

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 21st.

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

ADVENT TRADITIONS

The **Nativity Set** is a manger scene depicting the birthplace of

Jesus. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first live nativity scene in 1223 in order to focus on the worship of Christ rather than on material things. Francis had been inspired by his recent visit to the Holy Land, where he had been shown the site of Jesus's traditional birthplace. Some call the Nativity scene - a creche. As a family, read a few verses of the original Christmas story from Luke's gospel each night. You may want to place the shepherds and the Wisemen (Kings) a distance away from the manger and move them closer to the manger each day until Christmas when Jesus is added to the scene when all people are together. This Christmas story about a perfect baby was written for all of us with our imperfect families.

The **Candy Cane** is shaped like a shepherd's staff and that may remind us that the good news of the Savior's birth was first announced to lowly shepherds. The message they received was that **the** Shepherd had been born, sent by the heavenly Father to lead and feed, to guard and protect those who are the sheep of His flock, and eventually as he Himself said, to lay down His life for the sheep (John 10:10). Just as candy canes taste good,

so we may remember that our Savior is "The Good Shepherd", whose will for us is always the best. "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good," the Bible invites us (Psalm 34:8).

A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas. The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy is white to stand for the pureness of Jesus and red to represent the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins. So the next time you see a candy cane, **take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas - JESUS.**



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
December 10-11		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 855.00	970.00
Loose	\$ 81.00	77.00
Total	\$ 936.00	*1,047.00*
Month of December Building Fund =	\$ 1,343.00	*1,667.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 230.00	500.00
Loose	\$ 127.00	77.00
Total	\$ 357.00	*577.00*
Month of December Building Fund =	\$ 492.00	*500.00/mo*
**reporting unavailable due to winter weather event		
St. John**		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 0.00	827.00
Loose	\$ 0.00	120.00
Total	\$ 0.00	*947.00*
Month of December Building Fund =	\$ 194.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael**		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 0.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 0.00	29.00
Total	\$ 0.00	*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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