

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time



June 5, 2016

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

If a man wishes to be sure of the road he treads on, he must close his eyes and walk in the dark.

-St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

This weekend's quote is from one of the great spiritual masters in the history of the Catholic Church, St. John of the Cross. St. John wrote extensively on the human soul's journey to get to know God in a deeper and more profound way, composing what has become a spiritual classic: "The Dark Night of the Soul." His quote above is profound both in its irony and its wisdom. It upsets the typical understanding of "sure-footedness," by saying that being confident in walking the road to God requires that we close our eyes and walk in the dark. At first glance, this seems counterintuitive- how can we be sure of our footing if we can't see where we are going?

But the lesson of this quote is that if we rely on ourselves to know the way to God, we will fail. It is in closing our eyes, and allowing God to lead us that we can be confident that we are on the right path in life. Confidence in God means learning more and more to place blind trust in Him, to trust Him with our very lives, to place our lives in His hands. The more that we try to hold onto control in our lives, the more we try to force life to fit our plans and schedule and wants, the more life will slip from our grasp. We do not control our lives, quite the opposite: we will find greatest peace and happiness when we give God complete control. This is not easy, in fact it can be incredibly difficult, and it can often feel like we are walking through life without direction, blind, and in the dark. But feelings are not always trustworthy; but God is always trustworthy. Our lives make the most sense when our lives are in His hands.

I would like to point out a specific example of this. We as a diocese have just celebrated two ordination Masses this past week. On this past Thursday, Bishop Sirba ordained two of our seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate (on their way to being ordained priests next spring), and on this past Friday, Bishop Sirba ordained two men to the priesthood for our Diocese. These four men are real life examples of people who are actively living this above quote from St. John of the Cross- they are literally placing their lives into the hands of God in order to be at the service of God's holy people. So I ask to please pray for these four men- Deacon Beau Braun, Deacon Jeremy Bock, Father Paul Strommer and Father Charlie Friebohle, that God will use them powerfully as priests and deacons in our Church, and that their example of laying down their lives for their brothers and sisters will inspire us to be willing to more fully place our lives in God's hands, and inspire young men from our parishes to consider a call from God to become a priest. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

A JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, FLORENCE & ROME: LAST CHANCE - Registration and deposit due by July 1st! You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime 'Pilgrimage to Assisi, Florence & Rome,' 12-days, November 7 to 18, 2016. Only \$3,299 from Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP), plus \$675 in airport taxes and \$145 in tips. Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Seth Gogolin of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Nashwauk, Minnesota. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Gogolin, or for more information, please contact Rev. Seth Gogolin at [\(218\) 316-0131](tel:2183160131) or send an email to fathersethgogolin@gmail.com. Space is limited. Register today!

Note From Fr. Steve: Please be aware that due to privacy laws, if you or a loved one are in the hospital, the hospital will not contact me to inform me that you are there, unless you ask them to contact the Church. So, if you or a loved one are hospitalized for any reason, please let us know by either calling Treasaigh in the parish office 834-4659 or calling me at the rectory 834-4313 so that I can arrange a visit.

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Saturday	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE VIRGIN MARY	06/04/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Carol Anderson & Liz Scheidt Servers: Hayden Johnson & Luke Johnson	
Sunday	10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/05/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Theodore Wisniowski</i> Reader: Michelle Thewis Chalices: Laura Lien & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	
Monday	SAINT NORBERT	06/06/16
	No Mass	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/07/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Jim Buske</i>	
7:30 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting	
Wednesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/08/16
Thursday	SAINT EPHREM	06/09/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Marion Rodewald</i>	
Friday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/10/16
7:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Daryl Kalla</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Adoration	
12:00 p.m.	Benediction	
Saturday	SAINT BARNABAS	06/11/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: To be assigned Chalices: Beth Egan & To be assigned Servers: Ava Fosness & Kate Thomasen	
Sunday	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/12/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Deel Hoffman</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Ethan Bopp & Nathan Campbell	

**Finance Council Meeting:
Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m..**

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,112.95
UCA	\$1,522.00
Bldg. Fund	\$20.00
Altar Flowers	\$100.00



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor, Diane LeRoy and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Cara Barthman, Bill Carlson, Penny Hanson, Patty Harrison-Isakson and Gorma Rose.
- † **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:** Linda Maki.

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

FREE.... Vacation Bible School

-June 27th-30th, 6-7:30pm.

VBS 2016 Is "farm-tastic!" In Barnyard Roundup, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore 5 Bible accounts where Jesus gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Registration is now open for grades pre-4th. Registration forms are available in the Church entryway. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crafts, yummy snacks, and games. Can't wait to see you there! For more details, contact Connie Koss at 834-4433 or koss@frontiernet.net.

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

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Friday 9 am until noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church to be certain that someone is always in attendance during the time of Exposition. If you are available during this time, please consider signing up to spend an hour with the Lord in prayer.



Sacred Heart Candle: You may have noticed the red candle at the base of the Sacred Heart statue. These candles may be purchased for \$2.00 and will burn all week long for your personal prayer intention.