

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

SHELDON:

Grades K-10 will meet every Wednesday from 6:15p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Your next class is December 22nd.

GILMAN:

Grades 2-5: will meet every Wednesday from 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.
Your next class is December 22nd.

Grades 6-10: will meet on Wednesdays from 6:15p.m.-7:30p.m.
Your next class is December 22nd.

Confirmation Students: Remember to turn-in your weekly Mass review and attendance form to Fr. Vijay after Mass.



St. Peter Canisius - December 21

Priest and Doctor of the Church

During the life of Peter Canisius, Germany was facing a great crisis of faith. The new Protestant religion was sweeping through the land, and many people were leaving the Catholic Church.

Peter Canisius joined the Jesuit order, where he was taught by the holy founder St. Ignatius of Loyola. Peter knew he must preach to the German people that the Catholic Church was the true Church that Jesus had founded when He was on earth. Peter preached to everyone, especially to children. He even wrote three catechisms so that all could read and learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Not only did he preach with words, he also preached with actions. He took care of the sick and during a terrible plague in Vienna where he was teaching, he tended to the sick and won the people's hearts. When he preached with words, he preached with great love. Since many Protestants did not know any other faith, Peter Canisius was kind and gentle when he spoke to them but he always spoke the truth.

Peter Canisius was not afraid to speak to the Holy Roman emperor when the emperor's son appointed a Protestant minister to a high position at court. Peter told them that having the Protestant minister at court would confuse the faithful about the Catholic faith. The emperor respected Peter Canisius and dismissed the minister even though his son held a grudge against Peter Canisius. Peter knew that what God thought of him was more important than what the emperor's son thought of him.

Peter Canisius founded many colleges throughout Germany and Austria to teach the Faith. He knew education was the key for the Catholics to share the true Faith with the Protestants. He founded many seminaries to train priests. Throughout his life, he wrote and preached in defense of the Catholic faith. Because of all his hard work, the Catholic faith returned to Germany, and he is called one of the Apostles of Germany.

St. Peter Canisius ... please help us to never be afraid to speak the truth with gentleness and love!



"Every year, God gives us four weeks to help us prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas. Through spiritual preparation, our hearts will soften and our lives will change." (Word Among Us)

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
December 11/12		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,190.00	885.00
Loose	\$ 86.00	77.00
Total	\$ 1,276.00	*962.00*
Month of December Building Fund =	\$ 1,257.00	*1,500.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,362.00	423.00
Loose	\$ 202.00	67.00
Total	\$ 1,564.00	*490.00*
Month of December Building Fund =	\$ 413.00	*417.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,335.00	750.00
Loose	\$ 10.00	48.00
Total	\$ 1,345.00	*798.00*
Month of December Building Fund =	\$ 305.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 235.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 34.00	30.00
Total	\$ 269.00	*280.00*
Month of December Building Fund =	\$ 105.62	*100.00/mo*
*The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the fiscal year budget set by each Parish Council.		

*Christ has no BODY
but YOURS*

Catholic Services Appeal 2021-2022

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,960.00	\$ 4,120.00	\$ 6,840.00
St. John	\$ 8,639.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,639.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,436.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 2,386.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,953.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,653.00

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

GILMAN CORNER STORE
447-8376
 GAS - POP - BEER - BULK FOODS
 SNACKS - MOVIES - LOTTERY
 OPEN 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 7 DAYS A WEEK

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