

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2016



Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus ... The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you."

-St. John Vianney (1786-1859)

This weekend's quote is from one of the great saints in the history of the Church- St. John Vianney. St. John Vianney was a diocesan priest in France during the first half of the 19th century. After his ordination to the priesthood, he was sent to become the pastor of a very small rural town of Ars, France. Not too long after his arrival there, his extraordinary wisdom, holiness and preaching became known not just in the town of Ars, but throughout the French countryside. Soon, people were traveling from miles away to have the opportunity to go to confession with Fr. Vianney, who himself would often spend over 12 hours a day in the confessional. St. John Vianney had tremendous gifts of wisdom, able to read the souls of his penitents, and he was also a man of tremendous prayer and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He is the patron saint of priests.

As we heard in the Gospel reading today, our Lord invites Simon Peter to leave his fishing nets behind and follow Him, so that God may make Peter a "fisher of men." This encounter between Jesus and His first Apostles is a very telling one. It reminds us of a very important truth: our lives are not our own. God has created each of us for a very specific purpose, and with a very special plan for our lives. It is our task, with God's help, to discern just how God is asking us to put to use the gifts that He has entrusted to us in our lives, and to do so in a way which brings glory to God and fulfills His will.

In a special way, I would like to encourage parents and grandparents who are reading this bulletin: what have you done recently to encourage and foster a vocation/s to the priesthood and/or religious life amongst your children/grandchildren? I know that this question may make us a bit uneasy, because a lot of times many of us may pray for more priests, but we may also hope that God doesn't call our son or grandson to be one of them! So many times I heard stories in seminary from classmates who told me that their greatest obstacle to following God's call in their lives to become a priest was their parents, family, or friends who discouraged them. This is so unfortunate, because God has entrusted the lives of our children/grandchildren to our care so that we may then help them to live according to the purpose that God has created them to fulfill.

The greatest gift that we can give to our children/grandchildren is to help them to discover and follow God's will for their life, because following God's will in their life is what will make them most happy, most fulfilled, most content. As Jesus said to Simon Peter- "Do not be afraid!" The life of a priest is a beautiful life, filled with many joys, challenges and opportunities to help bring the grace, love, and mercy of God to people who so desperately need it. The world needs priests! God is calling, but are we willing to put out into the "deep water," and to jump all in for Christ? Will we be coworkers in God's work of inviting young men to consider priesthood? I encourage you all- think of one young man in your life to whom this week you could ask: "Have you ever thought about being a priest?" Vocations are plentiful, if we are willing to invite. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

We are very grateful to a Parish couple that wishes to remain unnamed who came forward and paid off the balance of our church lighting loan in the amount of \$14,847.87. May God bless them for their generosity!

The Little Black Books for Lent are in back of the church. Take one and use it as part of your Lenten commitment to grow closer to you faith and Christ.

The Friday Discussion Group will start its 6 part series by Fr. Albert Haase "Keeping the Fire Alive". Com join us after Mass on Friday, February 12th. Let that spark of Christ within you become flame. Everyone is welcome.

Hungering for the journey: Join our parish community - and nearly 14000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's bowl in the back of church today. Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.

The 2016 Catholic Men's Conference will be taking place on Saturday, February 13th, 2016 in Duluth at Marshall School. The featured speaker is Fr. Bill Baer. Registration is \$30 if you register online before Feb. 1st at www.duluthcatholicmen.org, after which the cost will rise to \$40. This is a great opportunity for men to learn about their faith and be inspired by the witness of dynamic speakers, so attendance is highly encouraged.

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Saturday	SAINT PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	02/06/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalice: Carol Anderson & Shawn McMahon Servers: Karly Fleischer & to be assigned	
Sunday	5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	02/07/16
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Steve Wisniewski</i> Reader: Mike Hoffman Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Laura Lien Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	
Monday	SAINT JEROME EMILIANI & SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA	02/08/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Cory O.</i>	
Tuesday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	02/09/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Judah Christenson</i>	
5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice	
7:00 p.m.	Finance Council Meeting	
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY	02/10/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
7:00 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Msgr. O'Shea</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Servers: Anthony Lemke & Sid Hendren	
Thursday	OUR LADY OF LOURDES	02/11/16
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for Mary Rolig</i>	
9:00 a.m.	Adoration	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/12/16
7:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	
8:15 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i>	
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/13/16
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Beth Egan Chalice: Carol Anderson & Liz Scheidt Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
Sunday	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	02/14/16
9:30 a.m.	Religious Education— Grades Pre, K thru 4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass — <i>Intention for † Gary Aleff</i> Reader: Religious Ed. Student Chalice: Joanne Button & Nancy Olsen Servers: Casey & Kaitlyn Underdale	



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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, February 16 at 9:00 AM** in the church hall.

"COMING HOME BASKET": The basket sitting near the Church entry is a *"Coming Home Basket."* If you know of someone who has drifted away from their Catholic faith, write their name on one of the sheets provided, fold it, and place it in the basket. As a faith community we are encouraged to pray for the people whose names have been placed in the coming home basket as well as to encourage those we are aware of to return.



Sacred Heart Candle: You may have noticed the red candle at the base of the Sacred Heart statue. These candles may be purchased for \$2.00 and will burn all week long for your personal prayer intention.



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Joe Haynes, Yvonne Highland, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf, Joanne Payment.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Al Aldinger, Patty Amitrano, Bill Carlson, Kathleen Despiegler, Lori Dybvig, Richard Hadrich, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Peggy Jurkanis and Diane Watson .
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Julie Banks, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin , James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.
- † **Sacred Heart Candle:** Deacon Tim Richardson



Prayer Requests: 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

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.

Our next Family Mass will be on Sunday, February 14th, hosted by the 5th and 6th grades.

Camp Survive junior counsellors: If you are interested in being a counselor for Camp Survive this summer and have completed grades 10- 12th, please see Connie for the application.

Homeless project update: Thank you everyone who donated to our homeless project. We were able to package 37 bags to give to our local police and sheriff's department. There are a few items still needed to complete more bags, please check out the bulletin board. Thank you!



Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection	\$2,281.26
Donation for Lighting Loan	\$14,847.87
UCA	\$42.00
Bldg. Fund	\$175.00
Latin America	\$30.00