

From the Pastors Desk:

Dear Friends:

Beatitudes are golden rules for happiness. The blessed may be poor in riches but they don't mind it because they trust in a caring God and so they are happy. The blessed may happen to be materially rich, but because they are poor in spirit the result is that God becomes so dear to them that wealth means nothing to them and therefore they are happy. They may sorrow, but realize that they are sharing in Christ's own sorrow and hence they are happy. In their hunger and thirst for God they do not mind the deprivation of worldly pleasure because they are enriched by the friendship of God and hence they are happy. They are so merciful that they may look like soft-hearted fools to the proud but they are sure of receiving God's mercy assuring them eternal life and hence they are happy. Ten Commandments alone are not the recipe for happiness. They are only foundations for it. They mostly tell us what not to do and what not to be. The Beatitudes on the other hand tell us what to do and what is to become. They counsel attitudes and actions which are the flowing of every virtue leading us to a blessed state.

God bless you!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

In the Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus teaches what it means to be happy...

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favored. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted.

Young people are bombarded with messages that promise them true happiness. Jesus reverses expectations and points out what true happiness is. Jesus teaches that true happiness is often found in the opposite of what society teaches will make us happy....from *The Sunday Connection, Loyola*

+ Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Gilman: Grades K - 6 : 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Grades 7 - 10 : 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Sheldon: Grades K - 9 : 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Grade10 : Sunday, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

+ The children will celebrate Fr. Lourdu's birthday on Wednesday, February 8th as well as on Sunday, February 12th. They are watching the DVD on Our Lady of Lourdes whose feast day is celebrated on February 11th.

+ Parents and Children of the First Communion Class will meet on Saturday morning, February 11th, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. to prepare for the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Blessings,

Sister Marianna and Catechists

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,065.00
Loose	1 14.00
Total	1,179.00
Total from January 31, 2016	1,322.00
Building Fund	4 0.00
St Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 260.00
Loose	4 6.00
Total	3 06.00
Total from January 31, 2016	5 25.05
Energy Fund	1 0.00
St John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 501.00
Loose	5 8.00
Total	5 59.00
Total from January 31, 2016	7 42.78
Catholic Schools	10.00
St Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 110.00
Loose	5 8.94
Total	1 68.94
Total from January 31, 2016	3 17.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Ss Peter & Paul -	\$11,078.00	7,990.00	\$3,088.00
St. John -	\$8,374.00	5,820.00	\$2,554.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$5,461.00	4,340.00	\$1,121.00
St. Michael -	\$2,323.00	2,323.00	Paid in Full

There will be a **Building Fund Collection** next weekend at all parishes.

Don't miss the 64th Annual Turkey Dinner at Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Owen Sunday, February 5th at 10:45 a.m.

Contribution statements and envelopes will be available in the church office until April 15th.

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

SKABROUD'S STORE
W5541 Main St. - Sheldon, WI 54766
Brian & Jody Oelkers invite you to stop in and enjoy great service!
We look forward to serving you in the future!
715-452-5161