

October 25, 2015

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one."

-1 Corinthians 9: 24-25

Since sports both locally and nationally have been really ramping up in the last few weeks (high school football, volleyball, MN Wild Hockey, Vikings football, World Series playoffs in baseball, etc.), I thought it would be appropriate to have a sports themed quote this weekend. I find these two scripture passages from St. Paul to be very helpful because he is using a sports image to evoke a comparison to what our life of faith should look like. Remember, the Corinthians were Greek, and sport and races were very important to them (the Olympic games originated in 776 B.C. in Olympia, Greece). Thus St. Paul uses an analogy that would have resonated very well with the Corinthian mind and culture in order to teach the Corinthians about the level of devotion and discipline that they should strive for in regards to their Christian faith. He is basically saying that all of the athletes who run in races train vigorously so that they may have the best chance to win. And they do this for a crown of leaves, which withers and wastes away. How much more then, should a Christian "run the race so as to win" in order to attain the crown of everlasting life in Heaven, crowned as one of God's saints?

The really neat thing is that this sports image is just as applicable to us today. Many of you play sports, or have kids or grandkids who do. And you know firsthand just how much money, time, training and effort goes into preparing for game day. And as much fun as sports can be, both to play and to watch, they are temporary, and they are, after all, just a game. They last only for a time. And while they may produce lasting and cherished memories, they don't have *eternal* value.

However, the spiritual journey of this life, living the Christian faith and challenging ourselves to grow deeper in our relationship with God and to live a virtuous and upright moral life *does* have eternal effect. I know that this is challenging, but it's an important question that we need to ask ourselves: if we spend a lot of time, money, effort, and energy on a sport (or musical instrument, hobby, interest, etc.) which produces only temporary effects and has no eternal significance, *how much more* time, energy, resources and effort should we spend on our spiritual development and relationship with God, which *has tremendous eternal significance*. It's a good point, and one that we have to courageously consider- are sports, music, hobbies such as hunting and fishing, or any other recreational activity more important to me than my relationship with God? If the answer to that question is "yes", then the solution is not necessarily to quit our recreational activities (they are an important and necessary part of a healthy human life), but to take time to reorder our priorities. This life is just a temporary pilgrimage to an eternal one after we die. What we do here in this life determines where we'll be in the next. In that case, let's run the race of life so as to win the imperishable crown of glory that God longs to give to us in Heaven. Next week I'll talk more specifically about the notion of discipline in the spiritual life. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

Eucharistic Ministry Training: We will be having a training session for all Eucharistic Ministers (both for Mass and for the home-bound) after each Mass during the weekend of November 14th & 15th. All Eucharistic Ministers, and those who would like to become one need to attend one of these sessions. The training will take around 30 minutes. There will be Prayer and Blessing of the Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, November 22nd during Mass.

Adult Faith Formation Class will be held Wednesday, November 28 at 6:45 p.m. in the church basement. The class will be on the Sacrament of Confession and Anointing of the Sick. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

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Saturday	SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET	10/24/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Liz Scheidt Plate: Shawn McMahon Chalice: Kathy McMahon & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Casey & Kaitlyn Underdale	
Sunday	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/25/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Gladys Owens</i> Reader: Michelle Thewis Plate: Chris Lemke Chalice: Gina Lemke & to be assigned Servers: Anthony Lemke & Jasmyn Uremovich	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/26/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Connie & David Mukavitz</i>	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/27/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Robert Wurster</i>	
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	SAINT SIMON & SAINT JUDE	10/28/15
6:30 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/29/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Daryl Kalla</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
Friday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/30/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Vickie Udovich</i>	
Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10/31/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Plate: Liz Scheidt Chalice: to be assigned & to be assigned Servers: Hayden Johnson & Luke Johnson	
Sunday	ALL SAINTS	11/01/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Msgr. O'Shea</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Plate: Linda Hoffman Chalice: Laura Lien & Nancy Olsen Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	

Please note, All Saints is a major feast. For those who may have allergies, we will be using incense at the Sunday Mass but not during the Saturday Mass.

All Souls: Mass for All Souls will be Monday, November 2nd at 7:30 a.m.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: hspirit@outlook.com ←

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Gary Aleff died that past week. May he now be at peace with the risen Lord. Please keep Gary's family and loved ones in your prayers. Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Florian Burger, Ron Kor, Ron Ostendorf and Virginia Walczak
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Al Aldinger, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Fr. Ben Hadrich, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Fred LeBlanc, Ray Weeks and Roy Watson.
- † **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. 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.

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

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.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,103.77
Bldg. Fund	\$130.00
UCA	\$250.00
Mission Sunday	\$221.00
Altar Flowers.....	\$50.00

UCA - 72%
\$18,026.00 of \$24,897.72