

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



June 26, 2016

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Truth is not determined by a majority vote." -Pope Benedict XVI (1927-present)

This weekend, I am continuing a bulletin article series that I have been introducing for the past couple of weeks: philosophies, ideas and opinions of our modern, secular society that can negatively impact the practice of our Catholic faith. The above quote is profound in its simplicity, and right to the point. And with his quote, Pope Benedict XVI strikes to the heart of many modern cultural ideas- the Truth about God, man, what is morally right, what is morally wrong, what is sinful and what is not, those truths are not susceptible to fads in thinking, popularity, or strength in numbers. There is a serious misconception that the truth about such things mentioned above is fluid, depending upon the will and voice of the people of a given culture or generation; that what is true is subject to the majority opinion of people in a given society.

But real Truth is high above the shifting opinions of certain cultures, generations, times and places. What is right and wrong is not something that human beings can determine for themselves- Truth is not created by us, Truth is *revealed to us*. Truths about God, ourselves, right and wrong, sin, etc. have been revealed to us by God through the Church and through our human nature. And here's the key- Truth cannot be changed just because what is true becomes unpopular to a given society or culture. For example, imagine that a majority of people decided to believe that $2+2=5$. Even if every single person on the face of the planet believed that $2+2=5$, if laws were passed which stated that $2+2=5$, and people acted as if $2+2=5$, two plus two would never, can never, and will never equal five. It's impossible.

Now, this above is a silly example. But there are plenty of real life examples that are not silly in the least. For example, no matter how big of a majority of people claim to believe otherwise, even though the current laws of our Land state otherwise, abortion will always be gravely wrong. Abortion is a direct violation of God's commandment not to kill, and it is a violation of the dignity and sanctity of a human life created in God's image and likeness. Similarly, real and true marriage can only exist between one man and one woman. Public opinion cannot change the truth that comes from God, and from who we are as His creatures. This is crucial for us to recognize because so often the argument is made that the Church needs to "get with the times." In other words, people wish that the Church would not hold onto beliefs that the world now considers unpopular. But the Church has no choice and no other mission than to proclaim the Truth that God has revealed to Her in Christ Jesus. And no majority opinion can change the Truth established by God. Just because a majority of persons in a given society believe something to be true, right, or just does not make it so. We are not the creators of Truth, we are its servants, because it is Jesus Christ, God Himself, who is the Way, the *Truth*, and the Life. God bless you! **Fr. Steve**

Faith Formation Summer Fun Night: Attention all parishioners! This summer, Holy Spirit Parish and St. Mary's Parish in Silver Bay will be teaming up to have two **Summer Fun Nights** for our Church School students and families. The first will be Sunday evening, July 17, at Odegaard Park here in Two Harbors from 5:00-7:00pm. All Church School students and their families are asked to attend to help host the faith formation families from St. Mary's, and all Holy Spirit Parishioners are also invited and encouraged to attend. The evening will include grilled hot dogs, and other food and drinks, as well as yard games, and a kickball game with the Church School students taking on the Church School teachers and parents. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church- please sign up if you are planning to attend so that we know how much food to prepare. Church School families, please consider bringing a dish to share. **And mark your calendars now- the Faith Formation Family Fun Night at St. Mary's in Silver Bay will be Sunday evening, August 14, from 5:00-7:00pm.**

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Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/25/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Beth Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Spencer Ross & To be assigned	
Sunday	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	06/26/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Richard</i> Reader: Barb Haynes Chalices: Nancy Olsen & Shari Hendren Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	
Monday	SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA	06/27/16
8:15 A.M.	No Mass	
Tuesday	SAINT IRENAEUS	06/28/16
8:15 a.m.	No Mass	
Wednesday	SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL	06/29/16
Thursday	THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH	06/30/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for †Howard VanDenHeuvel</i>	
Friday	SAINT JUNIPER SERRA	07/01/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for †John Schaefer</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Adoration	
12:00 p.m.	Benediction	
Saturday	FIRST SATURDAY	07/02/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Harold Ek Chalices: Carol Anderson & Liz Scheidt Servers: Ava Fosness & Kate Thomasen	
Sunday	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	07/03/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for †Ron Ostendorf</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Linda Hoffman & Laura Lien Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	



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.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$1,964.00
UCA	\$287.00
Bldg. Fund	\$340.00
Organ Repair	\$525.00



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor, Diane LeRoy and Peg Werner.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, 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, Maddison Zavoral, and Vance Okstad.
- † **Sacred Heart Candle:** D. J. Hodge

Please call the church office if you would 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

Vacation Bible School Starts this Monday!
-June 27th-30th, 6-7:30pm.
Questions? Contact Connie Koss at 834-4433 or koss@frontiernet.net.

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

Altar Server Appreciation Day 2016: For all active Altar Servers and those who have served at Mass in 2016: **FREE Trip to a Minnesota Twins game!** In appreciation for all of your hard work and devotion in serving Mass in our parish, all active Altar Servers and those Altar Servers who have served Mass in 2016 are invited to join us as the Minnesota Twins take on the Chicago White Sox at Target Field in Minneapolis on Sunday, July 31st, 2016 at 1:10pm. The coach bus will leave from Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 9:00am (Fr. Steve will provide Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit at 8:00 am for those wishing to attend) returning to Two Harbors approximately at 7:30pm with a stop at Hinckley for supper. **Again, this event is FREE! Game tickets (which include a hot dog & beverage!) and bus fare will be paid for by Holy Spirit Parish and St. Mary's Parish,** altar servers will only be responsible for personal spending money to buy any other food, drinks, souvenirs, etc. at the Stadium and for supper at Hinckley. If you wish to go, you must email Judy Fleischer at jfleischer-hspirit@outlook.com to register by **Thursday, June 30th!**