

October 4, 2015

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Technological society has succeeded in multiplying the opportunities for pleasure, but it has great difficulty in generating joy." -Blessed Pope Paul VI (1897-1978)

Today's quote is from a recently beatified pope, one which many of you will certainly remember, Pope Paul VI. Pope Paul was a prolific writer during his pontificate, and has authored many memorable quotes and writings. He was beatified (made a "blessed," one stage away from being a "saint") by Pope Francis on October 14, 2014. Pope Paul reigned as pope during a very tumultuous time in the life of our society and the Church, and often spoke with great clarity about the dangers of some of the developing social trends as well as speaking with great clarity about our need as Catholics to engage the world around us and spread the loving message of the Gospel of Christ.

This quote above is especially interesting because of the prophetic nature of it. It comes from an apostolic exhortation written by Bl. Paul VI in 1975 called *On Christian Joy*. And it is amazing to consider that already in 1975, Bl. Paul was recognizing a disturbing trend of people placing too much value on technological developments as sources of joy and happiness. One wonders what Bl. Paul VI would say if he were alive to witness the rapid development of technology that has brought us to where we are today!

The point of Bl. Paul VI's quote and my having chosen it is not to label all technological gizmos and advances as somehow bad or evil. In fact, many of the scientific and technological advances made in recent years have been tremendous gifts from God, which have brought about greater solutions to health problems, greater navigational assistance, and more efficient communication possibilities. The problem becomes when we become overly attached, or even addicted to such technologies, and when we begin to hope to find joy, happiness and contentment in them. Social media and modern technology, for all of its many benefits, can also be a source of discontent and false happiness. Joy, true joy as a fruit of the Holy Spirit, can only be found in a loving and personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ in communion with the Church. Anything else will simply never satisfy the longing of our hearts for true communion and contentment. There is a significant difference between pleasure and joy. Pleasure is fleeting, but joy is lasting, and it not only causes peace in our hearts, but true joy is contagious. Far from isolating us and focusing us only on ourselves, joy causes us to reach out in love to others, lightening their burdens through our kind joy. In a world filled with temptations and opportunities to seek momentary pleasure, true joy lived faithfully by Christ's disciples will have a profound impact. God bless you!

This Week: Take one morning, or afternoon or evening and totally unplug from all social media and technology and go for a half-hour walk outside to enjoy the beautiful display of God's handiwork in nature taking place with the Fall colors. End this walk with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His many gifts.

You may have noticed that the pamphlet rack in the back of church has recently received a beautiful upgrade. I would like to thank Larry Groothausen for this wonderful addition to the church furnishings that he has already crafted for us. Thank you Larry! *Fr. Steve*

Men of Holy Spirit: Please come to the Church Cemetery on October 8th. 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.

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Saturday	FIRST SATURDAY	10/03/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Joane Ostendorf</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan Servers: Duke Gilbert & to be assigned	
Sunday	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/04/15
11:00 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4 Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Nancy Olsen Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/05/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Msgr. O’Shea</i>	
Tuesday	SAINT BRUNO	10/06/15
5:00 p.m.	Mass	
6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	10/07/15
5:00 p.m.	Mass	
6:30 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/08/15
	No Mass	
Friday	SAINT DENIS & COMPANIONS	10/09/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Msgr. O’Shea</i>	
Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/10/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention</i> † <i>Joane Ostendorf</i> Reader: Harold Ek Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Beth Egan & Kathy McMahon Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
Sunday	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/11/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Confirmation Student Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Joanne Button & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Ethan Bopp & Nathen Campbell	

The 40 Days for Life for Campaign to end abortion runs thru Nov. 1st. On each day, 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 or contact Paulette Moreland at 218-348-1345 or 40daysduluth@gmail.com.

† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Gary Aleff, Arthur Barthman, Florian Burger, Ron Kor, and Ron Ostendorf.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Aaron Baumgartner, Patty Amitrano, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Fr. Ben Hadrich, John Hadrich, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Fred LeBlanc, Scott LeBlanc 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

Confirmation Retreats: This is a requirement for confirmation and is for 11 grade students. October 16-17 (Cloquet), Dec 4-5 (Brainerd) February 19-20 (Duluth).

Please turn your registration form in early to the parish office so we can register you. A parent/ chaperone is also needed.

Youth Rally: Youth rallies are an opportunity for our youth to gather with other students their age who share their faith. Please come to the Jr. High Youth Rally in Grand Rapids @ St. Joseph's, Oct. 24th. Cost: \$25.00. Please register by 11/22.

Looking for youth grades 7 & up who are willing to assist the Sunday school teachers with their classes. Please contact Connie or Cheryl

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.

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

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,814.08
Bldg. Fund	\$10.00
UCA	\$72.00