

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 30, 2016

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity, the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ."

-Dogmatic Constitution, *Lumen Gentium*

This weekend's quote is not from a person per se, but rather from one of the great Catholic Church documents from the Second Vatican Council which took place between the years of 1963-1965. *Lumen Gentium* is Latin for "Light of the Nations," and this particular document is called a "Dogmatic Constitution," which tells us that it is of a very high rank as far as authority of the document is concerned. It was a document written by the Bishops of the world at Vatican II, and which teaches primarily about the Church itself: its make-up, role, and mission in the world.

This week upcoming is a special one for Catholics because we celebrate two very important days for our Catholic faith. Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day. It is a Holy-day of obligation (which means that we are obliged by the law of the Church to attend Mass) and one of the great days of celebration in the entire year. On this day, we celebrate and honor all of those who have died and are now in Heaven but have not been officially recognized as such by the Church through the formal process of canonization. Remember, a "saint" is simply a person that the Church knows and affirms, typically through an extensive process, to be in Heaven. But most certainly there are people who are in Heaven now, who have just not been canonized an official saint yet. So All Saints Day is the day to honor, venerate and celebrate all of our brothers and sisters, fellow Christians who have died and are now enjoying the glories of Heaven, and who are regularly praying for us that we may join them someday.

Wednesday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. This day is not a holy-day of obligation, but it is a special day set aside right after All Saints Day in which we, the Church, spend a day in intensified prayer for those who have died and who are not yet in Heaven- those who are being purified of their sins and their attachment to and desire for sin that still clung to them at the moment of their death. These holy souls are in Purgatory, and are being "purged" of all that is unholy so that they may be duly prepared for entrance into Heaven, where no sin or stain of sin can exist in the presence of God's infinite holiness. In fact, the entire month of November is traditionally dedicated to praying especially for those who have died. Next week, I'll explain the Church's teaching on Purgatory more completely. God bless you and have a happy celebration of All Saints Day!! *Fr. Steve Laflamme*

All Saints Day, Tuesday Nov. 1st - Mass times for this Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil Mass - Monday, Oct. 31st at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 1st at 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. There will also be Mass for All Souls Wednesday, November 2 at 8:15 a.m. for those who are interested and able to attend.

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS relies solely on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve" and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations, as does any other Catholic diocese. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS receives no funding from government or the military for its programs and services, including the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program which provides priests for home dioceses and the military chaplaincy. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

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Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/29/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Carol Anderson & to be assigned Servers: Karly Fleischer & to be assigned	
Sunday	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/30/16
11:00 a.m.	Faith Formation —Grades Pre, K –4 Mass — <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Chalices: Nancy Olsen & Laura Lien Servers: Anthony Lemke & Ethan Bopp	
Monday	HALLOWEEN	10/31/16
5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass — <i>Bishop Paul Sirba</i>	
Tuesday	ALL SAINTS	11/01/16
8:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Jim Buske</i>	
5:00 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
Wednesday	ALL SOULS	11/02/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † all souls in purgatory</i>	
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	
6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation — Grades 5-11	
Thursday	SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES	11/03/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Casimer Mazurek</i>	
Friday	SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO	11/04/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Bill Merhar</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Adoration	
12:00 p.m.	Benediction	
Saturday	FIRST SATURDAY	11/05/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan Servers: Kate Thomasen & to be assigned	
Sunday	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/06/16
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation —Grades Pre, K –4	
9:30 a.m.	Faith & Fellowship Sunday	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Mary Hagen</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Linda Hoffman & Laura Lien Servers: Christian & Isaiah Beamer	

Last class on the 7 Capital Sins will be Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be on lust and gluttony.

Faith & Fellowship Sunday: Our next installment of Faith & Fellowship Sunday will be November 6th, 9:30-10:45 a.m. There will be a video to watch, followed by discussion and breakfast. All are welcome.

† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, John Erickson, Ron Kor, Joanne Payment, and Dick Watson.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, William James Holisky II, Betty L'Esperance and Donald Menowa.

† **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: Jean & David Frank

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

Fall Craft Bazaar: Saturday Nov. 12th, 9-2 p.m. Come start your holiday shopping! Come for lunch, bake sale or fresh rolls. If you would like to donate a baked good item/items please have them to the church Friday evening from 5-7pm or Sat by 8 am. All proceeds will go to the church.

A Candy Cane for Christmas play will be on Saturday Dec 17th, 6:30-7:30pm. Please join us afterwards for a chili dinner(free will offering) ALL ARE WELCOME!

Annual Cookie Bake: Please join us for our annual cookie bake. Sunday Dec. 18th 1-4 p.m. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie ingredients and bake them at the church! We will then be packaging them to donate to our local food shelf.

Confirmation student and parents classes will be on Wednesday Dec. 14th and Feb. 1st. Please make sure you are there!

Confirmation retreats: Dec. 2-3rd in Brainard, Feb. 17-18th in Duluth, March 24-25th in Hibbing. Juniors must complete a retreat in order to be confirmed. Please register in the parish office.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,677.18
UCA	\$215.00
Bldg. Fund	\$265.00
Mission Sunday	\$285.00