

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2016



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 is 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 Laflamme*

New deadline for bulletin articles: Our new bulletin will be starting next weekend. *Please note that items for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday's.* This is to ensure that there is adequate time for printing and shipping.

Holy Spirit's prayer shawl ministry group is an informal group who crochets and knits tangible signs of their prayers for others. *New people are always welcome to join us.* We will meet on **Tuesday, November 8th at 9:00 AM** (after morning Mass) in the church hall.

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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 Mass — <i>Intention for † Mary Hagen</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Linda Hoffman & Laura Lien Servers: Christian & Isaiah Beamer	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/07/16
8:15a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Bill Merhar</i>	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/08/16
8:15: a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Gladys Owens</i>	
Wednesday	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	11/09/16
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	
6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation — Grades 5-11	
Thursday	SAINT LEO THE GREAT	11/10/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Al Lupa</i>	
Friday	SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS	11/11/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i>	
8:00 a.m.	Adoration	
12:00 p.m.	Benediction	
Saturday	SAINT JOSAPHAT	11/12/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Harold Ek Chalices: Liz Scheidt & to be assigned Servers: Ava Fosness & to be assigned	
Sunday	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/13/16
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation —Grades Pre, K –4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Gorma Rose</i> Reader: Louis Button Chalices: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Casey Underdale & to be assigned	

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration will be held Mon., Nov. 7th at 6:30 pm at the Duluth Gospel Tabernacle Church at 1515 W. Superior St., Duluth. Come to learn about the global results, meet fellow prayer warriors, and share your own personal experiences while enjoying refreshments. May God abundantly bless all who prayed on the Vigil! Please continue to pray daily for an end to the culture of death.



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, John Erickson, Ron Kor, Joanne Payment.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson and Betty L'Esperance.
- † **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: The Betty Veness Family.

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. at Holy Spirit Church
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!**



Called To Be One: The first draft of the Called To Be One Catholic schools plan is published and ready for your review, reflection and feedback. Please share your thoughts via the new online survey. The plan will be further discussed at the retreat on Nov. 12th. All information can be found at www.duluthareacatholicsschools.org

St. Mary's Happenings:
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.



Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$1,934.25
UCA	\$20.00
Bldg. Fund	\$165.00
Mission Sunday	\$40.00