

5th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"We must speak to God as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favor, now acknowledging our faults, and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking His counsel." -St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1566 A.D.)

With this bulletin article, I am resuming, as promised, a series of articles on daily prayer with the Lord. Two weeks ago, I spoke about the basic need that our hearts and souls have to pray in the first place. I spoke about how prayer with Jesus is like a spring of fresh water that nourishes our thirsty souls, and so how it is of vital importance for our spiritual lives that we daily communicate with the Lover and Creator of our souls, the One who nourishes us with His holy presence. This week, I would like to talk about how to begin to accomplish the daily practice of prayer.

I think that St. Ignatius of Loyola's quote above is particularly helpful, because it is so down-to-earth and practical. St. Ignatius is considered one of the Church's masters of the spiritual life and prayer. There are two aspects of this quote that I would like to point out- the quality and quantity of daily prayer. Starting with the quantity, St. Ignatius reminds us that we should, "in all things seeking His counsel." This powerfully reminds of the need for regular and frequent prayer with God. To have an effect on our daily lives, prayer with God needs to be a daily event. I will address this more completely when I talk about the discipline of prayer next week.

But St. Ignatius also teaches us a lot about the quality of prayer- what our prayer should consist of and look like. It should truly be one friend talking to another. At least part of our daily prayer routine should consist of us speaking to God as our Father and Friend who loves to hear from us and communicate with us. As St. Ignatius tells us, we should feel free to share with God our thoughts, fears, worries, anxieties, frustrations, joys, accomplishments and failures. The goal of daily, personal prayer is to further develop our relationship, or friendship with God. Thus, while memorized prayers are very important to our prayer routines (think of the Rosary, Act of Contrition, Our Father, prayers before meals, etc.), important too is spontaneous, impromptu prayer with God. God loves us so deeply as His children, that He truly longs for the opportunity to share His love with us, to listen to us tell Him about all the experiences and feelings that we are going through, and to let Him comfort us. If this is not a regular part of our prayer lives, then perhaps we should consider aiming for five minutes a day where we simply talk with God about how our life is going. He waits at each moment to talk to us, let's try to take just a few minutes each day to talk to Him. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

Baptized in Christ: We welcome Eleanor Catherine Hefter (parents: Uriah & Heather Hefter) and Hazel Quill-Constance Scott (parents Michael & Sarah Scott) to the community of faith. We congratulate their parents on this happy occasion and we pray God's richest blessings on their families.

Holy Spirit Library: Are you aware that our Church library is available for all of us to use? The library is located downstairs. More books have recently been added. A great opportunity to learn and grow, to energize your mind, heart, and soul. Come and enjoy this great resource.



First Communion: Our second grade class will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24th. Please keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for this Holy Sacrament.

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Saturday	SAINT GEORGE & SAINT ADALBERT	04/23/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader: Paulette Moreland	
	Chalices: Shawn & Kathy McMahon	
	Servers: Spencer Ross & Luke Johnson	
Sunday	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	04/24/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Shirley Wurster</i>	
	Reader: Shannah Groothausen	
	Chalices: Gina Lemke & Nancy Olsen	
	Servers: Anthony Lemke & Ethan Bopp	
Monday	SAINT MARK	04/25/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Dorothy Mezzenga</i>	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/26/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Carl Moe</i>	
Wednesday	WEEKDAY DURING EASTER	04/27/16
Thursday	SAINT PETER CHANEL & SAINT LOUIS GRIGNION	04/28/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass —† <i>Ann & Oscar Anderson</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA	04/29/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Mary Louise Rolig</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Funeral Luncheon Meeting	
Saturday	SAINT PIUS V	04/30/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader: to be assigned	
	Chalices: Kathy & Shawn McMahon	
	Servers: Miles & Kate Thomasen	
Sunday	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	05/01/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Delores Burger</i>	
	Reader: Mike Hoffman	
	Chalices: Nancy Olsen & Linda Hoffman	
	Servers: to be assigned	
12:00 p.m.	Teachers Appreciation Luncheon	

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,724.25
UCA	\$80.00
Bldg. Fund	\$280.00

Youth Happenings

Teachers Appreciation Dinner—Sunday, May 1st.

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

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor, and Ron Ostendorf .
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Patty Amitrano, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Brian Hoffman, John Marshall and Lisa Ricard.
- † **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:** Mike & Linda Hoffman



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