

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Patience, prayer and silence- these are what give strength to soul."

-St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

This week, I wish to continue my bulletin series on personal prayer. Last week I spoke about the vital importance of silence in our lives, and especially the need to incorporate times of silence in our prayer with God. This week, as promised, I will speak to practical ways to carry out daily, silent prayer. Now, as I am sure we are all aware, silent prayer is not always easy to practice regularly. Roadblocks such as mental distractions, boredom, sleepiness, and an active imagination can make it quite difficult. So can just the idea of sitting in silence before God in prayer, not *doing* anything for ten or fifteen minutes. Ten minutes can feel like an hour. And so because we don't see results, because we don't feel like we have accomplished something, because we fell asleep while trying to pray, because we were distracted throughout the entire time, we feel like the time was a waste, and we give up.

And so, before we can ever begin to tackle the discipline of daily, silent prayer, we must quash a very destructive understanding of prayer that often comes from our very active daily lives. We moderns are very goal-oriented. We are task-focused. We *do* things in order to accomplish. Especially with the rise of the Google culture, and the instant nature of communication from modern technology, we expect results, and we expect them now.

The problem is, if we don't check that attitude at the door when going to prayer, we will never be comfortable with the idea of silent prayer with God. Why? Because silent prayer is not about *doing*, it is about *being*. For example- many times in my life, when dad and I would go fishing and not catch anything all day, I would say, "Sorry we didn't catch anything, dad." To which my dad would always respond: "Going fishing is not about catching fish for me as much as it is spending time with you." Fishing was an opportunity for my dad and I to simply be together, to spend time with each other- what we did didn't matter as much as who we were with- each other.

The same is true for silence with God. We must rid ourselves of the temptation to evaluate how "good" our prayer time with God was based on how "good" it made us feel, or how well we think we prayed. Prayer is not a task-oriented activity- it much more basic than that- it is simply spending time with the Beloved. So, this week, I am renewing my challenge that I made a long time ago: I am challenging each of us to spend ten minutes in silent prayer with God each day. Next week, I will give a basic outline of what that prayer time could look like. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

Strength of the Saints Relic Tour: June 27 in Cloquet: *Venerate the relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher*

The relics of two saints who exemplified courage and conviction in the face of persecution are coming to the Diocese of Duluth. St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher were prominent 16th century Englishmen who stood against King Henry VIII's attempted supremacy over the Catholic Church, and accepted martyrdom instead of abandoning their faith. This fearless witness is especially compelling to American Catholics today, as we face threats to our religious liberty and rights of conscience.

Relics of the saints will be available for veneration at Queen of Peace Church in Cloquet from 9:30 to 11 AM on Monday, June 27. The relics will also be traveling to St. Paul, Bemidji, St. Cloud, New Ulm, and Rochester. The Strength of the Saints Relic Tour is being organized by the Minnesota Catholic Conference, and is part of the broader Fortnight for Freedom, a call to fourteen days of prayer, education, and action for religious freedom in the United States and abroad. Learn more at MnCatholic.org/relics or the Strength of the Saints event page on Facebook.

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Saturday	SAINT MATTHIAS	05/14/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader: Paulette Moreland	
	Chalices: Shawn & Kathy McMahon	
	Servers: Luke Johnson & to be assigned	
Sunday	PENTECOST	05/15/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Delores Burger</i>	
	Reader: Harold Ek	
	Chalices: Jeannie Shaw & Gina Lemke	
	Servers: Ethan Bopp & Hayden Johnson	
Monday	WEEKDAY DURING ORDINARY TIME	05/16/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass —† <i>Carol Pearson</i>	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY DURING ORDINARY TIME	05/17/16
	No Mass	
Wednesday	SAINT JOHN I	05/18/16
Thursday	WEEKDAY DURING ORDINARY TIME	05/19/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for D.J. Hodge</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Adoration	
6:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
Friday	SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA	05/20/16
7:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Gil Hensgens</i>	
Saturday	ST CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS	05/21/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i>	
	Reader: Barb Haynes	
	Chalices: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan	
	Servers: Karly Fleischer & to be assigned	
Sunday	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	05/22/16
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Cara Barthman</i>	
	Reader: Shannah Groothausen	
	Chalices: Laura Lien & To be assigned	
	Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$7,084.56
UCA	\$1,280.00
Bldg. Fund	\$2,305.00



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor, Diane LeRoy and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Cara Barthman, Bill Carlson, Coeur d'Alene Dahl, Russ Hanson, Brian Hoffman, 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 Family of Arthur Barthman.j



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

FREE.... Vacation Bible School
-June 27th-30th, 6-7:30pm.

VBS 2016 Is "farm-tastic!" In Barnyard Roundup, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore 5 Bible accounts where Jesus gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Registration is now open for grades pre-4th. Registration forms are available in the Church entryway. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crafts, yummy snacks, and games. Can't wait to see you there!

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

You're Invited! St. Mary's in Silver Bay is hosting a Spring Salad Luncheon on Tuesday, May 17, serving 11:30 am to 1 pm Price is \$8. Please come and enjoy a wide variety of delicious salads!

ROSARY : Our Blessed Mother Mary is pleading with all of us to pray the Rosary – a very powerful prayer. Besides praying the Rosary prior to weekday Masses, we have now begun praying the Rosary at 4:00 PM before the 4:30 PM Saturday evening Mass and at 10:30 AM before the 11:00 AM Sunday morning Mass. Please join us in praying the Rosary. If you are interested in leading the Rosary prior to one of the weekend Masses, please call Linda at 834-3568.