

April 24, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"We must speak to God as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favor, now acknowledging our faults, and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking His counsel."
-St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1566 A.D.)

With this bulletin article, I am resuming, as promised, a series of articles on daily prayer with the Lord. Two weeks ago, I spoke about the basic need that our hearts and souls have to pray in the first place. I spoke about how prayer with Jesus is like a spring of fresh water that nourishes our thirsty souls, and so how it is of vital importance for our spiritual lives that we daily communicate with the Lover and Creator of our souls, the One who nourishes us with His holy presence. This week, I would like to talk about how to begin to accomplish the daily practice of prayer.

I think that St. Ignatius of Loyola's quote above is particularly helpful, because it is so down-to-earth and practical. St. Ignatius is considered one of the Church's masters of the spiritual life and prayer. There are two aspects of this quote that I would like to point out- the quality and quantity of daily prayer. Starting with the quantity, St. Ignatius reminds us that we should, "in **all** things seeking His counsel." This powerfully reminds of the need for regular and frequent prayer with God. To have an effect on our daily lives, prayer with God needs to be a daily event. I will address this more completely when I talk about the discipline of prayer next week.

But St. Ignatius also teaches us a lot about the quality of prayer- what our prayer should consist of and look like. It should truly be one friend talking to another. At least part of our daily prayer routine should consist of us speaking to God as our Father and Friend who loves to hear from us and communicate with us. As St. Ignatius tells us, we should feel free to share with God our thoughts, fears, worries, anxieties, frustrations, joys, accomplishments and failures. The goal of daily, personal prayer is to further develop our relationship, or friendship with God. Thus, while memorized prayers are very important to our prayer routines (think of the Rosary, Act of Contrition, Our Father, prayers before meals, etc.), important too is spontaneous, impromptu prayer with God. God loves us so deeply as His children, that He truly longs for the opportunity to share His love with us, to listen to us tell Him about all the experiences and feelings that we are going through, and to let Him comfort us. If this is not a regular part of our prayer lives, then perhaps we should consider aiming for five minutes a day where we simply talk with God about how our life is going. He waits at each moment to talk to us, let's try to take just a few minutes each day to talk to Him. God bless you! ~Fr. Steve

Congratulations to our First Communicants: Valerie Melander, Malaya Peterson, Michaela Geissler, Michael Floen, and Nicolas Swartz. Thank you to Shelley Fredrickson & their parents for preparing them for the sacrament.

Knights of Columbus and the KC Auxiliary Meeting: Thursday, April 28. Mass at **6:30 pm** - meeting to follow at **7 pm**.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, April 27**, at **1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. We welcome new members. Knit/crochet/goodies. Any questions, contact Lana at 353-7714.

Little Rock Bible Study meets Sunday evenings 6:30-8 pm in the Parish Hall; if you would like more information, please contact the parish office or Gerry Bahar at 353-6008. We are starting our 10 week study on the Act of the Apostles.

Should St. Mary's have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)? – An AED is a portable electronic medical device which effectively analyzes the heart's rhythm and stops an irregular heartbeat in the event of sudden cardiac arrest, allowing a normal rhythm to resume. They are designed to be simple to use and can save lives. It's recommended that they be placed in any public place where large numbers of people gather. At this time St. Mary's does not have one and we are contemplating purchasing one. The cost is approximately \$2000. If you would like to assist in this purchase, please contact Cindy in the Parish office. We appreciate your consideration.

Family Faith Formation & Adult Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, May 4**, with **dinner at 6 pm, classes at 6:30 pm**.

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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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Saturday	<i>ST. GEORGE & ST. ADALBERT</i>	04/23/16
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Dick & John Fredrickson</i> ☩		
Reader.....Gerry Bahar		
Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept.		
Plate.....Jeff Asmussen		
Chalices....Sue Bahar		
Chalices....Gerry Bahar		
Servers.....Sheena Frericks & Corrina Marolt		
Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	04/24/16
8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>		
Reader.....Susan Michels		
Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept.		
Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris		
Chalices....Ken Kruger		
Chalices....Lois Kaari		
Servers.....Mita Frericks & Giovanni Marolt		
Gifts.....Volunteers		
Monday	<i>ST. MARK</i>	04/25/16
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/26/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>		
Wednesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN EASTER</i>	04/27/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Special Intention</i>		
8:50 a.m. Adoration		
Thursday	<i>ST. PETER CHANEL; ST. LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT</i>	04/28/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Betty Kourofsky</i> ☩		
8:50 a.m. Morning Prayer Group		
Friday	<i>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</i>	04/29/16
7:50 a.m. Rosary		
8:15 a.m. Mass – <i>Intention for Deanna Larson</i>		
Saturday	<i>ST. PIUS V</i>	04/30/16
7:15 p.m. Mass — <i>Intention for Susan Michels</i>		
Reader.....Maria Riederer		
Cantor.....Tom Palen		
Plate.....Tom Frericks		
Chalices....Jeff Asmussen		
Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson		
Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt		
Gifts.....Volunteers		
Sunday	<i>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>	05/01/16
8:30 a.m. Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>		
Reader.....Greg Johnson		
Cantor.....Marilyn Frericks		
Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris		
Chalices....Judy Zupancich		
Chalices....Marge Jorgenson		
Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler		
Gifts.....Volunteers		

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....	\$1911.50
Building Fund.....	\$60.00

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Joe Rollins, Susan Michels, Leona Currier, Steve Elam, Lino Rauzi, Marj Von Schenk, Lillian Miller, Tom Bott, Gale Fredrickson, Susan Gelatic, Alma Ferris, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Vicky Johnson, Marlene Petersen, Deanna Larson.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Jim Seipke, Don Hicks, Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Rauri Byrnes, Don Hedin, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, Elsie McGuire, Johnny Jerabek, Mae Dehnhoff, Jim Morcomb, and Delaney, Cooper, Thomas & William Kutcha.
- † **Military:** Karen McGrane, Alex Seanger, Michael Seipke, Sam West, Chris Gensing, Sean Stebbins.

Please call the church office if you'd like submit a prayer request; these request will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, you can renew the request by calling the church office.

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