

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 18, 2016

Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"To forgive takes love. To forget takes humility."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

This weekend, we continue to consider quotes from our newly canonized saint, St. Teresa of Calcutta. And again, St. Mother Teresa's ability to speak very powerfully and profoundly in very few words is on display. We've all heard the phrase to "forgive and forget," but I imagine that due to hurts that have been inflicted upon us in our lives, to forgive and forget is a whole lot easier to say than to do. Forgiving someone who hurt us is hard enough. To forget about it and move on can sometimes feel impossible.

But St. Teresa is very helpful here, because she offers us the solution to each. To forgive another who has hurt us requires love, and like love, forgiveness is an act of our will, a free decision that we make to forgive; it is NOT a feeling. We can forgive someone and still feel hurt. To forgive is to love- it is to want what is good for the other, and, it is good to be forgiven. We know that from having experienced the beautiful grace of forgiveness through the sacrament of confession, and also when we have been forgiven by someone that we ourselves have hurt. It takes love- a decision to act in accord with what is good for the other- to forgive another. It is to release them from the debt that they owe us in justice due to their sin against us. It is what God did for each of us through His decision to love us and so forgive us by dying for our sins on the cross.

To forget, however, takes humility. Humility is the virtue by which we live in a way in which we are grounded in the truth, recognizing that every good thing that we have comes from God. The great theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas defines the virtue of humility as "keeping oneself within one's own bounds, not reaching out to things above one, but submitting to one's superior." In the context of our discussion, to exercise humility regarding forgiveness is to recognize that judgment is reserved ultimately to God, that we ourselves are sinners too, and that we are to treat others as we would want to be treated. To remember another's faults and hold it against them would be to place ourselves above them in judgment. However, this role of judge is reserved to God. So, we try to forget about hurts by remembering who we are: that we too are sinners, in need of God's mercy, and desperately hoping that God will forgive and forget our sins. To forgive and forget is certainly not easy to do, but it can bring incredible freedom and peace! God bless you! *Fr. Steve Laflamme*

The **40 Days for Life Fall Campaign and Prayer Vigil** runs daily September 28th thru November 6th from 8 AM to 8 PM in front of the Building for Women at 32 E. 1st St., Duluth where abortions are performed. Please consider being a public witness for the unborn by signing up to come and pray for an hour. Holy Spirit Parishioners try to cover the hours on Mondays during the Campaign. If you would like to sign up, please contact Paulette Moreland at 348-1345 or 40daysduluth@gmail.com. The **Kick Off Rally** is on Tuesday, September 27th, starting with Mass at the Women's Care Center, 103 1st St., at 6 PM, followed by prayer, praise, and worship in front of the Building for Women at 7 PM.

Next weekend we will take up special collection for the Special Appeal for the 2016 Louisiana Floods: The funds collected in this one time special appeal will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as shelter, clean water, food, and medical care as well as to the long term need to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction, and to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church. Because of the immediate need, **we will be sending the donations in on Sept 26.**

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Saturday	SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE	09/17/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Harold Ek Chalices: Carol Anderson & Liz Scheidt Servers: Kate Thomasen & to be assigned	
Sunday	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09/18/16
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation —Grades Pre, K –4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Lucille Olaf</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Chalices: Laura Lien & Shari Hendren Servers: Sid & Livy Hendren	
Monday	SAINT JANUARIUS	09/19/16
	No Mass	
Tuesday	SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, SAINT PAUL CHONG HA-SONG & COMP.	09/20/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Jim Buske</i>	
Wednesday	SAINT MATTHEW	09/21/16
6:30 p.m.	Faith Formation —grades 5-11	
Thursday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09/22/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Fr. Bogumil Kosciesza</i>	
Friday	SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA	09/23/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass - <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Adoration	
12:00 p.m.	Benediction	
Saturday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09/24/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Carol Anderson & to be assigned Servers: Karly Fleischer & to be assigned	
Sunday	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09/25/16
9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation —Grades Pre, K –4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Edsel Martz</i> Reader: Michelle Thewis Chalices: Chris Lemke & Gina Lemke Servers: Anthony Lemke & Ethan Bopp	

Adult Faith Formation Class: Fr. Steve will be teaching a class on the Seven Capital (Deadly) Sins. There will be four classes taking place on the following dates—October 6th, 13th, 27th, and November 3rd. All classes are from 7-8 p.m. in the Church hall. Please join us to learn more about your faith!



† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Jeanne Battaglia, Arthur Barthman, Florian Burger, John Erickson Ron Kor, Joanne Payment, and Dick Watson.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Cara Barthman, Bill Carlson, Castiel Karels and Patty Harrison-Isakson, Roy Watson and Steve 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:** Fr. Ben Hadrich

Please call the church office if you would 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.

From the Desk of Fr. Steve: *Regarding the Parish pamphlet rack in the entryway to the Church* - In order to ensure that all materials in the pamphlet rack are theologically sound and accurate, anyone wishing to place pamphlets or books in the pamphlet rack **must** first submit them to me (Fr. Steve) for review. Items placed without prior approval are subject to being discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

1st Annual Diocesan Holy Family Celebration sponsored by the Diocese of Duluth and the Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday October 16 at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Rosary in Duluth. 1 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 1:30 PM - Rosary based Holy Family Prayer Program. 2:30 PM - Consecration to the Holy Family. 3 PM - Solemn Benediction.

Men of Holy Spirit, Young & Old: We will be working in the Two Harbors Cemetery (Catholic Section), straightening and leveling grave stones and markers. Please come and lend a hand, your help is needed on Saturday, September 24th from 8:00 a.m. till noon. Bring a shovel if you have one. This is an important corporal work of mercy in the year mercy assisting in the burial of the dead. Hope to see you there.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,531.00
UCA	\$130.00
Bldg. Fund.....	\$220.00
Home Missions.....	\$275.00