

May 15, 2016

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Patience, prayer and silence- these are what give strength to soul." -St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

This week, I wish to continue my bulletin series on personal prayer. Last week I spoke about the vital importance of silence in our lives, and especially the need to incorporate times of silence in our prayer with God. This week, as promised, I will speak to practical ways to carry out daily, silent prayer. Now, as I am sure we are all aware, silent prayer is not always easy to practice regularly. Roadblocks such as mental distractions, boredom, sleepiness, and an active imagination can make it quite difficult. So can just the idea of sitting in silence before God in prayer, not *doing* anything for ten or fifteen minutes. Ten minutes can feel like an hour. And so because we don't see results, because we don't feel like we have accomplished something, because we fell asleep while trying to pray, because we were distracted throughout the entire time, we feel like the time was a waste, and we give up.

And so, before we can ever begin to tackle the discipline of daily, silent prayer, we must quash a very destructive understanding of prayer that often comes from our very active daily lives. We moderns are very goal-oriented. We are task-focused. We *do* things in order to accomplish. Especially with the rise of the Google culture, and the instant nature of communication from modern technology, we expect results, and we expect them now.

The problem is, if we don't check that attitude at the door when going to prayer, we will never be comfortable with the idea of silent prayer with God. Why? Because silent prayer is not about *doing*, it is about *being*. For example- many times in my life, when dad and I would go fishing and not catch anything all day, I would say, "Sorry we didn't catch anything, dad." To which my dad would always respond: "Going fishing is not about catching fish for me as much as it is spending time with you." Fishing was an opportunity for my dad and I to simply be together, to spend time with each other- what we did didn't matter as much as who we were with- each other.

The same is true for silence with God. We must rid ourselves of the temptation to evaluate how "good" our prayer time with God was based on how "good" it made us feel, or how well we think we prayed. Prayer is not a task-oriented activity- it is much more basic than that- it is simply spending time with the Beloved. So, this week, I am renewing my challenge- that I made a long time ago: I am challenging each of us to spend ten minutes in silent prayer with God each day. Next week, I will give a basic outline of what that prayer time could look like. God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

Welcome! Angel, Carter & Owen Zabrocki were brought into the Catholic faith during Mass last Sunday. Please join us in welcoming them to the St. Mary's parish family!

Little Rock Bible Study Group: We will meet this **Sunday, May 15, 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. We will be studying Lesson 2, Chapters 3-5 of the Acts of the Apostles. Those who have not picked up their books can do so in the Parish Office. There are extra books for anyone who would like to join.



Everyone is invited to our **Faith Formation Year End BBQ & Teacher Appreciation on Wednesday, May 18 at 6 pm.** We will have yard games plus the students will be taking on the parents/teachers in a game of kickball. Rain or Shine (we'll adapt our plans to the weather). We'll need a count for the food, so please sign up in the back of the church by Sunday, May 15. Hope to see you there!

Annual Spring Salad Luncheon on Tuesday, May 17, serving 11:30 - 1:00 pm. Each family is asked to bring a salad (large enough to serve 12) to the Church Kitchen by 11 am. If you are unable to bring a salad, a donation of \$10.00 is requested. **Salads are preferred.** Thank you for your participation.

We need one or more volunteers who can take over the leadership role of the flowers & shrubs. We are also looking for additional volunteers with future gardening projects and upkeep of the grounds. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talent to help keep the grounds beautiful. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church.

Deadline: Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish office by noon on Wednesdays.

St. Mary's Catholic Church - 57 Horn Blvd; Silver Bay, MN 55614

Parish Office Located in Rectory 8 am - 2 pm Monday - Thursday **Office/Rectory** 226-3100 **Fax Machine** 226-3116

Church Hall 226-3691 **Parish E-Mail** stmarysilverbay@outlook.com **Parish Website** www.stmarysilverbay.org

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays 8:45 am - 3:00 pm **K of C Auxiliary Prayer Chain** 226-3639 or 226-3351

Fr. Steve Laflamme (218) 834-4313 **Fr. Steve's E-Mail** : slaflamme@dioceseduluth.org

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Saturday	<i>ST. MATTHIAS</i>	05/14/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Lois Hynes</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Susan Frericks	
	Cantor.....Andy Buell	
	Plate.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Chalices....Leanne Buell	
	Chalices....Shelley Fredrickson	
	Servers.....Giovanni & Corrina Marolt	

Sunday	<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	05/15/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Gerry Bahar	
	Cantor.....Sue Bahar	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Bonnie Kruger	
	Chalices....Ken Kruger	
	Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler	

Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	05/16/16
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Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	05/17/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Father Thomas Radaich</i> ☩	

Wednesday	<i>ST. JOHN I</i>	05/18/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for John Fredrickson</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	

Thursday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	05/19/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Lois Hynes</i> ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group	

Friday	<i>ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA</i>	05/20/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Mary Anderson</i>	

Saturday	<i>ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS</i>	05/21/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Lois Hynes</i> ☩	
	Reader.....Jody Majewsky	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept.	
	Plate.....Susan Frericks	
	Chalices....Tom Frericks	
	Chalices....Leann Buell	
	Servers.....Sheena & Mita Frericks	

Sunday	<i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</i>	05/22/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader.....Thomas Clifford	
	Cantor.....Rick Frericks w/Guitar Accept..	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Gerry Bahar	
	Chalices....Sue Bahar	
	Servers.....Thomas Rowlee & Jada Kirk	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 30 & MAY 1	
General Collection.....	\$1963.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$75.00
LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS	
General Collection.....	\$2484.50
UCA.....	\$4734.29

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Joe Rollins, 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, Deanna Larson, Marlene Petersen.
- † **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, Mike Ament.

Strength of the Saints Relic Tour: June 27 in Cloquet
Venerate the relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher

The relics of two saints who exemplified courage and conviction in the face of persecution are coming to the Diocese of Duluth. St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher were prominent 16th century Englishmen who stood against King Henry VIII's attempted supremacy over the Catholic Church and accepted martyrdom instead of abandoning their faith. This fearless witness is especially compelling to American Catholics today, as we face threats to our religious liberty and rights of conscience.

Relics of the saints will be available for veneration at Queen of Peace Church in Cloquet from 9:30 to 11 AM on Monday, June 27. The relics will also be traveling to St. Paul, Bemidji, St. Cloud, New Ulm, and Rochester. The Strength of the Saints Relic Tour is being organized by the Minnesota Catholic Conference and is part of the broader Fortnight for Freedom, a call to fourteen days of prayer, education, and action for religious freedom in the United States and abroad.

Learn more at MnCatholic.org/relics or the Strength of the Saints event page on Facebook.

Ruby's Pantry: Saturday, May 21. Registration at **10 am**, Distribution 11-12:30 pm. Share donation of \$20.



ANNUAL SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 17 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Price \$8.00

Invite your friends and enjoy a variety of delicious salads.