

July 17, 2016

## ***SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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

*"Love does not consist in feeling great things but in having great detachment and in suffering for the Beloved."*

-St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

Continuing this week on the themes that I have been discussing this summer, I would like to focus on a certain form of temptation that I believe is very prevalent in modern Christians, influenced as we often are by the secular society around us. The first problematic philosophy we discussed was *relativism*, which, you will recall, is the erroneous belief that each person can determine what is true, right and wrong for themselves, and that there is no objective truth which is binding upon everyone. Last week, we dove into a discussion on *hedonism*, which is the erroneous philosophy of life in which pursuit of pleasure and avoidance of pain is the ultimate goal.

This week, I would like to speak of a blending of the two above philosophies. One of the more disturbing trends in philosophy of life and outlook that many modern people seem to have adopted is to decide what is right and wrong by what *feels* right or wrong. In other words, often times modern society makes decisions based purely on *emotion* and *emotional responses*, and not on fact or truth. Thus, a person decides which teachings of Christ and His Church they will follow or not follow based on how a given teaching makes them *feel*. It is the source of statements such as, for example, "I just don't *feel* that God would send people to Hell," or, "I know that the Church teaches that such and such behavior is sinful, but it just *feels* like it's right to me." Catholics are often tempted by a modern secular society which says over and over and in many different ways, "Do whatever feels right to you," or, "Have it your way," or "if it feels good, do it." In this problematic worldview, truth, what is right and wrong, is dependent upon how I feel about it, my emotional response.

Here's the problem: our emotions are fleeting, fickle and often false. Emotions and feelings can be good and they are an important part of who we are. But they can also deceive us. I think all of us can recognize that this is true- how many times in your life have you felt anger, hurt, or frustration and realized later on that that was not really an appropriate response to what actually had happened? Our emotions can easily deceive us. Which is why, once again, believing in the truth about what is right and wrong that God has revealed to us through His Church is so very crucial- because that belief is not based on emotions, but on faith and on God's love for us. Do the teachings of Christ and His Church sometimes strike us as unfair, difficult, harsh, and cause emotional reactions of frustration, confusion, even anger? Undoubtedly. Does that mean that the teaching itself is wrong? Absolutely not. It just reinforces the reality that all of us are sinners, in need of God's grace and help, and that our entire lives are a learning experience- learning to put God first, to trust Him and the truths that He has revealed to us, and also learning to trust, even and especially when it's hard, that God knows better than we do what is best for us and for humanity. God bless you! ~Fr. Steve

**Update on the Automated External Defibrillator (AED):** We've received feedback both for and against the purchase of an AED and would welcome more comments. In the event it's decided to proceed with the purchase, we have a generous \$1600 in donations towards it. The cost is approximately \$2000. If you have questions, contact Cindy in the Parish office. To donate toward the purchase, simply drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked AED.

**Give your community a piece of your time.** See what a difference a day can make. With Thrivent Builds Repairs, you can volunteer for a short-term home repair project, with immediate results that fits your busy schedule. Help renew your community – and yourself too. Help paint, landscape, minor repairs and exterior projects. All skill levels needed. Silver Bay work days are September 8-10. For more information on program visit [thriventbuilds.com/repairs](http://thriventbuilds.com/repairs) or contact Greg Hanson at 218-226-3442 or [gregory.hanson@thrivent.com](mailto:gregory.hanson@thrivent.com).

Please plan to join us downstairs after Mass next **Sunday, July 24 for coffee and rolls** provided by St. Theresa's Circle.

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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>OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL</i>	<b>07/16/16</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass — Intention for Myrt Biller</b> ☩	
	Reader.....Tom Clifford	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept.	
	Plate.....Susan Frericks	
	Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson	
	Chalices....Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Jason Blood & Caleb Geissler	
	Gifts.....Volunteer	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>07/17/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass — Intention for All Parishioners</b>	
	Reader.....Susan Michels	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept.	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Ken Kruger	
	Chalices....Bonnie Kruger	
	Servers.....April Velcheff & Mita Frericks	
	Gifts.....Volunteer	
<b>Monday</b>	<i>ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS</i>	<b>07/18/16</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>07/19/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass — Intention for Myrt Biller</b> ☩	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>ST. APOLLINARIS</i>	<b>07/20/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass — Intention for Philip LaBelle</b> ☩	
	8:50 a.m. <b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI</i>	<b>07/21/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass — Intention for Deanna Larson</b>	
	8:50 a.m. <b>Morning Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>ST. MARY MAGDALENE</i>	<b>07/22/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass - Intention for Victoria Johnson</b> ☩	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>ST. BRIDGET</i>	<b>07/23/16</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass — Intention for Deanna Larson</b>	
	Reader.....A.J. LeGeault	
	Cantor.....Andy Buell	
	Plate.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Chalices....Leanne Buell	
	Chalices....Don Seipke	
	Servers.....Giovanni & Corinna Marolt	
	Gifts.....Volunteer	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>07/24/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass — Intention for All Parishioners</b>	
	Reader.....Ed Hynes	
	Cantor.....Joanne Curry	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Judy Zupancich	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Natalie Reineccius & Mita Frericks	
	Gifts.....Volunteer	

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

- † **Parishioners:** Joe Rollins, Steve Elam, Leona Currier, Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Tom Bott, Lillian Miller, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Deanna Larson, Marlene Petersen.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Dorothy Seipke, James Currier, Dan Clark, Bruce Melchert, Penny Hanson, Don Hedin, Gary Garlie, Fred Paine, Jim Osterholm, Elsie McGuire, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Rauri Byrnes, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, 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, Mike Ament.

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

**Faith Formation Summer Fun Nights:** In Two Harbors on Sunday, July 17, 5-7 pm, at Odegaard Park. St. Mary's hosts on Sunday, August 14, 5-7 pm. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

**Save the Date for the 11th Annual Diocesan Assembly.** It will be held on **Saturday, October 8**, at Marshall School. The guest speaker will be Sherry Weddell on "Making Disciples." Sherry will lead us through the steps that help Catholics make the conscious choice to follow Jesus as his disciples. For more information or to register go to <http://tinyurl.com/DODAssembly>.

**Little Rock Bible Study Group:** We will not meet Sunday, July 17. Our final class on our study of Acts will be **Sunday, July 24 at the Bahar's home.** We will begin the potluck at 5:45 pm and finish up our study on the book of Acts at 6:30 pm, please bring a dish to pass. We are on Lesson 9, Chapters 25-28 of Acts. After this, we will take a break for the remainder of the summer. Our next study will start Sunday, September 11 with the Gospel of Luke.

**Dine at the Lemon Wolf Café in Beaver Bay -** When placing your order, ask about the Catholic Church Benefit. A donation equal to 10% of your bill will be given to the Catholic parish you attend on the North Shore.

**LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Collection.....	\$2591.50
UCA.....	40.00
Building Fund.....	\$320.00