

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 10, 2016



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray."

-St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716)

With this weekend's bulletin article, I am beginning a series on Prayer, in which for the remaining Sundays of the Easter Season, I will write about different aspects of developing a healthy and sound prayer life with God. Today's quote is a bit of an introduction, and it comes from a well-known Catholic author who is a master of prayer and especially devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Louis de Montfort. I think this particular image of prayer is especially apropos to the Easter Season because of the numerous times that the Church refers to flowing water, new water of rebirth, etc. to speak of the new life that the Risen Christ offers to us.

I also think that a very important takeaway from this quote is the *need* that our souls have for communication with God. And on this point, I think the image of water is very important and key. Take a look at the Easter flowers in the Church- we all know that if they are not watered, they will very quickly shrivel and die. Water is absolutely required to sustain life. The same, my friends, is true for our souls. If we do not pray regularly, with intention and devotion, our souls will suffer and shrivel up. It is of *vital* importance for us to recognize that whether we believe it or not, whether we like it or not, whether we know it or not, our souls *ache* for friendship with God.

And just like human friendship, our friendship with God will only exist, be strengthened and healthy if we spend time with Him. If we don't pray on a regular, daily basis, if we don't communicate with God regularly and often, our souls will starve for lack of spiritual nourishment, which will derail our entire lives. This may sound overly dramatic, but it is completely and totally true. God has created us to be in friendship and relationship with Him- we are literally hard-wired for union with God. Prayer and the sacraments of the Church are the principle ways that we enter into that relationship of union with God. This is the most basic step on the road to deepening our prayer life- we must recognize that we need prayer like our bodies need water. Period. Without frequent, heart-felt prayer with God every single day, our souls will ache with thirst. Let's quench our souls' spiritual thirst by committing today to daily prayer with God. Next week, I'll talk about what this daily prayer should look like. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

Baby Bottle Drive: The annual baby bottle fundraiser benefits the Christ Child Society which provides layettes to needy mothers and their children and runs the Crib Club at the Women's Care Center which provides clothing, cribs, diapers, strollers, and just about anything needed for babies to help at-risk Moms. The mission of the Women's Care Center is to support women in any way necessary to help them choose life for their babies. Please take a bottle home and fill with change, bills or checks made out to the Christ Child Society and return on Mother's Day, May 8th. On behalf of the Christ Child Society, thank you so much for your generosity.



Holy Spirit's Prayer Shawl Ministry Group is an informal group who crochets and knits tangible signs of their prayers for others. *New people are always welcome to join us.* We will meet on **Tuesday, April 12 at 9:00 AM** in the church hall.

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Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/09/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Liz Scheidt & Carol Anderson Servers: To be assigned	
Sunday	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	04/10/16
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education- grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Steve Cavallin</i> Reader: Louis Button Chalices: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Ariana Sitra & Casey Underdale	
Monday	SAINT STANISLAUS	04/11/16
	No Mass	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/12/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Mary Louis Rolig</i>	
Wednesday	SAINT MARTIN I	04/13/16
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education- grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/14/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Nicholas & Josephine</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/15/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Gary Aleff</i>	
Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/16/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Liz Scheidt & Beth Egan Servers: To be assigned	
Sunday	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	04/17/16
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education- grades Pre, K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Vickie Udovich</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Chalices: Jeannie Shaw & Sherri Hendren Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,755.98
UCA	\$215.00
Bldg. Fund	\$470.00
Holy Land	\$4.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
Rice Bowl	\$360.80
Catholic Relief	\$5.00
Holy Fathers Mission	\$10.00



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

† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Patty Amitrano, Bill Carlson, Philomenia Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Louie Edlund, Brian Hoffman, Peggy Jurkanis, Patty Harrison-Isakson.

† **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 Cavallin Family

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

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Vacation Bible School- June 27th-July 1st, 6-7:30pm. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Connie or Cheryl.

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

Year of Mercy event—All are invited: Sister Kateri Mitchell, nationally known speaker and Mohawk sister of St. Anne, will speak Saturday, April 23, in the large conference room at the Diocese of Duluth Pastoral Center, 2830 E. Fourth St., Duluth.

The day will begin with coffee at 9:00AM followed by prayer and conference talks. We will join the Cathedral parishioners for their Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 4:30PM and have the opportunity to make a pilgrimage of prayer as we enter through the Holy Doors. Our day ends around 7:00PM.

Preregistration is required so appropriate materials and meals can be provided. There is no cost for this event. Sponsored by the diocesan Indian Ministry office. For more information and to register contact Sister Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP, at (218) 724-9111 or mmessingschlager@dioceseduluth.org.

REGISTRATION DUE BY: April 19, 2016