

December 6, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"The Lord is trustworthy in all his words, and loving in all his works. The Lord supports all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look hopefully to you; you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." -Psalm 145: 13-16

My dear brothers and sisters,

I have chosen the above verses from the 145th Psalm for this week's Quotes for Consideration for a very specific reason. As I am sure all of us are aware, this past week, our community underwent a major change- the idling of the Cliffs North Shore Mining plant in Silver Bay. I know that many of our brothers and sisters are employed by the plant and depend upon its functioning for their livelihood. It is certainly a difficult and uncertain time for our community, and for several mining communities around the Northland which are experiencing similar idling.

My reason for choosing these scripture verses for our reflection this week is simple: through them, God gently reminds us that He is trustworthy, even, and especially in difficult and worrisome times. God's providence is trustworthy. We can look to Him to provide for our needs, because our concerns are His concerns, and He desires that we entrust ourselves completely to His loving care.

Now, this does not mean that we may not suffer or go through difficult times in our lives. We certainly will. But what it does mean is that God is faithful, that He never abandons us, that He is always with us, and that He loves us so deeply and dearly that even in the face of difficulties, we have nothing to fear. God is trustworthy!

Speaking especially to those who will be directly affected by the idling of the North Shore plant, please know that your Church community is here for you. We are all the Body of Christ, and when one member suffers, so does the whole body. I wish to let you know that Fr. Michael and I are more than willing to meet with any of you who may be struggling with concerns about the future, and that our parish family will do what we can to help during these unpredictable times. Trust in our Lord: He is entirely faithful. God bless you! -Fr. Steve Laflamme

For the Year of Mercy, we are offering additional times for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**: In addition to the usual Sunday mornings at 7:50 am, we are adding Saturday nights 6:30-7 pm, and the first & third Wednesday evenings 5:30-6 pm (following the Faith Formation schedule). As always, we are also available by appointment.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, December 9 at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. We welcome new members. Knit/crochet/goodies. Questions: Lana 353-7714.

The quadruplets have arrived: Elaine Rollins, along with John & Denise Kuchta, would like to thank everyone for your prayers during the pregnancy of the quadruplets. The babies were born on November 19. Their names are Delany Lee, Cooper Craig, Thomas Jack, and William Nestor.

Pancake Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass next **Sunday, December 13**. Mark your calendars as we look forward to seeing everyone downstairs for a great breakfast and fellowship. Free will offering, proceeds will go to the Silver Bay Food Shelf.

Annual Bake Sale: Let the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary do all your baking for you! Check out the delicious treats on **Sunday, December 13**.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Party will be **Thursday, December 17** in the Church Hall at **5 pm**. Bring a dish to share and an inexpensive gift for the dice game.

Remember to **Vote on December 8**. The election is to replace David Dill's seat in office.

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Fr. Michael Lyons (218) 830-1600 **Fr. Michael's Email**: milyons16@gmail.com

Saturday *FIRST SATURDAY* **12/05/15**

7:15 p.m. **Mass** — *Intention for Alan Larson* ☩
Reader.....Maria Riederer
Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks
Plate.....Don Seipke
Chalices....Jeff Asmussen
Chalices....Rose Elam
Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt

Sunday *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT* **12/06/15**

7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Penance**
8:30 a.m. **Mass** — *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader.....Tom Frericks
Cantor.....Kim Josephson
Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris
Chalices....Bonnie Kruger
Chalices....Judy Zupancich
Servers.....Jake Stadler & Zack Fredrickson

Monday *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- VIGIL* **12/07/15**

7:00 pm Mass — *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader.....Jessalyn Rowlee
Cantor.....Tom Palen
Plate.....Don Seipke
Chalices....Michael Rowlee
Chalices....Tom Frericks
Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Lucas Stadler

Tuesday *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY* **12/08/15**

8:30 a.m. Mass — *Intention for Richard & Margaret Lyons* ☩
Reader.....Greg Johnson
Cantor.....Tom Palen
Plate.....Lanay Frericks
Chalices....Jeff Asmussen
Chalices....Cindy Rowlee

Wednesday *ST. JUAN DIEGO* **12/09/15**

7:50 a.m. **Rosary**
8:15 a.m. **Mass** — *Intention for Theresa Clement* ☩
8:50 a.m. **Adoration**

Thursday *WEEKDAY IN ADVENT* **12/10/15**

7:30 a.m. **Rosary**
8:15 a.m. **Mass** — *Intention for James Thibault*

Friday *ST. DAMASUS I* **12/11/15**

7:50 a.m. **Rosary**
8:15 a.m. **Mass** — *Intention for DJ Hodge*

Saturday *OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE* **12/12/15**

6:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance**
7:15 p.m. **Mass** — *Intention for Edward Zupancich* ☩
Reader.....Susan Frericks
Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept
Plate.....Lanay Frericks
Chalices....Jeff Asmussen
Chalices....Ken Kruger
Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks

Sunday *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT* **12/13/15**

7:50 a.m. **Sacrament of Penance**
8:30 a.m. **Mass** — *Intention for All Parishioners*
Reader.....Greg Johnson
Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept
Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris
Chalices....Bonnie Kruger
Chalices....Lois Kaari
Servers.....Jada Kirk & Thomas Rowlee

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Lino Rauzi, Lois Hynes, Lillian Miller, Betty Dugas, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Lanay Frericks, Alma Ferris, Richard Keseley, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Angie Pruse, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Fr. Ben Hadrach, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Dawn Stefanich, Alexa & Rauri Byrnes, Grace Kramer, Liam Traut, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Mike Rowlee Sr., Betty Westaby, Bob Martinsen, Dick Kunz, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Elsie McGuire, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, December 16 at 6 pm**. The evening will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by classes for everyone at 6:30 pm. Plus Father Michael is offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

It's Poinsettia Time! Again this year we will buy our Christmas flowers locally, which were also locally grown at Anderson's Greenhouse in Two Harbors. You can purchase a poinsettia for St. Mary's Church in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$9.00. Please use a "flower envelope" so we have all the correct information in the Christmas Bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office for more details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 21, 5-6 pm
Wednesday, December 23, 5-6 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- Christmas Eve - December 24: The Nativity of the Lord**
4 pm at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors
7 pm at St. Mary's, Silver Bay
- Christmas Day - December 25: The Nativity of the Lord**
9 am at St. Mary's, Silver Bay
9:30 am at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors
- December 31: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
4 pm at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors
6:15 pm at St. Mary's, Silver Bay
- January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
9:30 am at St. Mary's, Silver Bay
9:30 am at Holy Spirit, Two Harbors

| LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS | |
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| General Collection..... | \$1580.00 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development..... | \$115.00 |