building Fund.....	\$50.00