

November 6, 2016

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality". -St. John Paul II

It's no secret what is on the minds of most Americans this weekend: the upcoming elections on Tuesday. Of course, a lot of attention has been placed on the two primary candidates for the office of the presidency, but of course there are many Senate, House of Representatives, state and local elections taking place on Tuesday as well. And, I must say that I genuinely enjoy election night, for two primary reasons: I enjoy watching a free, democratic society in action. It's a great privilege that we enjoy as Americans to be able to choose our leaders through a process of free voting. Many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world are not so privileged. And second, I look forward to election night because with the end of election night comes the end of the non-stop political ads on TV and radio, and the return of natural beauty in our yards and fields, which are no longer cluttered with political signs.

Of course, elections are a big deal, and whom we select to represent us, as a local community, state, and nation, are key decisions. Now, don't worry- I am not about to tell you who you should vote for. But I would like to dispel a common misconception often used against the Church, and unfortunately sometimes seems to be held by Catholics themselves. And that is the idea that the Church and/or its members have no place in politics. That is simply false. Now, the Church does not and will never endorse a specific political party or candidate, but the Church does have the right and the sacred obligation to encourage the development of a political society which seeks the common good and upholds basic truths concerning what is right and what is wrong. Christians also have the right and the duty to form their consciences so that what we know about God, the dignity of the human person, and the love that we are supposed to have for our brothers and sisters informs the way that we interact in society, and yes, even the way we vote. God has every right to expect that His creatures will participate in political life in a way that pleases Him and respects His laws and commandments.

To do that effectively, Christians need to have well-formed consciences so that they can make practical and morally sound judgments about what kinds of policies they should support and who they should (or should not) vote for. Our Christian faith and the truths that God has revealed to humanity about things such as the sanctity of human life from natural conception to natural death, the creation by God of marriage as existing solely between one man and one woman, the need to protect and uphold religious liberty and freedom, the need to provide for and care for the poor, and the need to try to put an end to violence, terrorism and abuse are not beliefs that we can simply leave at the door of our local polling place. If God is truly first in our life, then everything that we do, including our involvement in trying to bring the Good News of the Gospel to our secular society, must be influenced by our relationship with God. To this end, I have included a handout with this weekend's bulletin that has a few salient points from a recent document authored by our nation's Catholic bishops concerning how to correctly form our consciences to make morally sound decisions when it comes to our involvement in political life. You can access the entire document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," on the Bishops' website: www.usccb.org. God bless you! ~ Fr. Steve

Pancake Breakfast -The Knights of Columbus will serve their famous pancake breakfast after Mass next **Sunday, November 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.

Attention all Knights of Columbus members - Knights are needed on **Monday, November 14, at 6 pm** for Bingo setup, and lots of help is needed on Tuesday night for the Bingo. **Auxiliary members** - please remember to bring bars!

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Wednesday, November 9, at 1 pm** in the Community Room at Silverpointe Apartments. We welcome new members. Knit/crochet/goodies. Questions: Lana 353-7714

Family Faith Formation will meet **Wednesday, November 16**, starting the night with dinner at **6 pm**, followed by class at 6:30 pm. Father Steve will be the speaker that night for our **Adult Faith Formation** class, continuing his series on the **Seven Deadly Sins**. This 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.



The Knights of Columbus Games Party!
Tuesday, November 15, 7 pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall
Bring your friends to join you in the fun.



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

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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>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	11/05/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Jim Kustritz ☩	
	Reader.....Ed Hynes	
	Cantor.....Andy Buell	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Jeff Asmussen & Leann Buell	
	Servers.....Corrina Marolt & Nicolas Reineccius	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/06/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader.....Marge Jorgenson	
	Cantor.....Kim Josephson	
	Plate.....Deacon Fred Wright	
	Chalices....Lois Kaari & Judy Zupancich	
	Servers.....Lucas & Jake Stadler	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
Monday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/07/16
Tuesday	<i>WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/08/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Deanna Larson	
Wednesday	<i>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	11/09/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Alma Ferris ☩	
8:50 a.m.	Adoration	
Thursday	<i>ST. LEO THE GREAT</i>	11/10/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Ruth Burger ☩	
Friday	<i>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS</i>	11/11/16
7:50 a.m.	Rosary	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for Judy Sowieja ☩	
Saturday	<i>ST. JOSAPHAT</i>	11/12/16
6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
7:15 p.m.	Mass - Intention for Johnny Jerabek	
	Reader.....Greg Johnson	
	Cantor.....Terri Frericks-Blood	
	Plate.....Jeff Asmussen	
	Chalices....Michelle Geissler & Don Seipke	
	Servers.....Jason Blood & Caleb Geissler	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	
Sunday	<i>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	11/13/16
7:50 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance	
8:30 a.m.	Mass - Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader.....Laura Swartz	
	Cantor.....Sue Bahar	
	Plate.....Deacon Jack Ferris	
	Chalices....Gerry Bahar & Marge Jorgenson	
	Servers.....Brooke Velcheff & Zack Fredrickson	
	Gifts.....Volunteers	

