

January 17, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Which of you knows the date of your baptism? I invite you to go and search for the date, asking, for example, your parents, your grandparents, your godparents, or going into the parish. It is very important to know, because it is a date to celebrate: it is the date of our rebirth as children of God. For homework this week: go look for the date of my baptism." -Pope Francis, Angelus Address, January 10, 2016

Every once in a while, something happens in our lives which is pretty unbelievable. As you may recall, in my homily last Sunday on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, I asked how many of you knew your date of baptism by heart. Few did, which is what I expected. I then gave us the "homework" of finding out and getting a baptismal certificate from the parish Church where we were baptized and displaying it proudly in our homes. I further encouraged us to celebrate our day of baptism each year in some small way to recognize the spiritual significance of what happened at the moment of our baptism: that we became children of God our Father, washed clean through the waters of baptism.

Little did I know that on the very same day, last Sunday, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, during his weekly Angelus Address in which he briefly speaks to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square at noon each Sunday, said the quote I have placed above. When I read his Angelus Address last Sunday evening, I couldn't believe my eyes. Pope Francis and I were on the exact same page. He even asked the people gathered directly if they knew the date of their baptism and gave them the "homework" of finding it out and celebrating it.

Now, I don't relay this to you in order to toot my own horn or say "I told you so." I share this because first of all it's such a blessed and amazing coincidence, one which causes me to be truly humbled and awestruck. And second, because it reinforces the point which I was striving to make to all of us as we celebrated the Lord's Baptism: our own baptism, whether it was as an infant, or as an adult, was a life-changing moment for us of the highest order. It is worth knowing, understanding and celebrating both when our baptism was, and what it means for us. There is no greater gift that we can receive than the gift of eternal life. Period. And that gift was entrusted to us on the day of our baptism. So, I happily encourage you once again- if you don't know the date of your baptism, see if you can find it out. And celebrate it each year. Through baptism, God has rescued you from sin and eternal death and given to you the opportunity to live with Him forever in Heaven as his son or daughter. What greater cause for celebration is there than that?! God bless you! -Fr. Steve

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, January 20 at 6 pm**. The evening will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by classes for everyone at 6:30 pm. The Adult Faith Formation will continue our journey through the Sacraments with Father Steve. The **Adult Faith Formation is open to everyone**, not just the parents, so please join us as we all grow in our faith together.

St. Mary's Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held **Wednesday, January 27, serving 4:30-6 pm**. The spaghetti dinner is hosted each year by our Religious Education Department to raise money to feed the poor. This is a great opportunity for us all to work together, having fun while we are helping those in our community. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for volunteers plus we will have tickets on sale after Mass. There will be take-outs available so you may also want to consider purchasing a ticket and delivering a hot meal to a neighbor/friend who's unable attend.

We will take up a special collection after Communion on January 16-17. The funds collected in this one-time special appeal for the **2015-2016 storms and other natural disasters** will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church.

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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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Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	01/16/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Ray & Phyllis Schlichting</i> ☩ Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept. Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Tom Frericks Chalices....Michael Rowlee Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler	
Sunday	<i>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	01/17/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept. Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Marjorie Jorgenson Chalices....Susan Frericks Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks	
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	01/18/16
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	01/19/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Jacinta Flynn</i> ☩	
Wednesday	<i>ST. FABIAN & ST. SEBASTIAN</i>	01/20/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Donna Mealey</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>ST. AGNES</i>	01/21/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Richard Keseley</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Prayer Group	
Friday	<i>DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN</i>	01/22/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Angie Pruse</i> ☩	
Saturday	<i>ST. VINCENT & ST. MARIANNE COPE</i>	01/23/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Donna Mealey</i> ☩ Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Patty Armstrong Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Mary Wright Servers.....Corrina & Giovanni Marolt	
Sunday	<i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	01/24/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Sue Bahar Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Judy Zupancich Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Caleb Geissler	

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....\$1870.00

New Parish Email Address: stmarysilverbay@outlook.com

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Richard Keseley & Angie Pruse passed away this last week, *may they rest in peace*. Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lois Hynes, Lillian Miller, Betty Dugas, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Lanay Frericks, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Ben Hadrich, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Katie (Byrnes) Ament & her newborn twins who arrived earlier than expected. Dawn Stefanich, Liam Traut, Alexa & Rauri Byrnes, Grace Kramer, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place **Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 24**. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

MN March for Life: On **January 22, 2016**, the Diocese of Duluth's Office of Marriage and Family Life will be sponsoring buses to travel down to the Twin Cities for the Annual March for Life commemorating the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The buses will leave the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary (2801 E. Fourth St., Duluth) after the 7 am Mass and will return to Duluth at approximately 5 pm. The cost is \$5 per person and participants are asked to register at www.dioceseduluth.org. This event is part of the diocesan wide Day of Fasting and Prayer in Reparation for a Culture of Violence and Disrespect of Human Life.

Commemorating the 58 million babies killed by abortion in the U.S. since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, In Duluth on January 22, 2016:

- Jericho March, 11 am - Noon
Building for Women, 32 East 1st St.
- Candlelight Prayer Vigil, 6:30 - 7 pm
First Presbyterian Church

Poinsettias are in Baptistry area if you would like to take your poinsettia home. Thank you again to everyone who donated in memory of a loved one.