

February 14, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"We need to be especially alert to the evil subtlety of Satan. His one desire is to keep people from having a mind and heart disposed to their Lord and God. . .He wants to extinguish the light of the human heart, and so he moves in by means of worldly busyness and worry."
-St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

This weekend's quote comes from perhaps one of the most familiar saints to modern Catholics- St. Francis of Assisi. While he is often known and represented as the "nature" saint, depicted with birds on his shoulder and animals at his feet, his impact on the Church is much greater than that. He is also a tremendous source of wisdom and knowledge when it comes to the power of the cross and Jesus' suffering and death, as well as the reality of spiritual battle and our duty, with God's help, to fight valiantly.

As we know, this First Sunday of Lent focuses on Jesus' temptation by Satan in the desert. Satan tries in three different ways to get Jesus to give in to temptation and to commit sin. As we hear, Jesus responds calmly to all three, returning the devil's temptations with the truth of God found in Sacred Scripture. It is a remarkable and vivid scene in the Gospels, a visible and true confrontation between God and the leader of the forces of evil. And, of course, Truth triumphs. Jesus places His total trust in God His Father and resists the temptations of the evil one, giving us an example of the obedience that God requires of His children.

My friends, make no mistake, Satan, demons, evil spirits, are real. And they really do interact in our world. Their goal is to turn as many souls away from God as possible, and to drag them to destruction in Hell with them. There really is a true spiritual battle taking place between the forces of holiness and goodness and the forces of evil right now for your soul, and for every soul that exists on this planet. If we choose not to believe that, then we are in fact doing exactly what Satan would want, because he is able to do his most destructive work in tempting us when he is disbelieved or when we are unaware of his presence. Like an attacking army, he is most effective when undetected. Satan's tactics to distract us from God, to tempt us, and to lead us away from Him are often shrewd and cunning. And quite honestly, we should expect that if we are planning to really enter deeply and totally into this Lenten Season, Satan will try to thwart our plans. He will try to tempt us to give up on our resolutions, on our plans to go deeper in our faith.

The beautiful thing is that in Christ, the victory over Satan and the forces of evil is already won. Jesus has soundly, perfectly and eternally defeated him through His death and resurrection. Therefore, we have no reason to be afraid of evil, because God who dwells in us is infinitely more powerful than the forces of evil. But we should ask God to help us to grow in wisdom, to recognize temptations to sin for what they are- attempts by the evil one to draw our focus away from God. But, remember, through Christ we are victorious, and so we have nothing to fear!
God bless you! -Father Steve

Pancake Breakfast -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, February 14**. 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.

Catholic Women's Conference: Women of Faith "Everyday Faith with Timeless Saints" on Saturday, February 27, at the Marshall School in Duluth. Register at: www.dioceseduluth.org or call Grace at 218-724-9111. To guarantee lunch and materials, please register by Sunday, February 14.

Little Rock Introduction to the Bible: A Bible study for newcomers and experienced Bible students alike. Participants will become comfortable finding their way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and writing styles, and gain clear insights about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible. Interested? Sign up with Cindy by February 23. Cost will be \$20 for supplies, but couples may share supplies if they'd like. We need a minimum of 8 participants. Class is planned for Sunday evenings, 6:30-7:30, and we'd like to begin on February 28. If you have any questions, contact Cindy in the parish office or Gerry Bahar at 353-6008; Gerry will be leading the study.

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Saturday	<i>SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	02/13/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Edward Zupancich</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jody Majewsky	
	Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks	
	Plate.....Rose Elam	
	Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson	
	Chalices....Don Seipke	
	Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Laurese McKinney	
Sunday	<i>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	02/14/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Jim Frericks	
	Cantor.....Joanne Curry	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Judy Zupancich	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Sheena Frericks	
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/15/16
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/16/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Sister Miriam Dolores (Rauzi)</i> ☩	
Wednesday	<i>THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER</i>	02/17/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Betty Dugas</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/18/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Richard Keseley</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Prayer Group	
Friday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/19/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Soup Supper	
6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	02/20/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Betty Dugas</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Rose Elam	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/guitar acpt.	
	Plate.....Tom Frericks	
	Chalices....Mary Wright	
	Chalices....Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Caleb Geissler & Jason Blood	
Sunday	<i>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	02/21/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Ed Hynes	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/guitar acpt.	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Susan Frericks	
	Chalices....Gerry Bahar	
	Servers.....Mita & Sheena Frericks	
LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS		
General Collection.....		\$2178.50
Building Fund.....		\$200.00

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Susan Michels, Steve Elam, Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lois Hynes, Lillian Miller, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Lanay Frericks, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Gene Biever, Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Ben Hadrich, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Katie (Byrnes) Ament & her newborn twins who arrived earlier than expected. Dawn Stefanich, Liam Traut, Rauri Byrnes, Grace Kramer, Elizabeth Johnson, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Ariana Marek, Kerry Larson, Diane Mayer, Don Hedin, Betty Westaby, Dick Kunz, Elsie McGuire, Johnny Jerabek, Amy Buckner, Mae Dehnhoff, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Join us for Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent, soup at 5 pm followed by Stations at 6 pm. These delicious soups will be prepared by our volunteer cooks. If you are interested in preparing a soup or providing bread for a soup supper, please contact Cindy. Donations to Operation Rice Bowl will be accepted during the soup supper.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who helped make our Spaghetti Dinner a HUGE success! We couldn't have done it without everyone's help whether you purchased tickets or offered your time baking, serving or cleaning up after the meal. It was awesome to see the kids and adults having fun, working together to get everything done. God certainly blessed our efforts to give to the poor, we had \$1116.53 in proceeds to donate.

Community Dinner: Put on by the local churches, community dinners are being planned to celebrate and support our community life. Everyone is invited! The first dinner is **Thursday, February 18, 4:30-6:30 pm** in the **Kelley High School cafeteria**. Free will donations will be accepted, with proceeds supporting the SB Food Shelf. If you'd like to volunteer to help with this dinner or future dinners (March 19 & April 21), please contact Sue Bahar at 353-6008.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, February 17 at 6 pm**. The evening will start with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by classes for everyone at **6:30 pm**. The Adult Faith Formation will continue our journey through the Sacraments with Father Steve. The **Adult Faith Formation is 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.