

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

In the readings we find the disciples locking themselves into a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Even though Mary Magdalene had come to them from the empty tomb announcing, "I have seen the Lord," this was not enough to overcome their fear. What had been done to Jesus could be done to them... which led to their hiding in self-imposed confinement. The turning point came when the risen Lord himself appeared to them behind their closed doors and helped them overcome their fear. He did this by breathing on them the Holy Spirit, filling them with new energy and hope, freeing them from fear and releasing them to share in his mission. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you," he said. In the power of the Spirit they came to life and went out from their self-imposed prison to bear witness to the risen Lord. If Magdalene makes no impact on us, the Lord will find another way to enter our lives and to fill us with new life and energy for his service. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out. He finds a way to enter the space where we have chosen to retreat and he empowers us to resist what is holding us back. He does require some openness on our part; at the least, some desire on our part to become what he is calling us to be.

We might pray this Easter season for the openness to receive the Lord's coming into the concrete circumstances of our own lives, so that we too might say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." We might also pray that, like the Lord, we would receive others where they are, rather than where we would like them to be.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you! On this Divine Mercy Sunday we pray "Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ..."

On this First Communion Sunday we realize the meaning of the consecration of the bread and wine into Christ himself, living and glorious, present in a true, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity, is contained, offered and received. After Communion let us pray, Jesus, I believe you are truly present within me. I hope for eternal life with you. I love you with all my heart.

First Communicants receiving at Ss. Peter and Paul are:

- Logan and Lucas Halida, twin sons of Cory and Sarah
- Conner Nichols, son of Derek and Rebecca
- Kaydon Horechek, son of Jeff and Aleece
- Beau Pockat, son of Tyler and Sara
- Henry Syryczuk, son of Nicholas and Stacy
- Rilla Syryczuk, daughter of Mark and Odessa
- Addison Vick, daughter of Michael and Miia
- Brock Webster, son of Chad and Brenda
- James Wojcik, son of Michael and Melissa

First Communicants receiving at St. John the Apostle are:

- Brock Dachel, son of Brock and Rhonda
- Gavin Evjen, son of Todd and Tonya
- Violet Kopacz, daughter of Karl and Tricia

May Jesus be in your heart always!

Classes continue next week and May 3rd with May Crowning on May 7th.

Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 626.00
Loose	1 85.00
Total	8 11.00
Total from April 17, 2016	1,454.00
Good Friday - Holyland	4 26.00
Easter	1,116.00
Rice Bowl	3 34.57
Home Missions	2 0.00
Building Fund	6 0.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 595.00
Loose	5 79.00
Total	1,174.00
Total from April 17, 2016	8 10.00
Good Friday - Holyland	1 62.00
Easter	6 50.00
Rice Bowl	2,031.89
Building Fund	3 0.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 382.70
Loose	1 43.00
Total	5 25.70
Total from April 17, 2016	7 15.21
Good Friday - Holyland	1 7.00
Easter	5 67.00
Rice Bowl	1 16.59
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 170.00
Loose	2 85.00
Total	4 55.00
Total from April 17, 2016	3 49.00
Easter	3 60.00
Rice Bowl	1 0.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul -	\$ 11,078.00	8,090.00	\$2,988.00
St. John -	\$ 8,374.00	5,820.00	\$2,554.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$ 5,461.00	4,640.00	\$ 821.00
St. Michael -	\$ 2,323.00	2,323.00	Paid in Full

Special Collection - May 14th : The completion of the Trinity Dome, in preparation for the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of the foundation stone of the National Shrine in 2020, is a monumental undertaking for which the Bishops of the United States have approved a special one-time collection to take place on Mother's Day - May 14, 2017. Visit www.trinitydome.org for more details.

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