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS

General Collection.....\$1237.00
UCA.....\$365.00
World Mission Sunday.....\$10.00

We are \$2,275.13 from our UCA Assessment

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- † **Parishioners:** Joe Rollins, Steve Elam, Marj Von Schenk, Tom Bott, Suzanne Seguin, Terry Scallen, Deanna Larson, Marlene Petersen.
- † **Clergy:** Deacon Fred Wright, Fr. Francis Paquette.
- † **Relatives & Friends:** Collette Swanson, Maci Dafcik, Gary Modean, Natasha Kowalowski, Dorothy Seipke, James Currier, Dan Clark, Don Hedin, Penny Hanson, Gary Garlie, Fred Paine, Elsie McGuire, Jim Osterholm, Dawn Stefanich, Aria & Aedan Ament, Rauri Byrnes, Stephanie (Clifford) Martin, 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.

Snow Removal VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to "Adopt the Church Walkways"! We had an amazing group of snow angels who volunteered last year, and we are hoping that even more will be able to help this year. We are looking for volunteers to **adopt a weekend** where you are willing to keep an eye on the weather and be sure our sidewalks are safe; free of snow and ice before people arrive for Mass on the weekend. We are very blessed to have the City plow our parking lot, so we only need to clear our walkways. The church has ice melt/sand mix, shovels and a snow blower on site but volunteers are needed to do the work. Please consider this opportunity to give back by offering up a weekend for this important task. If you are able to commit your time and service right now that is great, please sign up for a weekend that works for you and/or your family. If you are unable to commit to a weekend this far in advance but would like to help, please add your name to the volunteer list located next to the calendar. In a couple weeks, we will put together a list of everyone who has volunteered so if something unexpected comes up during your weekend, you will know who the other volunteers are and will be able to contact a replacement to fill your spot. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy in the parish office. Thank you for your consideration.

Little Rock Bible Study: We are on Lesson 6, Chapters 10-11, of our study on the **Gospel of Luke**. We meet in the church hall on **Sunday evenings, 6:30-8 pm**.

Veterans Day Soup Dinner, Monday, November 7, 4:30-6:30 in the High School Cafeteria. \$6 per single serving or \$10 for all you can eat. **Veterans eat free!** Choose from a variety of delicious soups donated by our local restaurants. Dinner includes beverage, bread, and dessert. Please join us in fellowship and to honor and recognize those who have served. Proceeds will benefit the 2017 After Prom.

New Bulletin Deadline: Bulletin announcements should be submitted by 11 am on Tuesdays.

Fr. Steve's recorded homilies: Listen through our parish website: www.stmarysilverbay.org.

Dine at the Lemon Wolf Café in Beaver Bay - When placing your order, ask about the Catholic Church Benefit. A donation equal to 10% of your bill will be given to the Catholic parish you attend on the North Shore.

**Some Highlights from the USA Bishops' Document Entitled:
"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"**

21. Aided by the virtue of prudence in the exercise of well-formed consciences, Catholics are called to make practical judgments regarding good and evil choices in the political arena.

22. There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. Such actions are so deeply flawed that they are always opposed to the authentic good of persons. These are called "intrinsically evil" actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned. A prime example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, "abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 5). It is a mistake with grave moral consequences to treat the destruction of innocent human life merely as a matter of individual choice. A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.

23. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life are also intrinsically evil. These must always be opposed. Other direct assaults on innocent human life, such as genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified.

34. Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote. This is why it is so important to vote according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, deliberately subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter's intent is to support that position. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.

35. There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral reasons, not to advance narrow interests or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil.

37. In making these decisions, it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose policies promoting intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate's commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. In the end, this is a decision to be made by each Catholic guided by a conscience formed by Catholic moral teaching.