

August 17, 2014

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Notes:

Seminarian Appeal: Thank you for your prayers and gifts to the 2014 Summer Seminarian Appeal. We are blessed to have inspired seminarians who with God's grace all devote their lives to holy service in the parishes of the Diocese of Duluth.

Finance Council: Tuesday, August 19, at noon in the Rectory. Agenda: Approve end of year financial report to the diocese. Approve a contract with Range Cornice and Roofing Company for \$16,776.00 to replace the panels on the east wall of the Church. They were improperly installed by another vendor five years ago. I ask again for your generosity to the Building/Improvement Fund so that we can quickly retire this obligation.

Blessings! Fr. Michael

Sunday Connection: Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. - *Loyola Press*

Knights of Columbus Picnic will be on **Tuesday, August 19** at the Dugas Cabin at 5 pm. Meat and drinks are provided, please bring an item to share, along with plates and utensils.

Attend a Life-Changing Event... Catholic Author and Motivational Speaker Matthew Kelly will be speaking in Sartell, Minnesota on **Saturday, November 8**. St. John's Church in Grand Marais is working in collaboration with the parishes of Silver Bay and Two Harbors to create an opportunity for parishioners to attend this life-changing event. A charter bus will be used for transportation, hotel accommodations have been blocked off in St. Cloud, and the opportunity to hear one of the nation's best motivational speakers has never been better!! The goal is to find at least 40 people who would like to attend this special event that will focus on finding a deeper sense of purpose and finding out more about God's plan for our lives. For more details, please take one of the St. John's flyers from the table in the back of the church. Rick Frericks is our local contact person for this event and can be reached at 218-220-4813 if you have any questions or want more information. We hope many will be able to take advantage of this awesome opportunity.

St. Margaret's Circle will be hosting **Coffee & Rolls** after Mass on **Sunday, August 31**. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to come downstairs to enjoy the fellowship and delicious treats.

The **MN Veterans Home** will be hosting an **outdoor concert** on **Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 pm**. This month features the big band group - Blue Water. Concerts are open to the public; just bring a lawn chair and join the fun!

St. Mary's Catholic Church — 57 Horn Blvd., Silver Bay, MN 55614

Parish Office Located in Rectory 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

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

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** Call — 226-3639 or 226-3351

Fr. Michael Lyons (218) 834-4313 **Fr. Michael's E-Mail** mjlyons@mchsi.com

Saturday	<i>ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY</i>	08/16/14
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Lee Anselment</i> ☩ Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Rose Elam Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Servers.....Meagan Seipke & Jason Blood Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	08/17/14
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Susan Michels Cantor.....Lanay Frericks Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Ken & Bonnie Kruger Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteer		
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	08/18/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - <i>Intention for Living & deceased members of the Tom & Gloria Thornborrow family</i>		
Tuesday	<i>ST. JOHN EUDES</i>	08/19/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i> 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting		
Wednesday	<i>ST. BERNARD</i>	08/20/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - <i>Intention for Don & Lana Seipke Anniversary</i> 8:50 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration		
Thursday	<i>ST. PIUS X</i>	08/21/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - <i>Intention for Lee Anselment</i> ☩		
Friday	<i>THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	08/22/14
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass - <i>Intention for Randee Gelatic Birthday</i>		
Saturday	<i>ST. ROSE OF LIMA</i>	08/23/14
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Mary Camaish</i> ☩ Reader.....A.J. LeGeault Cantor..... Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Don Seipke Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	08/24/14
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance 8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Tom Frericks Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Mary Wright Chalices....Lois Kaari Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Todd Curry Gifts.....Volunteer		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Charlie & Doris Vincent, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Jim Tedrick, Lois Hynes, Alma Ferris, George Asmussen, Suzanne Seguin, Gale Fredrickson, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson, Walter Skalsky, Angie Pruse, Leona Currier, Johnny Jerabek, Vicki Johnson, Joseph Fredrickson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Michael Lyons, Deacon Fred Wright
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Emma Cavataio, John Asmussen, Kenneth Moe, Lois Kind, Arthur Barthman, Cindy Stafne, Kennady Roberts, Jeff Mitchell, Kathy Thompson, Richie Ahlbeck, Steve Keller, Diane Janousek, Roger Gale, Larry Pickran, Elsie McGuire, Judy Sowiejka, Alan Larson, Joe Kowalowski, Susan Cone, Grace Kramer, Gladys Gatz, Vern Walentiny, Deb MacMillan.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

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, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.



Next Food Distribution
Saturday August 23, 2014

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mary MacDonald Center Gym
99 Edison Blvd. Silver Bay MN

- You receive an abundance of grocery items
- Everyone who gets hungry qualifies
- Registration begins at 10:00 AM

\$20 Cash donation at the door

BRING OWN BOXES, BASKETS, TOTES OR COOLERS FOR FOOD

More Info? Email: rubyspantrysilverbay@gmail.com

Future distributions on the 4th Saturday of the month.

www.rubyspantry.org

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A GENTLE REMINDER THAT WE NEED EVERYONE'S PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING AND GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Last Week's Contributions

General Collection.....	\$1802.00
UCA.....	\$135.00