

July 31, 2016

## ***EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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

*"Anyone who is so "progressive" as not to remain in the teaching of the Christ does not have God; whoever remains in the teaching has the Father and the Son." -2 John 1:9*

I would like to resume the summer series of bulletin articles that I had been writing in which we were examining different modern secular opinions and philosophies that are at odds with the Catholic understanding of human nature and our relationship with God. Thus far, we have discussed the dangers of *relativism* and *hedonism*, and today I would like to move on to discuss *progressivism*. Now, I need to immediately caution you that here, I am not speaking of *progressives* as far as members of a political party. The term, *progressive*, as I am using it here, refers to a mindset or understanding of reality that is very popular in our modern culture in which any truths, teachings, behaviors, or traditions, especially about what is right and wrong, that come from the past are *by that fact* considered outdated, irrelevant and false. Similarly, for a philosophical progressive, "new" equals "true." The philosopher, Peter Kreeft, puts it this way: "Progressivism ... confuses 'new' with 'true'. It also confuses fact with values, by using a factual, chronological term to carry a value meaning. Hence, something 'modern,' 'contemporary,' or 'current' is 'truer,' 'better,' or 'more reliable.'"

In fact, we see this all the time. It manifests itself as the way of thinking in which doing something traditional is seen as outdated and antiquated solely because it's traditional. It is the view that generations past, especially people in the Middle Ages, were less enlightened than us modern folks. It's the view that all progress is good, without consideration that sometimes, progress is actually regress from a moral point of view. This form of understanding reality is particularly observable in our modern secular culture when tradition is not only viewed with suspicion, but openly ridiculed. The most glaring example is when people criticize the teachings of Christ's Church, especially on areas of sexual morality such as its teachings about artificial contraception, abortion and same-sex "marriage" by calling them "outdated," "old-fashioned," or from the "stone age." This is a criticism which tries to say that the Church is wrong simply because She has always taught something to be the case throughout history. In other words, because its teaching is old, it is irrelevant and false. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. And quite honestly, progressivism is itself very problematic because it pretends like the past doesn't exist, and as we know from human experience, those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it.

In particular, friends, I think progressivism raises its ugly head in the daily life of a Catholic whenever we are tempted to trust ourselves and our own emotions and understanding rather than the long-standing teachings of the Church. There is always a temptation, especially when we are faced with some of Christ's more difficult teachings, to trust and believe ourselves rather than the tradition of the Church which is the result of 2,000 years of prayer, study, teaching and tradition. And therein lies the antidote to progressivism: tradition. Trusting that God has, throughout its 2,000 year history, lead the Church in its tradition and teaching, and trusting that 2,000 years worth of history and tradition is a great gift to be embraced, not something of which to be suspicious. God bless you! ~Fr. Steve

**Daily Mass in August:** Father Michael will be on vacation August 1-25. During that time Father Steve will be offering Mass here on Mondays & Wednesdays, with the exception of Wednesday, August 24, when he will be out of town. Note the different time for Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, August 15, Mass will be at 7:30 am that morning. Watch the weekly bulletin for details throughout the month.

**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Mary's Summer Fun Night will be **Sunday, August 14, 5-7 pm**. Our faith formation families would like to invite **ALL PARISHIONERS**, along with the Faith Formation families from Holy Spirit in TH, to join us for an evening of food and fun. **All you need to do sign up!!** The sheet is in the back of the church. We'll need a count to help us plan for the food. The church will be providing hot dogs and beverages – the Faith Formation families will provide the rest. **This event is for the whole parish. We hope to see everyone there!**

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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>ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS</i>	<b>07/30/16</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Victoria Johnson</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Lanay Frericks & Don Seipke	
	Servers.....Nicolas Reineccius	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>07/31/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Marge Jorgenson	
	Cantor.....Kim Josephson	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Ken & Bonnie Kruger	
	Servers.....Mita Frericks & Volunteer	
<b>Monday</b>	<i>ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI</i>	<b>08/01/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>ST. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI &amp; ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD</i>	<b>08/02/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>08/03/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Dan Larson</i> ☩	
<b>8:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ST. JOHN VIANNEY</i>	<b>08/04/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR</i>	<b>08/05/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>	<b>08/06/16</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Victoria Johnson</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jody Majewsky	
	Cantor.....Patty Armstrong	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson & Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Caleb Geissler & Zack Fredrickson	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>08/07/16</b>
<b>7:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Ed Hynes	
	Cantor.....Tom Palen	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson & Lois Kaari	
	Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler	
<b>LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
General Collection.....		\$2009.00
UCA.....		\$610.00
Building Fund.....		\$110.00

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

- † **Parishioners:** Bob Connor, 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.

The **11th Annual Diocesan Assembly** will be held on **Saturday, October 8**, at Marshall School. Please consider attending the assembly this year to grow in your faith. For more information or to register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/DODAssembly>.

The **2016 Summer Seminarian Appeal** will soon be arriving at every Catholic home in the diocese. Last year's appeal raised \$226,000 to help meet the costs of educating and forming our future priests. Let's try to beat that this year! The appeal is designed to coincide with the Feast of St. John Vianney, patron saint of all priests. This year the feast falls on Thursday, August 4. Thank you for your prayers and support for our seminarians.

Please return gifts to the Summer Seminarian Appeal directly to the diocesan office in Duluth in the envelope provided for that purpose.

Bishop Paul Sirba asks for your prayers for our 13 seminarians as they discern a life of holy service in the parishes and ministries of the Diocese of Duluth.

**Have you logged on to FORMED yet?** It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand. **Here's how easy it is to get FORMED:**

Go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). You should see the registration box for parishioners. Type in our parish code **RYGYFN**. Next, set up a username and a password. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in. **Interested in using FORMED but don't have access to a computer or the internet? Need help accessing FORMED?** Contact Cindy in the parish office. We want all interested people to have the opportunity to use FORMED. We have a computer available for those who want to use it, and we also have a projector system in the parish hall if there are groups who would like to watch a program together.