RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

SHELDON:

Grades K-10: meet every Wednesday from 6:15pm - 7:30pm.

The **Confirmation class will meet every Sunday** at **9:00 a.m.**

GILMAN:

Grades K-5: meet on Wednesdays from **3:30pm - 5:00pm**. Your next class is Wednesday, December 14th.

This year the 1st and 2nd grade class families will take turns lighting the Advent wreath candles. **Mallory Doro's family will be lighting the Advent wreath on Sunday, December 18th**. Next week Sunday, **December 18th is our Christmas Pageant**. Children should arrive at 8:00am to dress in his/her costume for the play and review the lighting of the wreath.

Grades 6-10: meet on Wednesdays from **6:15pm - 7:30pm.** Your next class is Wednesday, December 21st.

ADVENT TRADITIONS

The **Jesse Tree** celebrates the history of God's loving action in our world leading up to the birth of Christ. This symbol is based on the prophecy of Isaiah: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." The Jesse tree bears symbols of God's saving power down through history. Dozens of key events of Hebrew salvation history are represented: Noah's Ark, burning bush, the Ten Commandments, Jacob's ladder, Joseph's coat and the Key of David.

The seven **"O" Antiphons** are part of the liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office, the Church's official daily prayer. They have traditionally been sung in monasteries and in Christian communities during evening prayer on the seven days before Christmas Eve. Each antiphon begins with the "O" followed by one of the biblical names for Christ: O *Wisdom*, O *Lord*, O *Root of Jesse*, O *Key of David*, O *Orient*, O *King of the Gentiles*, and O *Emmanuel*. These beautiful prayers provide the lyrics for the most famous of all Advent hymns: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

The **Advent Wreath** is a ring that can be made out of branches, metal or other materials. Traditionally it is made of pine branches, it lies flat on a table and holds candles. The circle shape helps remind us of God's love that never ends. The candles are lit with each week of Advent. Think about the hope we have for a Savior - the peace, joy and love he brings to our homes and hearts. The lighting of the Advent candles represent the promise of the coming of Jesus - the light of the world.

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	COLLECTED	*NEEDED*
	December 3-4	
	Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	$ 1,464.00	970.00
Loose	$ 167.00	77.00
Total	**$ 1 ,631.00**	***1,047.00***
Month of December Building Fund =	$ 1,013.00	*1,667.00/mo*
	St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	$ 370.00	500.00
Loose	$ 48.00	77.00
Total	**$ 418.00**	***577.00***
Month of December Building Fund =	$ 482.00	*500.00/mo*
	St. John	
Adult Envelopes	$ 1,566.00	827.00
Loose	$ 84.00	120.00
Total	**$ 1,650.00**	***947.00***
Month of December Building Fund =	$ 194.00	*667.00/mo*
	St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	$ 260.00	250.00
Loose	$ 65.00	29.00
Total	**$ 325.00**	***279.00***
Month of December Building Fund =	$ 100.00	*84.00/mo*

The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals **needed are based on the 2022-2023 budget set by each Parish Council.*

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Catholic Services Appeal 2022-2023

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	$ 10,860.00	$ 5,800.00	$ 5,060.00
St. John	$ 9,049.00	$ 5,635.00	$ 3,414.00
St. Stanislaus	$ 5,759.00	$ 2,030.00	$ 3,729.00
St. Michael	$ 3,018.00	$ 1,450.00	$ 1,568.00

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