

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016



## Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book."

-St. John Bosco (1815-1888)

This weekend, I have a confession to make: I got the idea for this bulletin article from two of our parishioners who were talking with me in the St. Mary's Parish office about the books they were currently reading about the Catholic faith. Their conversation inspired me to write about the importance of spiritual reading. St. John Bosco, who was himself an educator, speaks to us with his quote above about the importance of making spiritual reading a regular part of our lives. Now, we all know the impact that a good book can have not only on our own personal lives, but on a society as well- there are classic works of literature that most of us have at least heard of, even if we haven't read them ourselves. I think of such works as Moby Dick, Romeo and Juliet, The Old Man the Sea (a favorite of mine), etc.

And, just as the world around us honors and cherishes great classic works of literature, the Church has literally volumes and volumes of classic works on spirituality and the Catholic faith authored by Her saints and others who have expressed eloquently the truths of the faith and the ways of growing in our friendship with God. Some of the most classic works of Catholic literature that come to mind immediately for me would be the "Story of a Soul" by St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Spiritual Exercises" by St. Ignatius of Loyola, "The Confessions of St. Augustine", "The Rule of St. Benedict", "An Introduction to the Devout Life" by St. Francis de Sales, or "The Interior Castle" by St. Teresa of Avila. Not to mention the thousands upon thousands of Catholic works by contemporary Catholic authors such as Peter Kreeft, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), Scott Hahn, and Venerable Fulton Sheen. In other words, there are an innumerable amount of resources for us to choose from which can help us to go deeper in the understanding of our faith.

But, like anything else, we have to be willing to get the ball rolling. Especially in our supposedly modern-age of technology, sitting down to read a paper book may seem boring, time-consuming, old-fashioned even. Fine. Most popular works of literature can be downloaded to our iPad or Nook or electronic reader as well. The point is, Lent is a perfect time for us to put aside procrastination or excuses, and pick up a book about our faith and read. If we do, I guarantee that you will find that God will speak to you through the writings of the saints and other holy Catholic authors, men and women who are on this Christian journey with us. If you feel lost, and need suggestions about where to start regarding Catholic literature, or are just not sure what to read next, feel free to email me, stop me after Mass or give me a call- I would be happy to make suggestions. And, as always, remember that we have plenty of books in our parish library downstairs which can be borrowed at any time, for free. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

## Holy Spirit Church is open for prayer at the following times during Lent:

Mondays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Tuesdays: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesdays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm	Thursdays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Fridays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm	Saturdays: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sundays: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	

**A Wonderful Opportunity!!** There is a new faith formation opportunity called, "Formed" which is access to an online database of Catholic content, videos, meditations, movies, eBooks, and audio talks. A parish which has subscribed to Formed receives the access code, which any parishioner can use at any time. If we share membership with St. Mary's Parish, we can have all-parishioner access for \$700 per year. If you are interested in donating towards this wonderful opportunity, please contact Treasaigh in the office and let us know!

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<b>Saturday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>02/27/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Beth Egan & Carol Anderson Servers: Ava Fosness & Kate Thomasen	
<b>Sunday</b>	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>02/28/16</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Josephine Lannon</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Chalices: Chris Lemke & Nancy Olsen Servers: Anthony Lemke & Hayden Johnson	
<b>Monday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>02/29/16</b>
	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/01/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Delores Burger</i>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/02/16</b>
5:45 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Religious Education—Grades 5-11</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL	<b>03/03/16</b>
	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	SAINT CASIMIR	<b>03/04/16</b>
	<b>No Mass</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Friday Morning Discussion Group</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	FIRST SATURDAY	<b>03/05/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: To be assigned Chalices: Carol Anderson & To be assigned Servers: Spencer Ross & Luke Johnson	
<b>Sunday</b>	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>03/06/16</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Josephine Lannon</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalices: Linda Hoffman & Nancy Olsen Servers: Casey & Kaitlyn Underdale	

Fr. Steve's Final Faith Formation Class on the Sacraments will be Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, hope to see you there.



### Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection .....	\$2,243.00
UCA.....	\$140.00
Bldg. Fund .....	\$430.00
Latin America.....	\$2.00

† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Joe Haynes, Yvonne Highland, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf, Joanne Payment.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Patty Amitrano, Julie Banks, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Lori Dybvig, Richard Hadrich, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Spencer Saltzman and Diane Watson.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.

† **Sacred Heart Candle:** The Family of Linda Maki.

### Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board

"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

**Confirmation Retreat:** Time is running out, the deadline to register is March 1st. This is a requirement for confirmation and is for 11 grade students. The retreat will be in Hibbing, April 8-9, 2016. If you misplaced your registration form, please contact Treasaigh in the parish office 834-4659.

**Jr. High Retreat "In Reverse", April 15-17:** This is a great retreat to encourage your child to attend! It will focus on going deeper in prayer. There are also many activities including games, swimming, talks, Mass and reconciliation, etc... Held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, registration is \$155.00 and is open to students in grades 6-8. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Connie @ 834-4433.

### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday:** March 24

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration till 11:00 p.m.

**Good Friday:** March 25

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday:** March 26 Easter Vigil 8:00 pm.

**Easter Sunday:** March 27 Easter Mass 11:00 am.

### Reconciliation

Besides the regular reconciliation schedule, extra times are listed below:

Friday, March 18: 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Sunday March 20: 3:00 p.m.

Penance Service with individual confessions.

Tuesday, March 22: 5-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24: 9-10:00 a.m.