



Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered."

-Pope Benedict XVI

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Today we celebrate the greatest victory known to man, our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. For Christ is alive, Alleluia, Alleluia! He has conquered Satan, sin and death, nailing the debt we owed to God through our sinfulness to the Cross, and offering His own precious blood to God our Father for the forgiveness of our sins. Truly, Christ has ransomed us from Satan's grasp, and has rescued us from eternal death in Hell, and won for us the opportunity to share eternal life in Heaven. Through His rising from the dead, Christ has brought new life to fallen humanity, and thrown open the gates of Heaven to all who believe in Him. For Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And indeed, we know, if we search the depths of our inmost thoughts, if we look into our minds and hearts, we know that we long for something that is real, happiness that is lasting, meaning and purpose for our lives that exceeds mere possession of material goods, having lots of money or power, or having every pleasure at hand. We long for a life that is not corrupted by sin, pain, sickness, violence, loneliness, and greed. Our hearts ache for a life that is pure happiness, utter fulfillment, endless joy. We long for relationship, friendship with the God who made us, our Creator and Lord, our Savior and Redeemer, our Refuge and Strength. For Christ has conquered, and has risen victorious!

And so, as Pope Benedict reminded us, the cry of the heart of man for a life which is unending, the cry for meaning and purpose that goes beyond this short and unpredictable and often difficult life, that cry for meaning, purpose and fulfillment has been answered in Jesus Christ, the risen from the dead. Because Christ is alive, we now have an unshakeable reason for hope; we can have full confidence that there is indeed a future of endless life awaiting us. For where Christ has gone, we can now follow. The gates of Heaven, which had been locked due to our sin,

have been forever thrown open, never to be closed again. Now the choice is ours. The victory has already been won- Christ has forever defeated the forces of evil and sin. But the question is, will we allow the victory of Christ's resurrection to penetrate and direct our lives? Will we choose not just to celebrate Easter Sunday today, but to allow the victory of Easter to form the foundation of our lives? In other words, to put it quite simply: will we invite Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, to be the risen Lord of our entire lives, not just today, but everyday. Because of Christ's resurrection from the dead, we now have a future full of hope; let's live that hope not just today, but everyday from now through eternity! God bless you *Fr. Steve*

A great big thank you to all who helped make our fish fry such a big success. Special thanks to Cindy Story and Todd Fabbri who donated the fish and the potatoes. Thanks also all the prep people, servers and clean up crew. Thanks to all for dessert donations, and to Ken and his helpers for the delicious fish. It was a great time of fellowship and fun. Thanks everyone!

Divine Mercy Sunday: The sacrament of reconciliation will be available during the hour of mercy from 3-4 p.m. next Sunday, April 3rd.

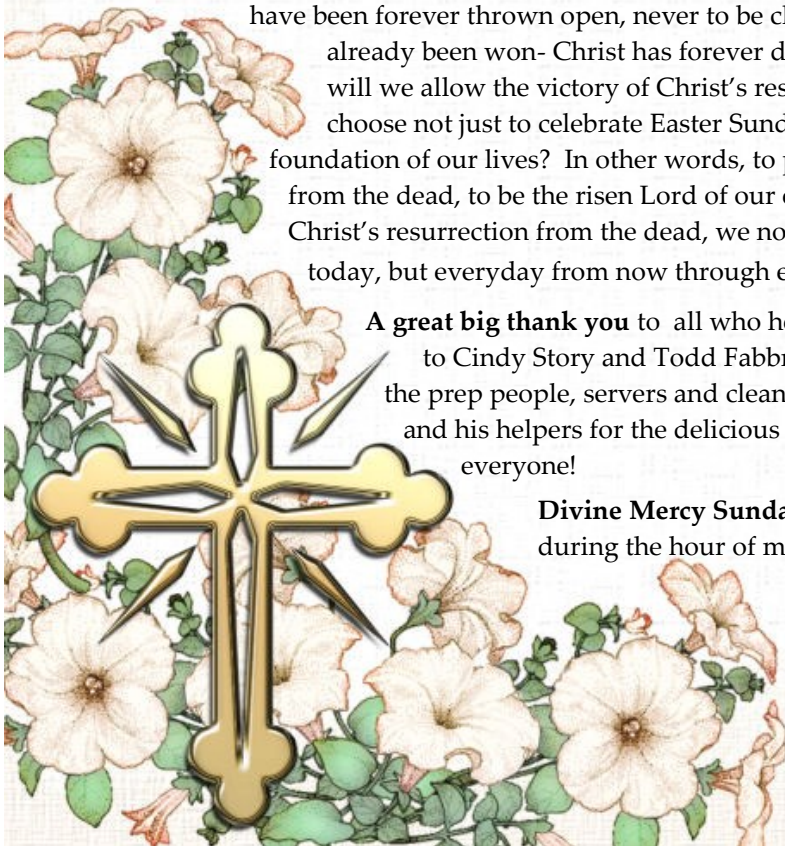
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Saturday	HOLY SATURDAY	03/26/16
8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland & Shannah Groothausen Chalices: Beth Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	03/27/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Msgr. O’Shea</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Laura Lien & Linda Hoffman Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	
Monday	EASTER MONDAY	03/28/16
Tuesday	EASTER TUESDAY	03/29/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Kseniya Beamer</i>	
Wednesday	EASTER WEDNESDAY	03/30/16
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Thursday	EASTER THURSDAY	03/31/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Delores Burger</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	EASTER FRIDAY	04/01/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - Intention for † Darin Theis	
Saturday	EASTER SATURDAY	04/02/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland & Shannah Groothausen Chalices: Beth Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Sunday	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	04/03/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Gladys Owens</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Laura Lien & Linda Hoffman Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	
3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	

Year of Mercy: Next Sunday, April 3rd, is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary will once again be having Divine Mercy Sunday devotions. There will be Adoration and Confessions starting at 1:30 PM with the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. The service concludes about 3:00 PM. All are welcome.

A heart felt thanks to everyone who has helped with the Easter Triduum preparations, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated! Also to those who helped make our Church beautiful with flowers and music. Our parish has many generous and gifted people! Many thanks!



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Joe Haynes, Yvonne Highland, Ron Kor, Ron Ostendorf and Joanne Payment.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Philomenia Carlson, Louie Edlund, Brian Hoffman, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Peggy Jurkanis and Jenny Schweder.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.
- † **Sacred Heart Candle:** Richard Hadrich

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Vacation Bible School- June 27th-July 1st, 6-7:30pm. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Connie or Cheryl.

Jr. High Retreat "In Reverse", April 15-17: This is a great retreat to encourage your child to attend! It will focus on going deeper in prayer. There are also many activities including games, swimming, talks, Mass and reconciliation, etc... Held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, "early bird" registration is \$175.00 and is open to students in grades 6-8. Please register online at www.dioceseduluth.org/ Jr--H. Late registrations will be taken only until next Thursday, March 31st unless we fill up. Substitutions will be taken only through March 31st, too. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Connie @ 834-4433.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,292.00
UCA	\$220.00
Bldg. Fund	\$312.00
Fish Fry	\$773.00
Easter Flowers	\$446.00
Food Shelf	\$35.00