

September 13, 2015

# 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"If you seek to carry no other crosses but those whose reason you understand, perfection is not for you."  
-St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

This weekend's quote is from one of the great saints and theologians in the history of the Church, St. Teresa of Avila. St. Teresa was a Carmelite nun who lived Spain during the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and she was the author of several classic spiritual works, her most famous being "The Interior Castle." She also had a way with words, getting right to the heart of the matter in short order. I chose this quote from her this weekend because it follows upon our Lord's challenge in the Gospel that in this earthly life, following Him means being willing to take up our own crosses and bear them patiently and lovingly.

In her quote above, St. Teresa hits upon a common human temptation. When we encounter difficulty, pain, hardship, or suffering in our lives, our "crosses," we are often tempted to demand to know why this is happening to us. It is an insidious temptation of the evil one to try to tell us that God has a duty to explain Himself. There is always a temptation to blame God for our suffering; after all, we tell ourselves, He could have prevented it. It is at this moment that we will have to make a decision that will have a profound impact on our spiritual development: will we trust God that what he allows in our lives, He allows for a reason? Or will we trust in ourselves to think that we know better than God how our lives should go? The point of the quote from St. Teresa is that our job is not to always understand the crosses that we experience in our lives; indeed, such is simply not possible. Our job is to try to trust God in the midst of our crosses, that He is walking through our pain and suffering with us, and that He is more than able to bring good out of even the most painfully dire situations. Growing towards spiritual perfection means growing in our trust in God, relinquishing control of our lives to Him, and trusting that He knows much better than we do what is best for us. God bless you! - *Fr. Steve*

**Adult Faith Formation Class:** Fr. Steve will be teaching a series of adult faith formation classes on various Wednesday evenings throughout this fall. The topic will be the Seven Sacraments of the Church. This class will consist of six sessions. The first session will be Wednesday, September 16 at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall, with more dates to follow. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Welcome Fr. Steve!** Please join us after mass on Sunday, September 27th, to welcome Father Steve to our parish. Bars and coffee will be served.

**Friday Morning Discussion Group:** We will be meeting again starting September 18th after the morning Mass. Our topic will be continuing our study of "The Psalms" presented by Sr. Dianne Bergant. Coffee and rolls will be available. Hope to see you there.

**The 40 Days for Life for Campaign** to end abortion runs from Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, with a kick off celebration starting with Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Women's Care Center (103 E. 1st St. Duluth). On each day during the 40 Days for Life, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. there will be people keeping a peaceful prayer vigil outside of the Building for Women (32 E. 1st St. Duluth). Holy Spirit will be working to fill the hours on Mondays. You can register and sign up for hours by going to [www.40daysforlife.com/duluth](http://www.40daysforlife.com/duluth) or contact Paulette Moreland at 218-348-1345 or [40daysduluth@gmail.com](mailto:40daysduluth@gmail.com).

**Update & Thank You:** Lyle Shepersky thanks everyone for their many prayers – and a special thank you to the One who answered those prayers. His surgery and recovery went extremely well, and he continues to work on regaining his strength.

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**Saturday** THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY **09/12/15**  
 3:30 p.m. **Reconciliation**  
 4:30 p.m. **Mass** — *Intention* † *Mary Sue Fisher*  
 Reader: Nadine Uremovich  
 Plate: Kathy McMahon  
 Servers: Karly Fleischer & Megan Larson

**Sunday** 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **09/13/15**  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass**—*Intention for All Parishioners*  
 Reader: Louis Button  
 Plate: Joanne Button  
 Chalice: Dave Hendren & Linda Hoffman  
 Servers: Casey & Kaitlyn Underdale  
 12:00 p.m. **Teacher Meeting**

**Monday** THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS **09/14/15**  
 8:15 a.m. **Mass** —*Intention* † *Patricia Harrison*

**Tuesday** OUR LADY OF SORROWS **09/15/15**  
 8:15 a.m. **Mass** —*Intention* † *Bill Merhar*  
 5:45 p.m. **Choir Practice**

**Wednesday** SAINT CORNELIUS & SAINT CYPRIAN **09/16/15**  
 8:15 a.m. **Mass**—*Intention* † *Laurie Miller*  
 8:45 a.m. **Holy Hour with Exposition**  
 6:30 p.m. **Religious Education—Grades 5-11**

**Thursday** SAINT ROBERT BELLERMINE **09/17/15**  
 8:15 a.m. **Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay**  
 6:30 p.m. **Men's Prayer Group**

**Friday** WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **09/18/15**  
 8:15 a.m. **Mass**—*Intention* † *Marion Rodewald*

**Saturday** SAINT JANUARIUS **09/19/15**  
 3:30 p.m. **Reconciliation**  
 4:30 p.m. **Mass** — *Intention* *Arthur Barthman*  
 Reader: Paulette Moreland  
 Plate: Deacon Tim Egan  
 Chalice: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan  
 Servers: Hayden Johnson & Luke Johnson

**Sunday** 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **09/20/15**  
 9:30 a.m. **Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4**  
 11:00 a.m. **Mass**—*Intention for All Parishioners*  
 Reader: Michelle Thewis  
 Plate: Deacon Tim Egan  
 Chalice: Shari Hendren & Jeannie Shaw  
 Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren

<b>Last Week's Contributions</b>	
<b>Weekend Collection</b> .....	<b>\$2,981.82</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund</b> .....	<b>\$277.00</b>
<b>UCA</b> .....	<b>\$405.00</b>
<b>Home Missions</b> .....	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b> .....	<b>\$100.00</b>

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Gary Aleff, Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Karen Aldinger, Patty Amitrano, Julie Banks, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Bobbi Moffatt and 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:** If you were unable to make it for registration, there's still time. Classes will start on Wed. 9/16@ 6:30-7:45 and Sunday 9/20 @ 9:30-10:45. You may sign your children up then or print out the form and drop it off in the box in the office prior to class. Costs are \$20 per child with a cap of \$50.

We are still in need of teachers for 7 & 8th grade, if you are interested please contact Connie or Treas.

Please note that there will NOT be dinner served before classes on Wednesday evenings. This was the consensus of the survey. Please note that classes WILL start at 6:30

**Teachers meeting** on Sunday September 13th following Mass. It shouldn't take too long, will just go over some changes and present the new safe environment program.

**Baked goods needed:** We are in need of people who would be willing to bake something for the church bazaar, If you are able to do so, please contact Cheryl Oling, Connie Koss, or Beth Egan.

**Guest Speaker:** Nic Davidson will be a guest speaker on Wednesday October 21 @ 6:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. It is requested that all parents and students grades 5-11th be there. A free will offering will be collected.