

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Which of you knows the date of your baptism? I invite you to go and search for the date, asking, for example, your parents, your grandparents, your godparents, or going into the parish. It is very important to know, because it is a date to celebrate: it is the date of our rebirth as children of God. For homework this week: go look for the date of my baptism."

-Pope Francis

Angelus Address, January 10, 2016

Every once in a while, something happens in our lives which is pretty unbelievable. As you may recall, in my homily last Sunday on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, I asked how many of you knew your date of baptism by heart. Few did, which is what I expected. I then gave us the "homework" of finding out and getting a baptismal certificate from the parish Church where we were baptized and displaying it proudly in our homes. I further encouraged us to celebrate our day of baptism each year in some small way to recognize the spiritual significance of what happened at the moment of our baptism: that we became children of God our Father, washed clean through the waters of baptism.

Little did I know that on the very same day, last Sunday, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, during his weekly Angelus Address in which he briefly speaks to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square at noon each Sunday, said the quote I have placed above. When I read his Angelus Address last Sunday evening, I couldn't believe my eyes. Pope Francis and I were on the exact same page. He even asked the people gathered directly if they knew the date of their baptism and gave them the "homework" of finding it out and celebrating it.

Now, I don't relay this to you in order to toot my own horn or say "I told you so." I share this because first of all it's such a blessed and amazing coincidence, one which causes me to be truly humbled and awestruck. And second, because it reinforces the point which I was striving to make to all of us as we celebrated the Lord's Baptism: our own baptism, whether it was as an infant, or as an adult, was a life-changing moment for us of the highest order. It is worth knowing, understanding and celebrating both when our baptism was, and what it means for us. There is no greater gift that we can receive than the gift of eternal life. Period. And that gift was entrusted to us on the day of our baptism. So, I happily encourage you once again- if you don't know the date of your baptism, see if you can find it out. And celebrate it each year. Through baptism, God has rescued you from sin and eternal death and given to you the opportunity to live with Him forever in Heaven as his son or daughter. What greater cause for celebration is there than that?!

God bless you! Fr. Steve

MN March for Life Buses: On January 22, 2016 the Diocese of Duluth's Office of Marriage and Family Life will be sponsoring buses to travel down to the Twin Cities for the Annual March for Life commemorating the 1972 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The buses will leave the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, 2801 E. Fourth St., Duluth after the 7 a.m. Mass and will return to Duluth at approximately 5 p.m. The cost will be \$5 per person and participants are asked to register at www.dioceseduluth.org. This event is part of the diocesan wide Day of Fasting and Prayer in Reparation for a Culture of Violence and Disrespect of Human Life.

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| Saturday | WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 01/16/16 |
| 3:30 p.m. | Reconciliation | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Plate: Liz Scheidt Chalice: Carol Anderson & Kathy McMahon Servers: Karly Fleischer & to be assigned | |
| Sunday | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 01/17/16 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4 | |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for † Patricia Harrison</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Deacon Scott Peters Chalice: Jeannie Shaw & to be assigned Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund | |
| Monday | WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (JANUARY 18-25) | 01/18/16 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for Steve Beyering</i> | |
| Tuesday | WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 01/19/16 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for † Jim Buske</i> | |
| 5:45 p.m. | Choir Practice | |
| Wednesday | ST. FABIAN AND ST. SEBASTIAN | 01/20/16 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Religious Education—Grades 5-11 | |
| Thursday | SAINT AGNES | 01/21/16 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for † Vickie Udovich</i> | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Men's Prayer Group | |
| Friday | DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN | 01/22/16 |
| 8:15 a.m. | No Mass | |
| Saturday | ST. VINCENT & ST. MARIANNE COPE | 01/23/16 |
| 3:30 p.m. | Reconciliation | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Plate: Shawn McMahon Chalice: Beth Egan & Kathy McMahon Servers: Hayden Johnson & Luke Johnson | |
| Sunday | 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | 01/24/16 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4 | |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mass — <i>Intention for † Stanley Jurkanis</i> Reader: Michelle Thewis Plate: Deacon Scott Peters Chalice: Laura Lien & to be assigned Servers: Ethan Bopp & Ariana Sitra | |

PRAYER SHAWLS and lap robes are made in prayer by volunteers to be given to someone with a prolonged or serious illness, in hospice, as a comfort after a loss of a loved one, in times of stress such as during the deployment of a loved one to a combat location to name a few. If you know of someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl or would like more information, please call Liz Scheidt at 834-6492.

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Florian Burger, Joe Haynes, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Al Aldinger, Patty Amitrano, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Lori Dybvig, Jean Farley, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Jim Kioski, and Rubi Peterson.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.

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

Homeless Project: If you would like to assist the Homeless Project, we have a list of items needed at the front of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy and place donated items in the box. Your help is much appreciated.

Confirmation Retreats: Time is running out to sign up. This is a requirement for confirmation and is for 11 grade students. There are only two retreats left, February 19-20 (Duluth), April 8-9, 2016 (Hibbing). If you misplaced your registration form, please contact Treasaigh in the parish office 834-4659.

Our next Family Mass will be on Sunday, Feb 14th, hosted by the 5th and 6th grades.

Thank you to the students and Gwen Valentine for the preparation of the Reconciliation breakfast.

Last Week's Contributions

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| Weekend Collection | \$2,273.50 |
| UCA | \$550.00 |
| Bldg. Fund | \$235.00 |
| Latin America | \$5.00 |
| Poor Fund..... | \$7.41 |