

May 1, 2016

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilize the soil ever so richly: it will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains."

-St. John Vianney (1786-1859)

This week I am continuing my recent theme from my previous bulletin articles in talking about prayer, and, as promised, I wish this weekend to speak to the discipline of prayer. When I was growing up, there were many summers that would end rather dry, close to being a drought. And my dad would talk about how we so desperately needed rain. And I would point out that strong thunderstorms were being forecasted, to which he would respond that, "Well, that's ok. But it would be better if we had a day or two of a continuous, gentle rain, so that the ground would be soaked well, but not flooded."

I think that there is a lot of wisdom to be found here for the life of prayer. Often, we are tempted to pray when we feel like it, or when we think that we have the necessary time. And so our prayer with God may be sporadic or come in chunks. But it is absolutely essential for any serious growth in the spiritual life that we develop a sound discipline of daily prayer with God. Yes, I said "discipline" and "prayer" in the same sentence! Too often, we are tempted to believe that prayer should feel good and bring us a feeling of comfort or peace, and that if we don't feel this way, we must be doing something wrong, and we give up. But we need to recover an ancient spiritual notion of daily prayer as battle. It is truly a battle of our will to master our emotions and go to prayer every day for at least some time, whether we feel like it or not, whether we think we have the time or not (we always, always have the time, it all depends on how we use the time we have), or whether we feel like it is having any positive benefit or not. Prayer is a discipline. It requires hard work, it requires constant effort, it requires patience and it requires grit and determination.

That's why this above quote from St. John Vianney is so helpful: it reminds us of something that I spoke of before- our souls thirst for time spent in prayer with God. And if we don't pray often, our souls will become parched of thirst and shrivel up. What is most helpful to our development of our friendship with Jesus in our souls is not sporadic downpours of prayer, or long dry periods where we don't pray, but the soothing, nourishing, fertilizing, gentle steady rain of daily prayer. Only when we develop this discipline, only when we water our souls with the gentle rain of daily prayer, will we see our relationship with God flourish and thrive. God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

EVERYONE is invited downstairs for a **Mother's Day Breakfast** following Mass **next Sunday, May 8**. This delicious breakfast (scrambled eggs, sausage, sweet rolls and fruit cup) is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Little Rock Bible Study meets Sunday evenings 6:30-8 pm in the Parish Hall; if you would like more information, please contact the parish office or Gerry Bahar at 353-6008. We are starting our 10 week study on the Act of the Apostles.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, May 4**, with **dinner at 6 pm, classes at 6:30 pm**.

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Spring Salad Luncheon on Tuesday, May 17, serving 11:30 - 1:00 pm**. Each family is asked to bring a salad (large enough to serve 12) to the Church Kitchen by 11 am. If you are unable to bring a salad, a donation of \$10.00 is requested. **Salads are preferred**. Thank you for your participation. This is a community event so remember to invite all your friends to come to enjoy these delicious salads for only \$8.

Everyone is invited to our **Faith Formation Year End BBQ & Teacher appreciation on Wednesday, May 18 at 6 pm**. We will have yard games plus the students will be taking on the parents/teachers in a game of kickball. Rain or Shine (we'll adapt our plans to the weather). We'll need a count for the food, so please sign up in the back of the church by Sunday, May 15. Hope to see you there!

Update on the Automated External Defibrillator (AED): We've received feedback on the purchase of an AED and would welcome more comments. So far we have a generous \$1100 already committed towards the purchase. If you have questions or would like to offer your opinion or donate toward the purchase, please contact Cindy in the Parish office.

