

March 13, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Seize the day, and put the least possible trust in tomorrow." -Horace (65 B.C. - 8 B.C.)

Last week, in my bulletin article, I talked about us reaching the halfway point of our Lenten Season, and the need for us to take stock of how our Lent is going thus far, and what we might need to tweak in order for us to take advantage of the graces that the Lenten Season offers us. This week, I am challenging us, having considered what we need to do, to just do it! The above quote, or at least the first part of it, is probably very familiar to us- "seize the day" has become a rather cliché phrase in our society. It is a quote not from a saint, but rather a pagan Roman poet, renowned for his poetic ability and lyrical cleverness. But just because he was not a Christian (he died eight years before the Birth of Jesus) does not mean that his words are not wise and cannot be applied to the Christian life in some cases.

I would point to the above quote as an example. Why is this quote a source of Christian wisdom for us? Because it reminds us of the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities that God gives us each day to respond to His invitation to closer relationship with Him, and not putting off going deeper in our faith to a later time. There is a constant and vile temptation that often faces us to say, "Well, I'll learn more about my faith, but I'll do it next month, or next year," or, "Well, I will start taking the demands of living the Christian faith more seriously, but I can't really start doing that until later."

The point of the quote is that the fact that we will be around to see tomorrow, or next week, or next month, or next year is NOT a guarantee. I don't mean to be too morbid, but if we are brutally honest with ourselves, we know that tomorrow is not a sure thing. I could die. Or Jesus could come back in His Second Coming. Tomorrow is not assured to come for us.

So what's the point? The point is that Lent, especially these last weeks of Lent before the celebrations of Easter, is the perfect time for us to stop putting off to a later date that which we know that we should do now in regards to living our faith in Christ more fully. Because as long as we make excuses and have reasons to put off diving into the daily practice of our faith with both feet, we will probably never just dive in with both feet! Today (and everyday), God is inviting us to a radical step- total surrender of our entire lives to Him. If we have been lackluster in fulfilling our Lenten promises and obligations, then today is the day to say, "All right, I will fulfill them, starting today." If we have been hesitant to take up some of the challenges that I have proposed to us over the last weeks, then today is the day to start. Today is the day for us to say to ourselves, regarding our growing in our faith, "No more excuses, I just need to do it!" God bless you! ~ *Father Steve*

Church hours during Lent: Monday – Friday: 7:30 am - 7 pm, Saturdays: 10 am - 8:15 pm & Sundays: 7:30 am - 7 pm.

Pancake Breakfast -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass this **Sunday, March 13**. Please join us for great fellowship & delicious pancakes. If you attend Mass on Saturday, please come back Sunday morning for the breakfast. Free will donation, proceeds will go to the Silver Bay Food Shelf.

Penance Service this Sunday, March 13 at 3 pm with individual confessions following. **Other additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday, March 22: 5-6 pm; Wednesday, March 23: 7-8 pm.** You may also schedule an appointment with Father.

All Cantors: Please plan to attend choir practice after Mass next **Sunday, March 20** to prepare for Holy week & Easter.

Join the Thursday morning prayer group after Mass on **Thursday, March 17** for coffee and toast. For the Year of Mercy they will be showing the film "**Ocean of Mercy**".

Good Used Clothing Wanted- As part of our almsgiving again this year, we are having a clothing drive. Please drop good usable clean clothing in the corner of the Church Hall near the coat racks.

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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>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/12/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Allison Bahar</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Rose Elam	
	Cantor.....Andy Buell	
	Plate.....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Tom Frericks	
	Chalices....Mary Wright	
	Servers.....Mita & Sheena Frericks	
Sunday	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</i>	03/13/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Greg Johnson	
	Cantor.....Joanne Curry	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Gerry Bahar	
	Chalices....Susan Bahar	
	Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Jason Blood	
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/14/16
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/15/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN LENT</i>	03/16/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Phyllis & Ray Schlichting</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>ST. PATRICK</i>	03/17/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Patrick LeBlanc Jr.</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Prayer Group	
Friday	<i>ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM</i>	03/18/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
5:00 p.m.	Soup Supper	
6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	<i>ST. JOSEPH</i>	03/19/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Don Warner</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jim Frericks & Tom Frericks	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept.	
	Plate.....Don Seipke	
	Chalices....Susan Frericks	
	Chalices....Jeff Asmussen	
	Servers.....Mita & Sheena Frericks	
Sunday	<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	03/20/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Gerry Bahar	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept.	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Marge Jorgenson	
	Chalices....Judy Zupancich	
	Servers.....Zack Fredrickson & Caleb Geissler	
Liturgies for the Sacred Paschal Triduum		
Holy Thursday, March 24 - Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm		
Good Friday, March 25 - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 12:15 pm		
Holy Saturday, March 26 - Easter Vigil Mass: 8 pm		
Easter Sunday, March 27: 8:30 am		

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Susan Michels, Leona Currier, 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:** Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Lincoln & Liam Traut, Rauri Byrnes, Ariana Marek, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Kerry Larson, Elizabeth Johnson, 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.

Community Dinner: Put on by the local churches, community dinners are being planned to celebrate and support our community life. Everyone is invited! The next dinner is **Thursday, March 17, 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 the one on April 21, please contact Sue Bahar at 353-6008.

Little Rock Bible Study group will meet this **Sunday, March 13** at **6:30** in the Parish Hall.

Join us for the last Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross for this Lent on Friday, March 18. Soup at 5 pm, followed by **Stations at 6 pm.** Donations to Operation Rice Bowl will be accepted during the soup supper.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet next on **Wednesday, March 16 at 6 pm.** The evening will start with dinner at 6 pm, followed by classes for everyone at 6:30 pm. Our Adult Faith Formation guest speaker will be Patty VanDenHeuvel, Chaplain at the MVH. In this Year of Mercy, Patty will be sharing on the Corporal Works of Mercy.

If you wish to donate money toward **FLOWERS FOR EASTER**, there are envelopes prepared for this purpose on the bulletin table. The suggested donation is \$8.00 and can be dropped into the collection basket. Please remember to include a name with your donation so your memorial can be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. We thank you for your generosity.

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS	
General Collection.....	\$2294.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$175.00
UCA.....	\$225.00