

October 23, 2016

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"The Christian who desires to follow Jesus carrying his cross must bear in mind that the name "Christian" means "learner or imitator of Christ" and that if he wishes to bear that noble title worthily he must above all do as Christ charges us in the Gospel: We must oppose or deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow him."

-St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870)

Today's quote is from a more recent saint: St. Anthony Mary Claret. St. Anthony lived primarily in Europe in the 19th century and was a bishop and founder of a religious order called the Claretians. His feast day is this Monday, October 24th. And his quote above is very challenging in its simplicity.

We have all heard the phrase to "take up your cross," but I wonder sometimes if we are able to see it practically in our lives? We may think of major crises and traumatic events, such as a battle with cancer or another illness, an injury, loss of a job, death of a loved one, etc., as a cross that we must carry, and certainly they are crosses to bear, and heavy ones at that. But do we recognize that each day presents lots of "little crosses" for us to carry as well? Do we realize that to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple requires that we are continuously open to being challenged by Him to deny ourselves more and more, and to sacrifice willingly and lovingly for Him?

Let me provide some practical examples to help us to visualize this. If a coworker, friend, or even a relative speaks critically of the Church or one of its teachings, do we lovingly and patiently defend it? Are we willing to face the criticism, rejection, or ridicule that may come because of our defense of our faith in Jesus? If so, that's denying ourselves, picking up our cross and following Christ. If we ourselves struggle to agree with or understand one or more of the teachings of our faith, especially when it surrounds hot-button issues of our day like abortion, same-sex "marriage", contraception, divorce and remarriage, etc., are we willing to submit our minds and hearts in obedience to Christ and His teaching through His Church, or at least to investigate the issue further and attempt to learn why the Church teaches what it does? If so, then we have denied ourselves, picked up our cross and are following Christ. If we struggle to maintain the spiritual discipline of praying everyday, going to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, going to confession, or otherwise participating in the life of the Church, do we realize that to do so, to force ourselves to do what is right even and especially when we don't feel like doing it, when we don't feel like praying, going to Mass, going to confession, going to Church school, that's denying ourselves, picking up our cross, and following Jesus.

Denying ourselves, our own will, our own opinions, our own desires in order to follow Christ faithfully is not easy, and it is often not convenient, or pleasant, or comfortable. But it is the truth. And it is the way to eternal life with God in Heaven. And as difficult as it may seem, the reality is that where there is much love, sacrifice is easy. Our willingness to take up our cross and deny ourselves and follow Jesus no matter what is a good test of our love for God, specifically if we claim that we love God above all else. Through the cross of Christ came new life for us and for the whole world. And so it is true for us: through willing acceptance of the difficulties that accompany following Jesus comes peace and joy, not just in this life, but especially in the life to come. God bless you! - Fr. Steve

LIFE AND DIGNITY SUNDAY: Thank you to everyone who participated in Life and Dignity Sunday last weekend by completing a Catholic Advocacy Network Registration Card. At this time, participation in the Catholic Advocacy Network is limited to those with an email address. For those who were unable to do so last weekend, you can still register through the Minnesota Catholic Council's website: **MNCC.ORG**

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, October 26, at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. We welcome new members. Knit/crochet/goodies. Questions: Lana 353-7714

All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1: Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation will be **8:30 am & 7:15 pm.**

Due to popular demand, Fr. Steve's Homilies are now recorded. You can listen to his homilies through our parish website: www.stmarysilverbay.org.

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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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Saturday	<i>ST. JOHN PAUL II</i>	10/22/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — Intention for Allison Bahar ☩ Reader.....Jody Majewsky Cantor.....Patty Armstrong Plate.....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Gerry & Sue Bahar Servers.....Brooke Velcheff & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/23/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Jim Frericks Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Lanay Frericks & Marge Jorgenson Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Jada Kirk Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET</i>	10/24/16
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/25/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass- Intention for Janet Grahek	
Wednesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/26/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass- Intention for Edward Zupancich ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10/27/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass— Intention for Ruth Burger ☩	
Friday	<i>STS. SIMON & JUDE</i>	10/28/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — Intention for Ruth Burger ☩	
Saturday	<i>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	10/29/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — Intention for Jim Kustritz ☩ Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt. Plate.....Jeff Asmussen Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson & Judy Zupancich Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
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7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — Intention for All Parishioners Reader.....Susan Frericks Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accpt. Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Ken & Bonnie Kruger Servers.....Mita Frericks & Natalie Reineccius Gifts.....Volunteers	

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$1692.04
UCA.....	\$310.00
Building Fund.....	\$150.00

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** 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:** Maci Dafcik, Gary Modean, Natasha Kowalowski, Dorothy Seipke, James Carrier, 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 are on Lesson 4, Chapters 6-7, of our study on the **Gospel of Luke**. We meet in the church hall on **Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 pm**. Cost is \$25 for supplies, but couples may share books if they'd like. If you have any questions, contact Cindy in the parish office or Gerry at 353-6008.

Knights of Columbus and the KC Auxiliary Meeting: Thursday, October 27. Mass at **6:30 pm** - meeting to follow at **7 pm**.

Silver Bay Veteran's Home Turns 25! Open House to celebrate the 25 years on **Tuesday, October 25, 2-5 pm**. There will ice cream & treats provided and tours of the facility will be available. **"Please spread the word!"**

Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, November 2**, starting the night out with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by education at 6:30 pm. Remember, we now have **Adult Faith Formation** at the same time, and everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for dinner and education.

New Bulletin: If you are a local business owner, please consider the possibility of advertising on the bulletin. If you have any questions or would like more information about sponsoring an ad, please call our Bulletin Representative, **Gina Shaughnessy at 952-356-6488**.

Upcoming Diocesan Events:

- **2017 Men's Conference** will be on **March 4** featuring nationally renowned Catholic apologist and Catholic Answer's speaker, Trent Horn.
- **2017 Women's Conference** will be on **March 11** and will feature nationally renowned atheist to Catholic convert, Jennifer Fulwiler. Jennifer hosts her own radio show on Sirius XM Channel 129, The Jennifer Fulwiler Show, and is author of the award winning book, *Something Other than God*.