

November 15, 2015

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."
-Pope St. Leo the Great

Today's quote is from Pope St. Leo the Great, who was pope from 440-461. Pope Leo is a shining example of saintly popes, receiving not only the title, "The Great," but also being named a doctor of the Church for his learned and spiritually rich teachings, homilies and writings. He reigned as pope during a very difficult time in the life of the Church. During his pontificate, he faced much strife from within the Church due to dangerous heresies and false teachings being promoted among the people, which he valiantly opposed and rebutted with sound teaching, and also strife from outside of the Church, caused by the marauding bands of tribal groups which were attempting to take over parts of Italy. In fact, Attila the Hun marched on Rome with the intention of ransacking it, but Pope Leo went out to meet him before he arrived and convinced Attila to turn back and leave Rome in peace.

Because of all of this, St. Leo the Great's quote above is not one born of intellectual speculation, but his own lived experience. His time as pope was difficult because of all of the problems and threats to the Church that he had to deal with. But he remained steadfast in the faith, placing his trust in God.

The last couple of weeks, I have been speaking to you about the importance of spiritual discipline; that is, doing the work of spiritual growth, personal prayer, and integrity and holiness in conduct, whether we feel like doing so or not. This quote reinforces that. Virtue can be simply defined as a good habit. The more that we act virtuously, the easier it becomes to act virtuously. But growing in virtue requires perseverance and observance of virtuous conduct in the face of conflict, strife, and temptation. We are often conditioned by our secular society to see all such difficulty, strife, temptation, suffering, etc. as things to be avoided at all costs. But, as Christians, we take a different view - temptation, conflict, difficulty, suffering offer us an opportunity to cooperate in God's grace and place our total trust in Him, choosing to do and live what is right, even if that means it may cost us, or may be difficult, confusing or frustrating. Virtue is born in the fires of temptation. Developing spiritual discipline in prayer, participation in the sacraments, study of our faith, and acts of love and kindness to others helps us to grow in virtue so that when our faith and trust in God is tested, which it will be, we can stand fast and firm in the midst of the storm. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

Adult Faith Formation Class: Due to scheduling conflicts, Fr. Steve's class scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th has been cancelled and has been rescheduled for **Thursday, December 3rd**. The class will be on the Sacrament of Marriage. All are invited and encouraged to attend

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 the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Altar Server Training: There will mandatory training for all current and prospective Altar Servers the weekends of Dec. 4/5th and 11/12th. {Reminder: Adults are both able and welcome to be Altar Servers!} Training sessions will take place after both the 4:30 Sat. Mass and the 11:00 Sunday Mass. Altar Servers may choose to go to the training session on either Saturday or Sunday but must go to one session each weekend. If you are not able to attend, please contact Fr. Steve.

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Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/14/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Plate: Liz Scheidt Chalice: Beth Egan & To be assigned Servers: Karly Fleischer & Megan Larson	
Sunday	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/15/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † John Schaefer</i> Reader: Harold Ek Plate: Linda Hoffman Chalice: Laura Lien & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Ethan Bopp & Jasmyn Uremovich	
Monday	SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND	11/16/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Fr. James Datko, O.M.I.</i>	
Tuesday	SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY	11/17/15
	No Mass	
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE	11/18/15
6:30 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/19/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Jim Buske</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Holy Hour with Exposition	
6:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
Friday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11/20/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Fr. Andrew Greeley</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Morning Discussion Group	
Saturday	THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	11/21/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: To be assigned Plate: To be assigned Chalice: Carol Anderson & To be assigned Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Sunday	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING	11/22/15
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention † Gary Aleff</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Chris Lemke Chalice: Gina Lemke & To be assigned Servers: Hayley Larson & Anthony Lemke	

Funeral Dish Reminder: Please remember to pick up your dish outside the parish office. At the end of December, any unmarked/unclaimed dishes remaining will be donated to Neighbor to Neighbor. Please check to be certain you haven't forgotten a dish. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped with this very important ministry!

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

† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Al Aldinger, Patty Amitrano, 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

Thanksgiving Baskets: Once again we are asking parishioners to donate a turkey for our Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets that we donate to families within our parish and community. Please call Connie; 834-4433 if you are able to donate. Students are also asked to donate the following items:
Pre-K: Cool Whip, **1st Grade:** stuffing and black olives, **2nd Grade:** canned corn and canned sweet potatoes. **Grades 3 & 4:** rolls, **Grades 5 & 6:** celery and carrots, **Grades 7 & 8:** pumpkin pie or ingredients to make one, **Grades 9-11:** 5# bag of potatoes. Please bring these items to church by Sunday, November 22nd before 10 a. m. Thank you in advance!

The Children's Christmas program will be on Saturday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, with fellowship to follow.

TOBIT (Theology of the Body for Teens) Camp is open for registration. The dates are January 15-17th at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN. Please contact the parish office to register .

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,850.00
Bldg. Fund.....	\$157.00
UCA.....	\$175.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$20.00

UCA - 76%
\$18,798.00 of \$24,897.72