RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHELDON: Classes are finished for this school year.

Each grade will have had seven classes at St. John or at Ss. Peter & Paul. All other classes should have been completed at home with parents. **Thank you to all families for your cooperation during the pandemic.** We hope to return to a *normal* school year for 2021-2022. Watch your mail for registration forms that will be mailed on June $1^{\rm st}$.

GILMAN: the religious education program will end classes on the following dates:

Grades 1 - 5: 1^{st} Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. The last class will meet on **May 5**th

Grades 6-8: Classes are finished for this school year

Grades 9-10: 1^{st} Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. The last class will meet on **May 5**th

Sunday, May 9th, we will celebrate May Crowning with our 2^{nd} graders who will wear their 1^{st} Communion clothes and carry flowers, and crown Mary in front of the Church. The other students (grades 1-11) will bring up flowers to put in vases by Mary. If you have flowers that you can bring for your child or can share with others, please do so. We will have a limited number of flowers available for the students to carry.

St. George - c. 300 Israel

St. George was a soldier from the Holy Land who lived when Christians were persecuted by the Roman emperor. Not much is known about him, but we do know that he died in defense of his faith in Jesus Christ.

There is a legend about St. George and a dragon that teaches us about the fight between good and evil. St. George was traveling on horseback when he met a maiden weeping. He asked her why she was so sad. She explained that a terrible dragon plagued her city, poisoning the pond and eating the people. To stop the dragon, the people cast lots to decide who should be sacrificed to the dragon. The lot fell on this maiden, who was the king's daughter and therefore a princess. She was waiting for the dragon to come and eat her. St. George was horrified at this story and promised to defend her in the name of Jesus Christ. He spotted the dragon speeding toward them. He raised his shining sword and thrust at the dragon with all his might, slaying the dragon and chopping off it's head. St. George returned the princess to her father, and because he defeated the dragon, the king and all his people were baptized and became Christians.

The dragon represents sin and the evil one, while the maiden is the Church. We must all fight against evil to defend our faith. Who are the dragons in your life?

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul								
Adult Envelopes	\$	875.00						
Loose	•	235.00						
Total		1,110.00						
Total from April 12, 2020		*615.00*						
Building Fund		70.00						
Home Missions		20.00						
St. Stanislaus								
Adult Envelopes	\$	702.00						
Loose		153.00						
Total		855.00						
Total from April 12, 2020		*190.00*						
Building Fund		120.00						
St. John								
Adult Envelopes	\$	497.00						
Loose		62.00						
Total		559.00						
Total from April 12, 2020		*960.00*						
Votives		8.50						
St. Michael								
Adult Envelopes	\$	85.00						
Loose		20.00						
Total		105.00						
Total from April 12, 2020		*365.00*						
Churches closed due to pandemic								
(Totals include only the basic collection)								

Together in Mission... Alive in Hope

Catholic Services Appeal 2020-2021

Pope Francis describes the present moment as a time to be open to the Spirit who can "inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible." Realize the Power of a Gift!

	As	sessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due				
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$:	11,438.00	\$ 4,180.00	\$	7,258.00			
St. John	\$	8,969.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$	4,369.00			
St. Stanislaus	\$	5,430.00	\$ 3,118.00	\$	2,312.00			
St. Michael	\$	2,843.00	\$ 1,887.00	\$	956.00			

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