

February 28, 2016

## ***THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT***

### **Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:**

*"Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book."* -St. John Bosco (1815-1888)

This weekend, I have a confession to make: I got the idea for this bulletin article from two of our parishioners who were talking with me in the St. Mary's Parish office about the books they were currently reading about the Catholic faith. Their conversation inspired me to write about the importance of spiritual reading. St. John Bosco, who was himself an educator, speaks to us with his quote above about the importance of making spiritual reading a regular part of our lives. Now, we all know the impact that a good book can have not only on our own personal lives, but on a society as well- there are classic works of literature that most of us have at least heard of, even if we haven't read them ourselves. I think of such works as Moby Dick, Romeo and Juliet, The Old Man and the Sea (a favorite of mine), etc.

And, just as the world around us honors and cherishes great classic works of literature, the Church has literally volumes and volumes of classic works on spirituality and the Catholic faith authored by Her saints and others who have expressed eloquently the truths of the faith and the ways of growing in our friendship with God. Some of the most classic works of Catholic literature that come to mind immediately for me would be the "Story of a Soul" by St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Spiritual Exercises" by St. Ignatius of Loyola, "The Confessions of St. Augustine," "The Rule of St. Benedict," "An Introduction to the Devout Life" by St. Francis de Sales, or "The Interior Castle" by St. Teresa of Avila. Not to mention the thousands upon thousands of Catholic works by contemporary Catholic authors such as Peter Kreeft, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), Scott Hahn, and Venerable Fulton Sheen. In other words, there are an innumerable amount of resources for us to choose from which can help us to go deeper in the understanding of our faith.

But, like anything else, we have to be willing to get the ball rolling. Especially in our supposedly modern-age of technology, sitting down to read a paper book may seem boring, time-consuming, old-fashioned even. Fine. Most popular works of literature can be downloaded to our iPad or Nook or electronic reader as well. The point is, Lent is a perfect time for us to put aside procrastination or excuses, and pick up a book about our faith and read. If we do, I guarantee that you will find that God will speak to you through the writings of the saints and other holy Catholic authors, men and women who are on this Christian journey with us. If you feel lost, and need suggestions about where to start regarding Catholic literature, or are just not sure what to read next, feel free to email me, stop me after Mass or give me a call- I would be happy to make suggestions. And, as always, remember that we have plenty of books in our parish library downstairs which can be borrowed at any time, for free. God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

The **Little Rock Bible Study group** will begin this **Sunday, February 28** at **6:30** in the Parish Hall.

**All Cantors** please plan to attend choir practice after Mass on **Sunday, March 20** to prepare for Holy week & Easter.

**Community Dinner:** Put on by the local churches, community dinners are being planned to celebrate and support our community life. Everyone is invited! The next dinner is **Thursday, March 19, 4:30-6:30 pm** in the **Kelley High School cafeteria**. Free will donations will be accepted, with proceeds supporting the SB Food Shelf. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this dinner or the one on April 21, please contact Sue Bahar at 353-6008.

**Church hours during Lent:** Monday – Friday: 7:30 am - 7 pm, Saturdays: 10 am - 8:15 pm & Sundays: 7:30 am - 7 pm.

#### **Additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday, March 13: Penance Service at 3 pm  
Individual confessions will follow the Penance service.  
Tuesday, March 22: 5-6 pm  
Wednesday, March 23: 7-8 pm  
You may also schedule an appointment with Father.

#### **Liturgies for the Sacred Paschal Triduum**

Holy Thursday, March 24 - Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm  
Good Friday, March 25 - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 12:15 pm  
Holy Saturday, March 26 - Easter Vigil Mass: 8 pm  
(No Saturday Mass at 7:15 pm)  
Easter Sunday, March 27: 8:30 am

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**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

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<b>Saturday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	<b>02/27/16</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
7:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for John &amp; Dick Fredrickson</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Cantor.....Tom Palen	
	Plate.....Rose Elam	
	Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson	
	Chalices....Don Seipke	
	Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	<b>02/28/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Gerry Bahar	
	Cantor.....Kim Josephson	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Sue Bahar	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Jada Kirk	
<b>Monday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	<b>02/29/16</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	<b>03/01/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Betty Dugas</i> ☩	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	<b>03/02/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Donald Kottschade</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL</i>	<b>03/03/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Betty Dugas</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>ST. CASIMIR</i>	<b>03/04/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Irene Tapp</i> ☩	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Soup Supper</b>	
6:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>FIRST SATURDAY</i>	<b>03/05/16</b>
6:30 p.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
7:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Rose Elam</i>	
	Reader.....Maria Riederer	
	Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Mary Wright	
	Chalices....Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	<b>03/06/16</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Ed Hynes	
	Cantor.....Sue Bahar	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Judy Zupancich	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Caleb Geissler	

**LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Collection.....	\$1194.36
Home Missions.....	\$50.00
UCA.....	\$100.00

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- † **Parishioners:** Susan Michels, Leona Currier, Steve Elam, Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lois Hynes, Lillian Miller, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Lanay Frericks, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Gene Biever, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Ben Hadrich, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Grace Kramer (George Asmussen's sister) passed away last weekend; *may she rest in peace.* Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Lincoln & Liam Traut, Rauri Byrnes, Ariana Marek, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Kerry Larson, Elizabeth Johnson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Dick Kunz, Elsie McGuire, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

**Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation** will meet this **Wednesday, March 2**, with dinner at **6 pm**, classes at **6:30 pm**. All are welcome to join us on our faith journey.

**Join us for Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent, Soup at 5 pm**, followed by **Stations at 6 pm**. These delicious soups are prepared by volunteer cooks. If you are interested in preparing a soup or providing bread for a soup supper, please contact Cindy. Donations to Operation Rice Bowl will be accepted during the soup supper.

If you wish to donate money toward **FLOWERS FOR EASTER**, there are envelopes prepared for this purpose on the bulletin table. The suggested donation is \$8.00 and can be dropped into the collection basket. Please remember to include a name with your donation so your memorial can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. We thank you for your generosity.

**Good Used Clothing Wanted-** As part of our almsgiving again this year, we are having a clothing drive. Please drop good usable clean clothing in the corner of the Church Hall near the coat racks. Lance and Rodney have volunteered again this year to deliver them to the Damiano Center in Duluth.

We have **Eucharistic Adoration** every Wednesday 9 am until 3 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for Adoration to be certain that someone is always in attendance during the time of Exposition. If you are available during this time, please consider signing up to spend an hour with the Lord in prayer.