

April 10, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration: On Prayer

"God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray."

-St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716)

With this weekend's bulletin article, I am beginning a series on Prayer, in which for the remaining Sundays of the Easter Season, I will write about different aspects of developing a healthy and sound prayer life with God. Today's quote is a bit of an introduction, and it comes from a well-known Catholic author who is a master of prayer and especially devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Louis de Montfort. I think this particular image of prayer is especially apropos to the Easter Season because of the numerous times that the Church refers to flowing water, new water of rebirth, etc., to speak of the new life that the Risen Christ offers to us.

I also think that a very important takeaway from this quote is the *need* that our souls have for communication with God. And on this point, I think the image of water is very important and key. Take a look at the Easter flowers in the Church- we all know that if they are not watered, they will very quickly shrivel and die. Water is absolutely required to sustain life. The same, my friends, is true for our souls. If we do not pray regularly, with intention and devotion, our souls will suffer and shrivel up. It is of *vital* importance for us to recognize that whether we believe it or not, whether we like it or not, whether we know it or not, our souls *ache* for friendship with God.

And just like human friendship, our friendship with God will only exist, be strengthened and healthy if we spend time with Him. If we don't pray on a regular, daily basis, if we don't communicate with God regularly and often, our souls will starve for lack of spiritual nourishment, which will derail our entire lives. This may sound overly dramatic, but it is completely and totally true. God has created us to be in friendship and relationship with Him- we are literally hard-wired for union with God. Prayer and the sacraments of the Church are the principle ways that we enter into that relationship of union with God. This is the most basic step on the road to deepening our prayer life- we must recognize that we need prayer like our bodies need water. Period. Without frequent, heart-felt prayer with God every single day, our souls will ache with thirst. Let's quench our souls' spiritual thirst by committing today to daily prayer with God. Next week, I'll talk about what this daily prayer should look like. God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

Welcome! The Reineccius family and Velcheff family were brought into the Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil Mass. Please join us in welcoming them to the St. Mary's parish family!

Pancake Breakfast -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, April 10**. Please plan to join us for great fellowship & delicious pancakes. If you attend Mass on Saturday, please come back Sunday morning for the breakfast. Free will donation.

Little Rock Bible Study group: We have almost completed our first study on the Introduction to the Bible and are getting ready to move into our next study which will be the Acts of the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles is a 10 week study that is also designed for newcomers and experienced Bible students. Whether you joined us for the first study or if you are new to the group, please sign up with Cindy by April 18. Cost will be \$20 for supplies, but couples may share supplies if they'd like. We need a minimum of 8 participants. Bible study meets Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 pm. If you have any questions, contact Cindy in the parish office or Gerry Bahar at 353-6008; Gerry will be leading the study.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, April 13 at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. We welcome new members. Knit/crochet/goodies. Any questions, contact Lana at 353-7714.

Community Dinners: Please join us for the next dinner on **April 21** before the William Kelley Variety Show. Dinner will be served **4:30-6:30 pm** in the **Kelley High School cafeteria**. Free will donations will be accepted, with proceeds supporting the Lake County Salvation Army. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this dinner, please contact Sue Bahar at 353-6008. These dinners are put on by the local churches to celebrate and support our community life.

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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

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Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/09/16
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Jerabek Family</i> Reader.....Maria Riederer Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood Plate.....Ken Kruger Chalices....Michael Rowlee Chalices....Cindy Rowlee Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Caleb Geissler Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	04/10/16
8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Joanne Curry Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Bonnie Kruger Chalices....Lois Kaari Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers		
Monday	<i>ST. STANISLAUS</i>	04/11/16
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/12/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Grace Kramer</i> ☩		
Wednesday	<i>ST. MARTINI</i>	04/13/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Michael & Shelley Gray-Lewis</i> 8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/14/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Sister Miriam Dolores (Rauzi)</i> ☩ 8:50 a.m. Morning Prayer Group		
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/15/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary 8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>		
Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/16/16
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Jon Radle</i> ☩ Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Shelley Fredrickson Chalices....Leann Buell Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Caleb Geissler & Zack Fredrickson Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	04/17/16
8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Tom Frericks Cantor.....Sue Bahar Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Gerry Bahar Chalices....Judy Zupancich Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler 9:30 a.m. Rosary for World Day of Prayer for Vocations		

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$1847.70
Good Friday	\$10.00
Building Fund.....	\$440.00

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Lois Hynes passed away last week, *may she rest in peace*. 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 Gene Biever, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Ben Hadrich, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Don Hicks, Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Lincoln & Liam Traut, Rauri Byrnes, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Elizabeth Johnson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Dick Kunz, Elsie McGuire, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

SPRING RETREAT

"The Seven First Words of Jesus and the Resurrection Call to Wholeness"

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 9am - Noon

Free Will Offering

St. Scholastica Monastery

We are very familiar with the seven last words of Jesus, spoken during his crucifixion, but have we ever stopped to reflect on the seven first words Jesus spoke after his resurrection? During this Retreat, we will spend time looking at how these words of Jesus call us to wholeness, self-care and compassion. To register: call 218-723-6555 or e-mail: pauline.m@duluthosb.org.

Planning Meeting for the Salad Luncheon: Circle Leaders and any member that are available, please attend the planning meeting for the Spring Salad Luncheon this **Wednesday, April 13 at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, April 20 at 6 pm**. The evening will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by classes for everyone at 6:30 pm.

Please join us for the **Rosary after Mass on Sunday, April 17 for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**.

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50 years, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. To find the list of upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in your area, visit our website at www.northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at 888-455-3496 or applications@northmnwwme.org.