

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Dear Friends:

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, where we recall the absolute mercy and love that Jesus has for all humanity. Speaking of God's divine mercy. God's mercy is better and more profound than any human mercy or compassion could even imagine. We cannot downplay the significance of how different Jesus' reunion with his disciples is after he rose from the dead, from how the expectations of the world might be... After all, Jesus had been betrayed and abandoned by most of his followers and almost all of his disciples. Only a few loyal women stayed with him through it all... his chosen disciples mostly scattered in fear. The one Jesus chose to be the rock on which he would build his church, denied him three times. Now he is risen and he returns to meet them... would not one expect, that there would be revenge, retribution, or at least an extended session of guilt trips and finger-pointing... But no.... there is not a hint of judgement in our Lord's return.... He does not even punish Thomas for his doubt and his demands before he would believe the news that Our Lord had indeed risen. Christ meets Thomas where he is at.. and shows Thomas what he needed to be assured... he shows him his hands and side... That is mercy. That is compassion. It is also service and love. This is God's ways which are so very different from many of the ways of the world....

In the Easter narratives.... "The risen Jesus is encountered by different disciples in different situations and different ways.... Mary Magdalene recognized the risen Jesus only when he called her by name. The two disciples traveling along the road towards Emmaus, did not realize WHO this stranger was who walked along with them.... until they saw him break bread ..... and then they realized that their hearts had already been burning with fervor as they had walked along the road..... but they had not recognized the signs of Christ's presence .... But the disciples would get better and better at recognizing Christ in the Eucharist... and in the word of God and in the stranger... and in the burning energy of God's good news...and then again today..... some people do not recognize Jesus until they touch the wounds of the suffering one.....

May we continue to recognize Christ's presence, whenever we touch the wounded-ness of those around us and offer support and strength.

**God Bless You!**

**Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship**

Today nine young people from the parishes of Ss. Peter & Paul, St. John and St. Michael will be confirmed at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Ladysmith by Bishop James Powers assisted by Fr. Lourdu and Deacon Craig Volberg at 2:00 p.m. *Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: it unites us more firmly and more intimately to God, our Father and to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us; it renders our bond with the church more perfect; it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never be ashamed of the cross.* (CCC #1303)

Remember in prayer today: Grace Grunseth, Luke Olson, Kirklan Thompson, Kaitlyn Webster, Nicholas Derfus, Braden Evjen, Olivia Franzen, Megan Lechleitner and Gabriel Gunderson. Please support them with your presence at the Mass.

Adults who have never been confirmed may be Confirmed with some instruction...please contact the church for more information. Adults who wish to become Catholic are invited to contact the church to begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process.

**Classes: Wednesday - May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Gilman: Grades K - 5: 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 6 - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Sheldon: Grades K - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

**Attention CCD Parents:** please disregard the email and letters sent home with your children. Although we cancelled classes to keep the kids safe, we will NOT be making up any of the classes. The closing Mass will be held Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> with **May Crowning** and **First Holy Communion**.

Blessings and Peace of Easter ~ Sr. Marianna

**OUR WEEKLY GIVING**

<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,638.00
Loose	160.00
Total	1,798.00
Total from April 22,2018	1,283.00
Building Fund	100.00
Holy Land	398.00
Home Mission	10.00
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,100.00
Loose	507.75
Total	1,607.75
Total from April 22, 2018	544.00
Holy Land	333.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
<b>St. John</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 592.00
Loose	161.00
Total	753.00
Total from April 22, 2018	1,504.50
Holy Thursday	147.00
Holy Land	40.00
<b>St. Michael</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 515.00
Loose	76.00
Total	591.00
Total from April 22, 2018	264.00

*(Totals include only the basic collection)*

*Called to Become Saints*  
**Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019**

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility is listed below. As of **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, we have collected:

	<b>Payments</b>		
	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>&amp; Pledges</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 6,790.00	\$ 4,603.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 5,660.00	\$ 3,498.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL

**Liturgical ministers and servers: a new schedule has been posted.** Copies are available in the entrance to Church or online at [fivesaintscluster.com](http://fivesaintscluster.com)

**OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK**

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