

August 2, 2015

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Until you are convinced that prayer is the best use of your time, you will not find time for prayer."

-Rev. Hilary Ottensmeyer, OSB

As the first of my quotes for consideration, I thought I would begin with perhaps one of my all-time favorites. This quote is from a Benedictine monk who lived at St. Meinrad Monastery in St. Meinrad, Indiana, the place where I went to major seminary. Fr. Hilary is now deceased, but this quote of his is framed and hangs on one of the walls in the seminary. I really enjoy this quote because it is so direct and challenging- it cuts right to the heart concerning the practice and discipline of prayer.

Often times, people don't think about prayer as a discipline. Unfortunately, for some people, prayer is something which one does only when one thinks about it, or only when one needs something from God. But for our friendship with God to deepen and grow, prayer, or conversation with God, must be a priority. It is in fact, the best use of our time. That is not to say that other things such as work, study, family time, and recreation are not important. But time spent in genuine prayer does the most good and has the most potential for spiritual fruit to develop in our lives. If we truly believe that prayer is how we communicate with God, and God is the source of our very life and spiritual health, then prayer is like food for the soul. Without it, our spiritual life and development will shrivel and die. It's quite rare that we don't make time to eat, so why wouldn't we make time every single day to pray? However, as Fr. Hilary reminds us, unless we are convinced of the importance of prayer, we will never make time for it. It's all about priorities. Where are ours in regards to personal prayer?

This Week: Schedule five more minutes of prayer each day than you normally do.

God bless you! *-Fr. Steve*



Celebrating 125 Years
**Eucharistic
Procession**
September 12, 2015
Our Story, Our Faith, Diocese of Duluth.

As part of the Diocese of Duluth's 125th Anniversary Celebration, the entire diocese is invited to join together in a Eucharistic Procession through the city of Duluth on September 12, 2015. The Procession will begin at noon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary and proceed to the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC) where Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Sirba at 4:30 pm. Parking will be available at the DECC with Shuttle service to the Cathedral and points along the Procession route. The Procession will have stops along the way where participants may join in and have a shorter course to navigate. If you'd prefer not to participate in the Procession but want to attend the Mass, you are invited to pray at the DECC while the Procession makes its way there. Please consider joining the Eucharistic Procession as a family, as an individual, as a group or as a parish— registration will open in August. Together, we will make an extraordinary public witness to and celebration of the Faith!

Registration is open for the 2015 Annual Diocesan Assembly! The Assembly will be held on Saturday, October 10, at Marshall School in Duluth. The theme is "Transforming Catholics for the New Evangelization." Presenters from the Augustine Institute will help our parishes and schools form life-long intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Breakout sessions for Catholic Educators/ Catechists, Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA are included. For more information or to register, please visit www.dioceseduluth.org or call Annette at 218-724-9111.

Thank you! To all that contributed to Fr. Michael's gift a real big thank you. No names were signed, so no personal thank yous. Thank you all for your help, support, and attendance at Fathers retirement party!



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Saturday	SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	08/01/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Theodore Wisniowski	
	Reader: Harold Ek	
	Plate: Liz Scheidt	
	Chalice: Carol Anderson & Shawn McMahon	
	Servers: Hayley & Megan Larson	
Sunday	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	08/02/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Mike Hoffman	
	Plate: Linda Hoffman	
	Chalice: Laura Lien & to be assigned	
	Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	08/03/15
Tuesday	SAINT JOHN VIANNEY	08/04/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass —Intention † Msgr. O'Shea	
Wednesday	THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR	08/05/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Tom Muehlberger	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
Thursday	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	08/06/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay	
6:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
Friday	SAINT SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS	08/07/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention † Connie & David Mukavitz	
Saturday	SAINT DOMINIC	08/08/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Mary Hagen	
	Reader: Gloria Uremovich	
	Plate: Liz Scheidt	
	Chalice: Kathy McMahon & to be assigned	
	Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
Sunday	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	08/09/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass—Intention for All Parishioners	
	Reader: Louis Button	
	Plate: Joanne Button	
	Chalice: Linda Hoffman & to be assigned	
	Servers: Nathan Campbell & Corey Sandretsky	

A gentle reminder to Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ushers, and Altar Servers: "Can't serve" times for the Liturgical schedule for the next month need to be in to Judy 834-3109 or cookteller@frontier.com, by the 15th of each month. Thank you again for your ministry!!



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Gary Aleff, Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Margie Giacomini, Patty Harrison-Isakson & Ray Weeks.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Ryan Ray, James Mickle and Christopher Uremovich.



Prayer Requests: 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

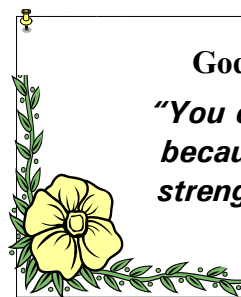
Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
 "Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

WANTED: Crafters....we are having a Bazaar on Saturday October 3rd from 9-3pm please contact Connie 834-4433 or Cheryl 830-0578 if you are interested in having a table. Each table \$20.

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

God's Post-It Notes

"You can do all things, because I will give you strength."



Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection..... \$2,036.50
 Bldg. Fund..... \$50.00
 UCA \$5.00
 Youth Bible Donations \$125.00

United Catholic Appeal

Total to date
61%
 \$15,227.00 of \$24,897.72