

September 11, 2016

## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

*"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."*  
-St. Teresa of Calcutta

As promised, this week we have the opportunity to hear more words of spiritual wisdom from our newest saint, just canonized by Pope Francis last Sunday: St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). I chose this quote because it so clearly states what is often a misunderstanding of love in our modern culture. Love is so often described as primarily a feeling, or good feelings that we have for someone else. The problem with this understanding of love is when our feelings either change or dissipate. This can lead to breakups in relationships, even marriages. How many of us have heard a friend or relative say that they are divorcing their spouse because the two of them "just fell out of love," or that "love died?" It's so very unfortunate when this happens because people are getting a divorce based on a completely false understanding of what love truly is.

I have said this before, and I'll say it over and over again: love is not an emotion, it is a decision; it is an act of our will. I *choose* to love someone. Certainly, good feelings can and should accompany that decision; in other words, I should (hopefully) feel feelings of affection for people that I love. But you and I know that this is not always the case: sometimes we may not *feel* like we love someone at all. But we can still choose to love them.

This is not how our world understands love because love as an act of the will, even and especially when we don't *feel* loving and gushy feelings for a person, is not easy: it's hard! And it can be especially hard to love someone day after day, no matter what. But that's when true love is found- it's easy to "love" another person when we feel attracted to them. But true love is forged when we choose to love beyond how we may feel. And this is not just in regards to our relationship with our spouse, our children, our siblings or our parents. This is also true in regards to our relationship with God. Because let's be honest: many times we may not *feel* like loving God: we may not feel like going to Mass on a given Sunday morning. We may not feel like praying sometimes, we may not feel like doing the right thing when doing the right thing is hard. But it's exactly those times when we have the opportunity to *prove* our love for God. For it is a much greater act of love to do what we know we should by an act of our will than to do it because we get good feelings out of it. Let us then not tire of loving, but choose to do the hard but infinitely rewarding work of choosing every day to love God and those around us from our will. God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

**Pancake Breakfast**-The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, September 11**. Please plan to join us for a delicious breakfast & great fellowship. Free will donation.

**Office Closed:** Cindy will be out of the office on **Tuesday, September 13** to attend a meeting at the Diocese in Duluth.

### Knights of Columbus News:

- The Knights and the Auxiliary will meet on **Thursday, September 22**. Mass at **6:30 pm** - meeting to follow at **7 pm**.
- We will be doing our semi-annual roadside clean-up on **Friday, September 30**. We will meet at Tettegouche at **10 am**.

**Annual Financial Report:** Attached you will find our yearly financial report for your review. Thank you for your generous financial support. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

**Family Faith Formation** will meet **Wednesday, September 21**, starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by class at 6:30 pm. Father Steve will be the speaker that night for our **Adult Faith Formation** class, he will be starting a series on the **Seven Deadly Sins**. This open to **everyone**, not just the parents, so please join us as we all grow in our faith together. Child care is available for younger children. If you would like more details on our program, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office.

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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>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>09/10/16</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.....A.J. LeGeault	
	Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood	
	Plate.....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Tom Frericks & Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....April Velcheff & Jason Blood	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>09/11/16</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.....Andy Buell	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Lois Kaari & Leann Buell	
	Servers.....Nicolas Reineccius & Zack Fredrickson	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
<b>Monday</b>	<i>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</i>	<b>09/12/16</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</i>	<b>09/13/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Johnny Jerabek</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	<b>09/14/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Gary Modean</i>	
	8:50 a.m. <b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</i>	<b>09/15/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Poor Souls</i> ☩	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>STS. CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN</i>	<b>09/16/16</b>
	7:50 a.m. <b>Rosary</b>	
	8:15 a.m. <b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>09/17/16</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
<b>7:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Jan Hereld</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks	
	Plate.....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Michelle Geissler & Cindy Rowlee	
	Servers.....Jada Kirk & Caleb Geissler	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>09/18/16</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.....Greg Johnson	
	Cantor.....Joanne Curry	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson & Judy Zupancich	
	Servers.....Lucas Stadler & Carter Zabrocki	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
<b>LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
General Collection.....		\$2146.50
UCA.....		\$290.00

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

- † **Parishioners:** Jim Kustritz passed away this week, *may he rest in peace.* Bob Connor, Joe Rollins, Steve Elam, Marj Von Schenk, Tom Bott, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Deanna Larson, Marlene Petersen.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Gary Modean, Dorothy Seipke, James Currier, Dan Clark, Bruce Melchert, Don Hedin, Penny Hanson, Gary Garlie, Fred Paine, Elsie McGuire, Jim Osterholm, 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.

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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.

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. The guest speaker will be Sherry Weddell on "Making Disciples." Sherry will lead us through the steps that help Catholics make the conscious choice to follow Jesus as his disciples. For more information or to register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/DODAssembly>.

**Little Rock Bible Study:** Our next study will be the Gospel of Luke. This is a 12 week study that is designed for both newcomers and experienced Bible students. Cost will be \$25 for supplies, but couples may share supplies if they'd like. We need a minimum of 10 participants. Bible study meets Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 pm. If you have any questions, contact Cindy in the parish office or Gerry at 353-6008, he will lead our study. If you are interested in joining the study, please contact Cindy by September 11. We are hoping to start the new study on Sunday, Sept 25.

**Crafters Wanted:** On **Saturday, November 12**, Holy Spirit in Two Harbors is hosting a church bazaar and they are looking for crafters/vendors for the bazaar. They have vendor tables available for \$20 and they will be having a bake sale during the bazaar. If you are interested, please contact Connie 834-4433, Gwen 834-2605 or Barb 591-1248.

**Ruby's Pantry: Saturday, September 17.** Registration at **10 am**, Distribution 11-12:30 pm. Share donation of \$20.