

September 13, 2015

## ***TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

### **Fr. Steve's Quote for Consideration:**

"If you seek to carry no other crosses but those whose reason you understand, perfection is not for you."

-St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

This weekend's quote is from one of the great saints and theologians in the history of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa was a Carmelite nun who lived in Spain during the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and she was the author of several classic spiritual works, her most famous being "The Interior Castle." She also had a way with words, getting right to the heart of the matter in short order. I chose this quote from her this weekend because it follows upon our Lord's challenge in the Gospel that in this earthly life, following Him means being willing to take up our own crosses and bear them patiently and lovingly.

In her quote above, St. Teresa hits upon a common human temptation. When we encounter difficulty, pain, hardship, or suffering in our lives, our "crosses," we are often tempted to demand to know why this is happening to us. It is an insidious temptation of the evil one to try to tell us that God has a duty to explain Himself. There is always a temptation to blame God for our suffering; after all, we tell ourselves, He could have prevented it. It is at this moment that we will have to make a decision that will have a profound impact on our spiritual development: will we trust God that what he allows in our lives, He allows for a reason? Or will we trust in ourselves to think that we know better than God how our lives should go? The point of the quote from St. Teresa is that our job is not to always understand the crosses that we experience in our lives; indeed, such is simply not possible. Our job is to try to trust God in the midst of our crosses, that He is walking through our pain and suffering with us, and that He is more than able to bring good out of even the most painfully dire situations. Growing towards spiritual perfection means growing in our trust in God, relinquishing control of our lives to Him, and trusting that He knows much better than we do what is best for us. God bless you!

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal:** Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. Your donation supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training.

**Pancake Breakfast** -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, September 13**. Please join us for great fellowship & delicious pancakes. If you attend Mass on Saturday, please come back Sunday morning for the breakfast. We'd love to see you and would enjoy visiting with you. Free will donation.

**Faith Formation Kick-Off is Wednesday, September 30 at 6 pm.** The evening will start with dinner, followed by classes for everyone. All students who were enrolled in last year's program are automatically re-enrolled for this year. If this has changed for your family or if you have a new student in Preschool-Grade 11 who needs to enroll, please contact the Parish office. The **Adult Formation is open to everyone**, not just the parents, so please join us. For the first week, we'll have a brief summary of the new safe environment program followed by **Father Steve's introduction to his series on the Sacraments**. If you have children younger than preschool, please let the church office know and we'll have child care available. We are looking forward to another great year!

Northland Family Programs invites you to "**Tea for Two**" a **mother/daughter** event for girls ages 9-15 and their mothers (or a female relative, friend or mentor in place of the mother). The program is designed to help strengthen the mother/daughter relationship during this time of change. Learn about body changes and cycles, self-image and effective mother/daughter communication in a short presentation. Then the two of you will sit down to a pretty table with fancy treats, tea and punch and have time to talk. After tea time, the two of you will complete a keepsake craft together. The tea will be held on **Sunday, October 4 from 2-4 pm** at Hibbing Park Hotel in Hibbing. Cost of the program is \$20.00 for mother and daughter. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to pre-register, call Susie at 218-966-0899 or Kathy at 1-800-842-0279. Registration deadline is September 29.

**Update & Thank You:** Lyle Shepersky thanks everyone for their many prayers – and a special thank you to the One who answered those prayers. His surgery and recovery went extremely well, and he continues to work on regaining his strength.

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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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**Church Hall** 226-3691 **Parish E-Mail** stmary@mchsi.com **Parish Website** www.stmarysilverbay.org

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**Eucharistic Adoration** Thursdays 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>THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	<b>09/12/15</b>
7:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Donna Mealey</i> ☩ Reader.....Tom Clifford Cantor.....Patty Armstrong Plate.....Don Seipke Chalices....Rose Elam Chalices....Jeff Asmussen Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt Gifts.....Volunteers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>09/13/15</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Ed Hynes Cantor.....Tom Palen Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris Chalices....Tom Frericks Chalices....Michael Rowlee Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Zack Fredrickson Gifts.....Volunteers	
<b>Monday</b>	<i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	<b>09/14/15</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</i>	<b>09/15/15</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Poor Souls</i> ☩	
7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>STS. CORNELIUS &amp; CYPRIAN</i>	<b>09/16/15</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Special Intention</i>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE</i>	<b>09/17/15</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Rose Ann Sprenger</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>09/18/15</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Rosary</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Deacon Fred Wright</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>ST. JANUARIUS</i>	<b>09/19/15</b>
7:15 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Louise Frank</i> ☩ Reader.....Jeff Asmussen Cantor.....Andy Buell Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Leanne Buell Chalices....Don Seipke Servers.....Laurese McKinney & Mita Frericks Gifts.....Volunteers	
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>09/20/15</b>
7:50 a.m.	<b>Sacrament of Penance</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader.....Greg Johnson Cantor.....Kim Josephson Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright Chalices....Marge Jorgenson Chalices....Judy Zupancich Servers.....Lucas Stadler & Jake Stadler Gifts.....Volunteers	

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

- † **Parishioners:** Susan Gelatic, Lanay Frericks, Richard Keseley, Lyle Shepersky, Alan Larson, Vicky Johnson, Sharon Kelley, Terry Scallen, Betty Dugas, Suzanne Seguin, Angie Pruse, Alma Ferris, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Ben Hadrach, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Ariana Marek, Mary (Baum) Bradley, Kerry Larson, Kennady Roberts, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Lincoln Traut, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Elsie McGuire, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Jim Morcomb, John & Denise Kuchta (Elaine Rollins' nephew & his wife who are expecting quadruplets).
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Registration is open for the **2015 Annual Diocesan Assembly!** The Assembly will be held on **Saturday, October 10**, at Marshall School in Duluth. The theme is "Transforming Catholics for the New Evangelization." Presenters from the Augustine Institute will help our parishes and schools form life-long intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Breakout sessions for Catholic Educators/ Catechists, Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA are included. For more information or to register, please visit [www.dioceseduluth.org](http://www.dioceseduluth.org) or call Annette at 218-724-9111.

**Second Annual Anniversary Mass & Luncheon:** Couples from the Diocese of Duluth that are celebrating the **marriage milestone of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 75 and beyond** are invited to our Second Annual Anniversary Mass and Luncheon on **October 11**. Mass will be at noon with Bishop Sirba and lunch will follow at Holy Rosary School, 2802 E. Fourth Street, Duluth. All are welcome at Mass but space for lunch is limited to the first 150 who reserve a space. The lunch will be free for the celebrating couples; however, additional family members are \$10/person. The cost per family member will increase to \$15 per person on September 30 and all reservations for lunch close on Monday, October 5. For more information please go to the Diocese of Duluth website at <http://www.dioceseduluth.org/>

Please note **Father Steve's updated email address** is [slaflamme@dioceseduluth.org](mailto:slaflamme@dioceseduluth.org)

**LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

General Collection.....	\$2194.00
UCA.....	\$235.00
Home Missions.....	\$100.00