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

Church Hall 226-3691 **Parish E-Mail** stmarysilverbay@outlook.com **Parish Website** www.stmarysilverbay.org

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 E-mail**: mjlyons16@gmail.com

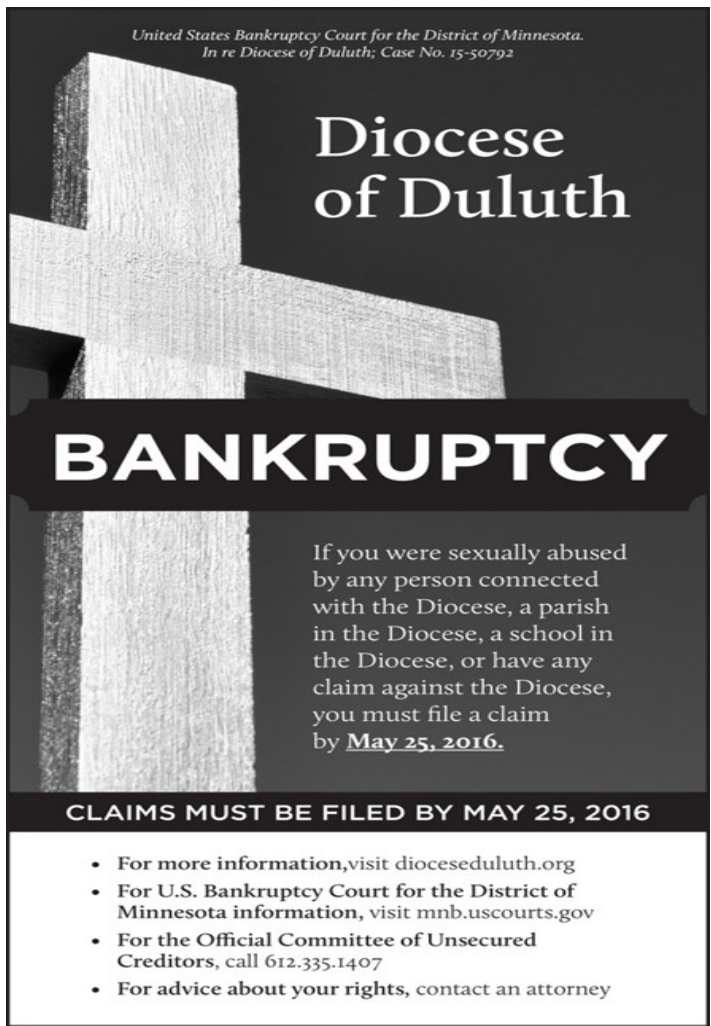
Saturday	<i>ST. PIUS V</i>	04/30/16
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Susan Michels</i> Reader.....Maria Riederer Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Tom Frericks Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Volunteer Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/01/16
8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Judy Zupancich Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers		
Monday	<i>ST. ATHANASIUS</i>	05/02/16
Tuesday	<i>STS. PHILIP AND JAMES</i>	05/03/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for special intention for Annika</i>		
Wednesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	05/04/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Lois Hynes</i> ☩ 8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	05/05/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Father Paul Larson</i> ☩ 8:50 a.m. Morning Prayer Group		
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	05/06/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Fred Wright</i>		
Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	05/07/16
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Lois Hynes</i> ☩ Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Patty Armstrong Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Ken Kruger Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Caleb Geissler & Zack Fredrickson Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i>	05/08/16
8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Bonnie Kruger Chalices....Lois Hynes Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jason Blood Gifts.....Volunteers		

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS	
General Collection.....	\$1690.50

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Joe Rollins, Susan Michels, Leona Currier, Steve Elam, Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lillian Miller, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Jim Seipke, Don Hicks, Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Rauri Byrnes, Don Hedin, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Elsie McGuire, Johnny Jerabek, Mae Dehnhoff, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Please call the church office if you'd like submit a prayer request; these request will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, you can renew the request by calling the church office.



United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota.
In re Diocese of Duluth; Case No. 15-50792

Diocese of Duluth

BANKRUPTCY

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Diocese, a parish in the Diocese, a school in the Diocese, or have any claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **May 25, 2016.**

CLAIMS MUST BE FILED BY MAY 25, 2016

- For more information, visit dioceseduluth.org
- For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information, visit mnb.uscourts.gov
- For the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, call 612.335.1407
- For advice about your rights, contact an attorney

LIMITED OFFICE HOURS: Cindy will be out of the office until May 9. In her absence, Mary Wright will be available Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 11 am.