

September 18, 2016

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"To forgive takes love. To forget takes humility." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

This weekend, we continue to consider quotes from our newly canonized saint, St. Teresa of Calcutta. And again, St. Mother Teresa's ability to speak very powerfully and profoundly in very few words is on display. We've all heard the phrase to "forgive and forget," but I imagine that due to hurts that have been inflicted upon us in our lives, to forgive and forget is a whole lot easier to say than to do. Forgiving someone who hurt us is hard enough. To forget about it and move on can sometimes feel impossible.

But St. Teresa is very helpful here, because she offers us the solution to each. To forgive another who has hurt us requires love, and like love, forgiveness is an act of our will, a free decision that we make to forgive; it is NOT a feeling. We can forgive someone and still feel hurt. To forgive is to love- it is to want what is good for the other, and, it is good to be forgiven. We know that from having experienced the beautiful grace of forgiveness through the sacrament of confession, and also when we have been forgiven by someone that we ourselves have hurt. It takes love- a decision to act in accord with what is good for the other- to forgive another. It is to release them from the debt that they owe us in justice due to their sin against us. It is what God did for each of us through His decision to love us and so forgive us by dying for our sins on the cross.

To forget, however, takes humility. Humility is the virtue by which we live in a way in which we are grounded in the truth, recognizing that every good thing that we have comes from God. The great theologian St. Thomas Aquinas defines the virtue of humility as "keeping oneself within one's own bounds, not reaching out to things above one, but submitting to one's superior." In the context of our discussion, to exercise humility regarding forgiveness is to recognize that judgment is reserved ultimately to God, that we ourselves are sinners too, and that we are to treat others as we would want to be treated. To remember another's faults and hold it against them would be to place ourselves above them in judgment. However, this role of judge is reserved to God. So, we try to forget about hurts by remembering who we are: that we too are sinners, in need of God's mercy, and desperately hoping that God will forgive and forget our sins. To forgive and forget is certainly not easy to do, but it can bring incredible freedom and peace! God bless you! ~Fr. Steve

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.

Pastoral Council will meet on **Thursday, September 22**, at **7:30 pm** in the Rectory.

Please plan to join us downstairs after Mass next **Sunday, September 25**, for **coffee and rolls** provided by St. Agatha's Circle.

Next weekend we will take up special collection for the Special Appeal for the 2016 Louisiana Floods: The funds collected in this one-time special appeal 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 shelter, clean water, food, 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. Because of the immediate need, we will be sending the donations in on Sept 26.

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**.
- Semi-annual roadside clean-up on **Friday, September 30**. We will meet at Tettegouche at **10 am**.

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Saturday	<i>ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	09/17/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — Intention for Jan Hereld ☩	
	Reader.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks	
	Plate.....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Michelle Geissler & Cindy Rowlee	
	Servers.....Jada Kirk & Caleb Geissler	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	09/18/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader.....Marge Jorgenson	
	Cantor.....Joanne Curry	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Lanay Frericks & Judy Zupancich	
	Servers.....Lucas Stadler & Carter Zabrocki	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>ST. JANUARIUS</i>	09/19/16
Tuesday	<i>STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON AND PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS</i>	09/20/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — Intention for Deanna Larson	
Wednesday	<i>ST. MATTHEW</i>	09/21/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — Intention for Kyle Harsha ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	09/22/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — Intention for Jan Hereld ☩	
Friday	<i>ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA</i>	09/23/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — Intention for Kyle Harsha ☩	
Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	09/24/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — Intention for Victoria Johnson ☩	
	Reader.....Jody Majewsky	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt.	
	Plate.....Tom Frericks	
	Chalices....Susan Frericks & Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Mita Frericks & Natalie Reineccius	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	09/25/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader.....Marge Jorgenson	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt.	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Cindy Rowlee & Michael Rowlee	
	Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Brooke Velcheff	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS		
General Collection.....		\$2455.75
Home Missions.....		\$290.00

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Alma Ferris passed away this last week, *may she rest in peace.* Joe Rollins, Steve Elam, Marj Von Schenk, Tom Bott, 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.

Little Rock Bible Study: We will start a new study on the **Gospel of Luke** on **Sunday, September 25**. We would love to have more join us! This is a 12 week study that is designed for both newcomers and experienced Bible students. Cost is \$25 for supplies, but couples may share books if they'd like. We meet in the church hall on Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 pm. If you have any questions, contact Cindy in the parish office or Gerry at 353-6008.

Crafters Wanted: On **Saturday, November 12**, Holy Spirit in Two Harbors is hosting a church bazaar and they are looking for crafters/vendors. 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.

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign and Prayer Vigil runs daily September 28 - November 6, 8 am - 8 pm, in front of the Building for Women at 32 E. 1st St., Duluth, where abortions are performed. Please consider being a public witness for the unborn by signing up to come and pray for an hour. St. Mary's is invited to join Holy Spirit Parishioners to try to cover the hours on Mondays during the Campaign. If you would like to sign up, please contact Paulette Moreland at 40daysduluth@gmail.com or 218-348-1345. The **Kick Off Rally** is on **Tuesday, September 27**, starting with Mass at the Women's Care Center, 103 E 1st St., at **6 pm**, followed by prayer, praise, and worship in front of the Building for Women at 7 pm.

Football season is here... How about a weekend with YOUR first round draft pick? **Enjoy a Marriage Encounter Weekend getaway.** The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **December 2-4, 2016** in Hermantown. Early registration is highly recommended. For more info visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at 888-455-3496.