

December 20, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success . . . but on Jesus alone." -St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917)

Today's quote is from St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, an Italian-American religious sister, who came to the United States from Italy in order to minister to the Italian immigrants. She became a naturalized American citizen, and so was the first American citizen to become a canonized saint. This quote is especially interesting because it teaches us an important lesson about prayer. St. Frances was a woman of tremendous action, founding Catholic schools, hospitals, caring for the sick and instructing Italian immigrants in the Catholic faith. In all, she founded 67 institutions of service. And yet, despite all of this apostolic activity, she reminds us that prayer is the foundation of good works, and that we must always remember that salvation depends solely on Jesus, not on our own efforts.

It's also an important reminder for this Fourth Sunday of Advent. As we know, next Friday is Christmas; but it is not here yet. These last remaining days of Advent are supposed to be for Catholics a time of spending particularly focused moments of silent prayer and anticipation of Jesus' coming. It is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, and to await the joyful celebration of Christmas in watchful prayer.

Now, I know that this is really hard to do in practice, because for most of the world, and perhaps even in our own family and amongst our friends, the Christmas celebration has already begun. But may I suggest that we carve out a little time each day this week leading up to Christmas Day on Friday to spend in quiet prayer? Even though the Holiday festivities in the world are in full swing, we can still *reserve our hearts* for the true celebration of Christmas, which is still a few days away. So, for example, stop by the Church this week once or twice during the day and say a few prayers in silence, asking God to renew His loving presence in your heart and life and prepare your soul for Christmas. If we have not yet had the opportunity to go to confession, perhaps we should take advantage of one of the extra confession times available this Monday and Wednesday. Perhaps we could read the Nativity Story in the Gospel of Luke (Chapters 1-2) over the next couple of days. I am encouraging us to do something prayerful to prepare our hearts for our Savior's coming. Jesus alone is the reason for the celebration of Christmas, let's make sure our hearts are ready for His coming. God bless you!

Volunteers needed to join the FUN! We will be decorating right after Mass this **Sunday, December 20**. The more, the merrier! It is much easier with LOTS of help. No one is too young or too old to help, and afterward, we'll reward your effort with some treats downstairs in the church hall.

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Looking for a last minute Christmas gift for the ladies in your life? **WOMEN OF FAITH: Everyday Faith with Timeless Saints** will be held on **Saturday, February 27, 2016**, at Marshall School in Duluth starting at 7:30 am and ending in a Vigil Mass at 4:00pm. The powerful speaker Colleen Carroll Campbell who is a national speaker, former presidential speech writer and author of the inspiring spiritual memoir, "My Sisters the Saints," will be presenting on this topic. Before Mass the women will enjoy a brief comedy performance by a Chicago comedy troop called Bible Bingo. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Sirba and families are encourage to join in. You can register at www.dioceseduluth.org or call 218-724-9111 or e-mail duluthcwc@gmail.com for any questions.

The **Silver Bay Food Shelf** is looking for someone to assume the position of volunteer coordinator and distribution manager. They are also seeking additional board members. For information please contact Mabel Tarlton at 226-3635.

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Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ADVENT</i>	12/19/15
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Carl Hofschulte</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jody Majewsky	
	Cantor.....Andy Buell	
	Plate.....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Leanne Buell	
	Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson	
	Servers.....Jason Blood & Caleb Geissler	
Sunday	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>	12/20/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Thomas Clifford	
	Cantor.....Sue Bahar	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Gerry Bahar	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Thomas Rowlee	
Monday	<i>ST. PETER CANISIUS</i>	12/21/15
5-6 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
Tuesday	<i>WINTER SOLSTICE</i>	12/22/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Billie Bianco</i> ☩	
Wednesday	<i>ST. JOHN OF KANTY</i>	12/23/15
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Richard Cook</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
5-6 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
Thursday	<i>VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i>	12/24/15
7:00 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Tom Frericks	
	Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood & All Cantors	
	Plate.....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Michael & Cindy Rowlee	
	Servers.....Thomas Rowlee, Jason Blood & Jada Kirk	
Friday	<i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i>	12/25/15
9:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Lyons family members</i>	
	Reader.....Gerry Bahar	
	Cantor.....Patty Armstrong	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Ed Hynes & Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Jessalyn Hansen & Bradley Rowlee	
Saturday	<i>ST. STEPHEN</i>	12/26/15
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Carl Hofschulte</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Cantor.....Tom Palen	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Mary Wright	
	Chalices....Don Seipke	
	Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt	
Sunday	<i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS</i>	12/27/15
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Susan Michels	
	Cantor.....Joanne Curry	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Lois Kaari	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Laurese McKinney	

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, 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 Hadrich, 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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
 for St. Mary's & Holy Spirit

- 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

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