

November 15, 2015

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quote for Consideration:

"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."
-Pope St. Leo the Great

Today's quote is from Pope St. Leo the Great, who was pope from 440-461. Pope Leo is a shining example of saintly popes, receiving not only the title, "The Great," but also being named a doctor of the Church for his learned and spiritually rich teachings, homilies and writings. He reigned as pope during a very difficult time in the life of the Church. During his pontificate, he faced much strife from within the Church due to dangerous heresies and false teachings being promoted among the people, which he valiantly opposed and rebutted with sound teaching, and also strife from outside of the Church, caused by the marauding bands of tribal groups which were attempting to take over parts of Italy. In fact, Attila the Hun marched on Rome with the intention of ransacking it, but Pope Leo went out to meet him before he arrived and convinced Attila to turn back and leave Rome in peace.

Because of all of this, St. Leo the Great's quote above is not one born of intellectual speculation, but his own lived experience. His time as pope was difficult because of all of the problems and threats to the Church that he had to deal with. But he remained steadfast in the faith, placing his trust in God.

The last couple of weeks, I have been speaking to you about the importance of spiritual discipline; that is, doing the work of spiritual growth, personal prayer, and integrity and holiness in conduct, whether we feel like doing so or not. This quote reinforces that. Virtue can be simply defined as a good habit. The more that we act virtuously, the easier it becomes to act virtuously. But growing in virtue requires perseverance and observance of virtuous conduct in the face of conflict, strife, and temptation. We are often conditioned by our secular society to see all such difficulty, strife, temptation, suffering, etc., as things to be avoided at all costs. But, as Christians, we take a different view-temptation, conflict, difficulty, suffering offer us an opportunity to cooperate in God's grace and place our total trust in Him, choosing to do and live what is right, even if that means it may cost us, or may be difficult, confusing or frustrating. Virtue is born in the fires of temptation. Developing spiritual discipline in prayer, participation in the sacraments, study of our faith, and acts of love and kindness to others helps us to grow in virtue so that when our faith and trust in God is tested, which it will be, we can stand fast and firm in the midst of the storm. God bless you!

Fr. Steve will have **Mass at 8 am on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26)**.

We will not have daily Mass on Friday, November 27.

Attention all Knights of Columbus members - Knights are needed on **Monday, November 16 at 6 pm** for Bingo setup and lots of help is needed on Tuesday night for the Bingo. **Auxiliary members** - please remember to bring bars!

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.

Knights of Columbus and the KC Auxiliary meeting on **Thursday, November 19 – Mass at 6:30 pm – Meeting at 7 pm**.

Please join our **Thursday Morning Prayer Group**, we meet every Thursday morning immediately following daily Mass.



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.



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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	
Sunday	<i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/15/15
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	
Monday	<i>ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND; ST. GERTRUDE</i>	11/16/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY</i>	11/17/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>	
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL; ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE</i>	11/18/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – <i>Intention for Judy Sowieja</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/19/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass – <i>Intention for Special Intention</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group	
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/20/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for Pat Asmussen</i> ☩	
Saturday	<i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	11/21/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Alan Larson</i> ☩ Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt. Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Cindy Rowlee Chalices....Michael Rowlee Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Laurese McKinney	
Sunday	<i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i>	11/22/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Gerry Bahar Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt. Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Ken Kruger Chalices....Bonnie Kruger Servers.....Mita Frericks & Sheena Frericks	

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, Mike Rowlee Sr., 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.

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.

It's Poinsettia Time! Again this year we will buy our Christmas flowers locally, which were also locally grown at Anderson's Greenhouse in Two Harbors. You can purchase a poinsettia for St. Mary's Church in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$9.00. Please use a “flower envelope” so we have all the correct information in the Christmas Bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office for more details.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$1991.00
UCA.....	\$210.00
Building Fund.....	\$25.00