

August 23, 2015

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"O God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You."
-St. Augustine

Today's quote comes from one of the great masters of Catholic theology, a bishop and doctor of the Church, St. Augustine. St. Augustine died in the year 430, and we celebrate his feast day on August 28th. He has a rather famous life story because of the dramatic conversion that he underwent. Early in his adulthood he was a pagan, unbaptized, and living a life of sin and caught up in the cares of the world. However, through his study of philosophy and eventually the Bible, he came to realize the truth of God's existence, love and will. He was baptized and became a prolific writer, his most famous work being his "Confessions," which is considered a classic of Christian writing, and in which he details his conversion experience and God's movement and work in his life.

This above quote is from his "Confessions," and is another example in which a few words capture the whole picture. St. Augustine learned the hard way by trying to fill the deepest longings and desires of his heart with things other than a relationship with God, including sinful relationships, partying and worldly ambitions and honors. But he soon realized that none of these things really filled the need for peace and contentment in his soul. It was only God dwelling within Him that could satisfy that spiritual longing. And the same is true for us. We often make the mistake in our lives of trying to find lasting peace, joy, happiness and purpose in things, places and persons other than God. This is always a mistake, and never leads to the lasting peace and happiness that we deeply need, because only a personal and intimate relationship with God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and nourished by the sacraments of the Church can truly fill that void in our hearts. It's a tough lesson to learn, and for some people, it takes virtually their entire life to learn it. Which is why the above quote is so powerful. Our hearts, our souls, our identity will be restless, incomplete, unfulfilled until they rest in God. In other words, until we seek to make God first in our lives and understand Him to be our source of infinite love, life and happiness, we will always feel like something deeply important is missing in our lives. God desperately desires that we find our rest in Him through a loving relationship with Him. Let's not keep Him waiting! God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

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!

"COMING HOME BASKET": The basket sitting to the right of the Sanctuary is a "Coming Home Basket." If you know of someone who has drifted away from their Catholic faith, write their name on one of the sheets provided, fold it, and place it in the basket. As a faith community we are encouraged to pray for the people whose names have been placed in the coming home basket as well as to encourage those we are aware of to return

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| Saturday | THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 08/22/15 |
| 3:30 p.m. | Reconciliation | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Mary Hagen</i> Reader: Nadine Uremovich Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Beth Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Jasmyn Uremovich & to be assigned | |
| Sunday | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 08/23/15 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Louis Button Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Hayden Johnson & Ariana Sitra | |
| Monday | SAINT BARTHOLOMEW | 08/24/15 |
| Tuesday | ST LOUIS & ST JOSEPH CALASANZ | 08/25/15 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Duane Morsette</i> | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Choir Practice | |
| Wednesday | WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 08/26/15 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>John Schaefer</i> | |
| 8:45 a.m. | Holy Hour with Exposition | |
| Thursday | SAINT MONICA | 08/27/15 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay | |
| Friday | SAINT AUGUSTINE | 08/28/15 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Emily Newhouse</i> | |
| Saturday | THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST | 08/29/15 |
| 3:30 p.m. | Reconciliation | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Margaret Erickson</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Carol Anderson & Kathy McMahon Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen | |
| Sunday | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 08/30/15 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Chris Lemke & Laura Lien Servers: Ethan Bopp & Anthony Lemke | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Church School Registration | |

Men of Holy Spirit: Please come to the Church Cemetery on August 27th. We will be working from 8-noon straightening grave stones and leveling grave markers. The more help we have, the more we can accomplish. Perhaps you have a loved one out there that would like to see you. Bring a shovel and bar if you have them. This will count as a corporal work of mercy when you get to heaven.

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Gary Aleff, Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Karen Aldinger, Julie Banks, Bill Carlson, Margie Giacomini, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Bobbi Moffatt, Tara Waters & 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

Church School Registration for grades pre-11th will be held on Sunday, August 30th following 11:00 Mass in the church hall.

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.

Church School Teachers and Subs needed! If you are able to help with our Religious Ed. program please call Connie at 834-4433.

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| Last Week's Contributions | |
| Weekend Collection..... | \$1,986.00 |
| Bldg. Fund..... | \$165.00 |
| UCA..... | \$60.00 |
| United Catholic Appeal | |
| Total to date | |
| 65% | |
| \$16,097.00 of \$24,897.72 | |