

August 9, 2015

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"If we really love the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come a few minutes to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness. We should regard those moments as the happiest in our lives."

-St. John Vianney

I chose this week's "Quote for Consideration" for two reasons. First, it is a quote from St. John Vianney, whose feast-day the Church just celebrated on August 4th. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of priests. He was a parish priest in the small town of Ars, France during the early to mid 1800's. St. John Vianney had an intense love for Jesus' Real Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, and would spend hours and hours praying in front of the Tabernacle in his small country church. He became known in Ars, as well as throughout the surrounding regions as a fantastic preacher and an extremely wise and kind confessor, and people would come from all over the place to go to him for confession. So much so in fact, that he would often spend up to 16 hours a day hearing confessions.

The second reason for this quote is that as you may have noticed, we are in the midst of a series of Gospel readings at Sunday Mass which deal with Jesus' discussion of giving His own Body and Blood as spiritual nourishment in the Holy Eucharist. And so it is a perfect opportunity for us to consider our own mindset regarding the gift of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. This quote from St. John Vianney challenges us to consider: If we truly believe as the Church teaches that the Eucharist is the true and real presence of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, and that we as a Church keep consecrated Hosts reserved in the Tabernacle at church, then how could we not make it a priority in our lives to come to the church and visit our God and pray before His real presence? Do we truly realize that we can go to our parish, or any Catholic Church for that matter, and enter into the presence of God Himself; not symbolically, but really and truly? If God is truly present in the Eucharist kept in the Tabernacle at Church, why wouldn't we stop by to visit God and pray with Him on occasion? Wouldn't it in fact be the best way to spend a few minutes of our day? God Bless You! *-Fr. Steve*

This Week: Stop by the Church one time besides for Mass in order to pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle for five minutes. Holy Spirit's church doors are open the following hours:

Monday through Friday: 7:15am-5pm

Saturdays: 9:00am until after the 4:30pm Mass

Sundays: 7:00am until 5:00pm

A Few Notes From Fr. Steve:

- This Saturday, August 15, 2015 is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, Fr. Steve will be celebrating a Mass for the Assumption on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please join us if you are able.
- Please be aware that due to privacy laws, if you or a loved one are hospitalized, the hospital will not contact Fr. Steve to inform him 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 calling either the parish office or the rectory so that Fr. Steve can arrange to come and visit.

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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

Monday SAINT LAWRENCE 08/10/15

Tuesday SAINT CLARE 08/11/15
 8:15 a.m. Mass —Intention † Jim Buske

Wednesday SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL 08/12/15
 8:15 a.m. **Mass—Intention † Pat Harrison**
 8:45 a.m. **Holy Hour with Exposition**

Thursday SAINTS PONTIAN AND HIPPOLYTUS 08/13/15
 8:15 a.m. **Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay**

Friday SAINT MAXIMILLIAN KILBE 08/14/15
 8:15 a.m. **Mass—Intention † Carol Kesler-Marois**

Saturday 08/15/15
 9:00 a.m. **Mass for the Assumption of The Virgin Mary**
 3:30 p.m. **Reconciliation**
 4:30 p.m. **Mass —20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Intention † Casimir Mazurek
 Reader: Paulette Moreland
 Plate: Beth Egan
 Chalice: Carol Anderson & Judy Fleischer
 Servers: Karly Fleischer & to be assigned

Sunday 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 08/16/15
 11:00 a.m. **Mass—Intention for All Parishioners**
 Reader: Shannah Groothausen
 Plate: Chris Lemke
 Chalice: Gina Lemke & Nancy Olsen
 Servers: Anthony Lemke & Jasmyn Uremovich

- † **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

School is fast approaching and we have kids in our area that can't afford to buy school supplies. We will be collecting backpacks, pencils, markers, notebooks, crayons, glue sticks, etc....starting on August 15th. There will be a drop box in the entry of the church. Anything donated will be very much appreciated.

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.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$3,028.50
Bldg. Fund	\$415.00
UCA	\$810.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$100.00

United Catholic Appeal
 Total to date
64%
 \$16,037.00 of \$24,897.72

Eucharistic Procession 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 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. 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!