

November 22, 2015

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Isn't it completely ironic that the very next day after we have just given thanks for having all that we need, we race to the stores to buy everything that we want?" - Multiple/anonymous

The above quote is not really a quote in the strict sense- in fact, I couldn't locate an author to which to attribute it. But I have seen versions of it on Facebook and other places, and the above version is my own twist on it. The point is clear: every year we hear stories of people being injured or even killed in stampedes, beatings, and shootings over "door-busters" and shopping sales. It's bad enough that a person would be so inhumane to another human being as to insult or even injure them in order to get their hands on a flat-screen TV. It's even more ironic and perhaps troubling that all this madness occurs the very day after we have just spent time giving thanks for all of the blessings in our lives, for having everything that we needed during the last year, and for the gift of family and friends. It is truly a 180 degree turn.

Most troubling is this new trend in which stores have bowed to consumer demand and are now beginning their "mega-sales" on Thanksgiving night itself. Some large department stores even open at 4 or 5pm on Thanksgiving night. Utter madness.

Now, I suspect that some of you reading this might be perturbed at my article thus far- after all, what's wrong with doing some Holiday shopping? Some people even do it as a family event, or make a day of it with close friends. Please know that I am not against shopping on Black Friday; I have done it before plenty of times myself. What I am cautioning against is the spirit of materialism that can often plague people as they race out the door to stand in line for hours for that one prized possession. In other words, when we go out shopping (if we do) on Black Friday, can others tell by our words, attitude and action that we are Christians? Do we see it as an opportunity to witness to our Christian name and faith?

However, I **would** encourage all of you to consider refusing to go shopping on Thanksgiving Day itself. Why? Because if anything else, think of the workers at these department stores who have to work on Thanksgiving, rather than celebrate with their families, so that others can go shopping. Don't fall for the argument of, "Well, the store's going to be open anyways, so what difference does it make if I go or not?" It does make a difference. If less people go, the stores will take note.

This Thanksgiving, put aside the desire to possess more, to gain more, to buy more and make time to thank God for all that He has given to you. Our very life would not have been possible without God's willing it. This Thanksgiving, rest in God's love for you and thank Him for all that you have, relishing the gift of family and friends. May God richly bless you this Thanksgiving and always!

BY THE WAY... Looking for a new/creative way to give thanks this Thanksgiving? How about going to Thanksgiving Day Mass with the family? The word, "Eucharist," means "thanksgiving." Mass on Thanksgiving Day at St. Mary's Church is at 8:00 am.

The collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

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

We will not have daily Mass on Friday, November 27, but there will be morning prayer.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, December 2, at 6 pm**.

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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.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt. Plate.....Rose Elam 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	
Monday	<i>ST. CLEMENT I; ST. COLUMBAN; BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO</i>	11/23/15
Tuesday	<i>ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS</i>	11/24/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Dick Fredrickson</i> ☩	
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	
Wednesday	<i>ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA</i>	11/25/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Linda Peterson</i>	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>THANKSGIVING DAY</i>	11/26/15
7:30 a.m.	Rosary	
8:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for St. Mary's Families</i> Reader.....Marge Jorgenson Cantor.....Patty Armstrong Plate.....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Cindy Rowlee Chalices....Michael Rowlee Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jessalyn Hansen	
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/27/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	11/28/15
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Dick & John Fredrickson</i> ☩ Reader.....Tom Frericks Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Cindy Rowlee Chalices....Michael Rowlee Servers.....Caleb Geissler & Jason Blood	
Sunday	<i>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i>	11/29/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Sue Bahar Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Laurese McKinney	

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.

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.

What are you doing this year to prepare for Christmas? Shopping for presents? Wrapping gifts? Baking cookies? Decorating the tree?

Do something life-changing—rediscover God's mercy! Based on Pope Francis' call for the Year of Mercy and Dynamic Catholic's new book *Beautiful Mercy*, Best Advent Ever will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others. The participants will receive daily inspirational emails with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly and other influential Catholic voices of our time. This program will transform your life, relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life. The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver.com or go to the link on our parish website. Let's all rediscover God's incredible mercy as we prepare for Christmas.

Mass times for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be:

Monday, December 7 at 7 pm

Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30 am.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$1941.35
UCA.....	\$345.00
Building Fund.....	\$400.00