

June 26, 2016

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Truth is not determined by a majority vote." -Pope Benedict XVI (1927-present)

This weekend, I am continuing a bulletin article series that I have been introducing for the past couple of weeks: philosophies, ideas and opinions of our modern, secular society that can negatively impact the practice of our Catholic faith. The above quote is profound in its simplicity, and right to the point. And with his quote, Pope Benedict XVI strikes to the heart of many modern cultural ideas- the Truth about God, man, what is morally right, what is morally wrong, what is sinful and what is not, those truths are not susceptible to fads in thinking, popularity, or strength in numbers. There is a serious misconception that the truth about such things mentioned above is fluid, depending upon the will and voice of the people of a given culture or generation; that what is true is subject to the majority opinion of people in a given society.

But real Truth is high above the shifting opinions of certain cultures, generations, times and places. What is right and wrong is not something that human beings can determine for themselves- Truth is not created by us, Truth is *revealed to us*. Truths about God, ourselves, right and wrong, sin, etc. have been revealed to us by God through the Church and through our human nature. And here's the key- Truth cannot be changed just because what is true becomes unpopular to a given society or culture. For example, imagine that a majority of people decided to believe that $2+2=5$. Even if every single person on the face of the planet believed that $2+2=5$, if laws were passed which stated that $2+2=5$, and people acted as if $2+2=5$, two plus two would never, can never, and will never equal five. It's impossible.

Now, this above is a silly example. But there are plenty of real life examples that are not silly in the least. For example, no matter how big of a majority of people claim to believe otherwise, even though the current laws of our Land state otherwise, abortion will always be gravely wrong. Abortion is a direct violation of God's commandment not to kill, and it is a violation of the dignity and sanctity of a human life created in God's image and likeness. Similarly, real and true marriage can only exist between one man and one woman. Public opinion cannot change the truth that comes from God, and from who we are as His creatures. This is crucial for us to recognize because so often the argument is made that the Church needs to "get with the times." In other words, people wish that the Church would not hold onto beliefs that the world now considers unpopular. But the Church has no choice and no other mission than to proclaim the Truth that God has revealed to Her in Christ Jesus. And no majority opinion can change the Truth established by God. Just because a majority of persons in a given society believe something to be true, right, or just does not make it so. We are not the creators of Truth, we are its servants, because it is Jesus Christ, God Himself, who is the Way, the **Truth**, and the Life. God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

Strength of the Saints Relic Tour: June 27 in Cloquet: *Venerate the relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher.* Relics of the saints will be available for veneration at Queen of Peace Church in Cloquet from **9:30 to 11 am on Monday, June 27**. The relics will also be traveling to St. Paul, Bemidji, St. Cloud, New Ulm, and Rochester. The Strength of the Saints Relic Tour is being organized by the Minnesota Catholic Conference and is part of the broader Fortnight for Freedom, a call to fourteen days of prayer, education, and action for religious freedom in the United States and abroad. Learn more at MnCatholic.org/relics or the Strength of the Saints event page on Facebook.

Updating Our Records. A couple weeks ago we handed out information sheets so we could confirm and update our records to be sure we have current addresses, home and cell phone numbers, and email addresses for all of our members. If you haven't completed a sheet yet you will find them at the ends of the pews or on the back table, please complete one and drop it into the collection basket. We appreciate your time and effort.

St. Francis & St. Ann's Circle will be hosting **Coffee & Rolls after Mass this Sunday, June 26**. Please join us for delicious treats and great fellowship.

Little Rock Bible Study Group: We will meet on **Sunday, June 26 at 6:30 pm**. We are on Lesson 6, Chapters 16-18 of Acts.

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Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	06/25/16
6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance		
7:15 p.m. Mass — Intention for Penny Rogers ☩		
Reader.....Tom Frericks		
Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt.		
Plate..... Deacon Fred Wright		
Chalices....Sue Bahar		
Chalices....Gerry Bahar		
Servers.....Jason Blood & Caleb Geissler		
Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	06/26/16
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance		
8:30 a.m. Mass — Intention for All Parishioners		
Reader.....Greg Johnson		
Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt.		
Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris		
Chalices....Susan Frericks		
Chalices....Lois Kaari		
Servers.....Mita & Sheena Frericks		
Gifts.....Volunteer		
Monday	<i>ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA</i>	06/27/16
Tuesday	<i>ST. IRENAEUS</i>	06/28/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass — Intention for Mary Camaish ☩		
Wednesday	<i>STS. PETER AND PAUL</i>	6/29/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass — Intention for George & Mildred Janesich ☩		
8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Thursday	<i>THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH</i>	06/30/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass — Intention for DJ Hodge		
8:50 a.m. Morning Prayer Group		
Friday	<i>ST. JUNIPERO SERRA</i>	07/01/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass - Intention for George & Mildred Janesich ☩		
Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	07/02/16
6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Penance		
7:15 p.m. Mass — Intention for Lee Anselment ☩		
Reader.....Maria Riederer		
Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood		
Plate..... Deacon Fred Wright		
Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson		
Chalices....Jeff Asmussen		
Servers.....Jason Blood & Giovanni Marolt		
Gifts.....Volunteer		
Sunday	<i>14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	07/03/16
7:50 a.m. Sacrament of Penance		
8:30 a.m. Mass — Intention for All Parishioners		
Reader.....Gerry Bahar		
Cantor.....Sue Bahar		
Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright		
Chalices....Lois Kaari		
Chalices....Marge Jorgenson		
Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Jada Kirk		
Gifts.....Volunteer		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Joe Rollins, 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, Deanna Larson, Marlene Petersen.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Dan Clark, Bruce Melchert, Penny Hanson, Gary Garlie, Fred Paine, Jim Seipke, Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Rauri Byrnes, Don Hedin, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Elsie McGuire, 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.

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!

Altar Server Appreciation Day 2016: FREE Trip to a Minnesota Twins game! In appreciation for all of your hard work and devotion in serving Mass in our parish, all active Altar Servers and those Altar Servers who have served Mass in 2016 are invited to join us as the MN Twins take on the Chicago White Sox at Target Field in Minneapolis on **Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 1:10 pm**, returning to Two Harbors immediately following the conclusion of the game. The coach bus will leave from Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 9 am, and Fr. Steve will provide Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit at 8 am for those wishing to attend. **Again, this event is FREE! Game tickets and bus fare will be paid for by Holy Spirit Parish and St. Mary's Parish**, altar servers will only be responsible for personal spending money to be used to buy food, drinks, souvenirs, etc. at the Stadium. If you wish to go, you must call the office or email Cindy to register by Thursday, June 30.

Don't forget to bring in your **aluminum cans** – They can be put in the garage or call the parish office if you would like Lance & Rodney to pick up the cans from your home (in the Silver Bay area).

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....\$1521.60