

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

The risen Lord meets us on the road to our Emmaus in the ordinary experiences of our lives and in the places to which we retreat when life is too much for us. We, too, have hopes and dreams about better health, healing, financial security and family relationships. These dreams often get shattered. The story promises us, however, that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect our risen Lord. Emmaus moments come to us when we meet the risen Christ on our life's journey through rough times.

In our journey we are not alone. Jesus walks with us. He walks with us in our lack of understanding, our hurts and our bitterness, as he did with the two disciples. He asks us to surrender our difficulties into his hands and continue our journey. At times we can experience his presence with us; at other times we can't. He is like the sun in the sky, which at times is big and bright and clearly visible in the sky, but at other times, it disappears behind a layer of clouds and seems to have vanished from the sky. But we know from experience that the sun is always somewhere in the sky. So too, in our low points of our journey we should not be disturbed by the apparent absence of the Lord; we should rather use them as opportunities to show Christ our trust that he is still walking with us and he will appear to console and heal us.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,042.00
Loose	3 01.00
Total	1,343.00
Total from April 24, 2016	1,416.00
Good Friday - Holyland	1 00.00
Easter	5 0.00
Rice Bowl	3 0.98
Building Fund	7 0.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 425.00
Loose	1 14.00
Total	5 39.00
Total from April 24, 2016	5 42.00
Easter	1 0.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 891.80
Loose	2 28.00
Total	1,119.80
Total from April 24, 2016	6 58.85
Good Friday - Holyland	4 7.00
Easter	4 0.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 145.00
Loose	3 0.00
Total	1 75.00
Total from April 24, 2016	2 91.00
Good Friday - Holyland	9 0.00
Easter	1 00.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

In some important ways, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, reminds us of what we do when we gather for Mass. We read and reflect upon Scripture and try to interpret the events of our lives in the light of Scripture. That part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word. Then we share a meal, doing what Jesus did: blessing and breaking the bread. That part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Whenever we celebrate Mass we recognize that Jesus is present to us in the Word and in a special way in the Eucharist. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, at the end of the Eucharist we are sent to share the good news of Jesus with others. We "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." (Sunday Connection-Loyola Press)

+ Classes: Wednesday, May 3rd

Gilman: Grades K - 6: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Grades 7 - 10: 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Sheldon: Grades K -10: 6:15-7:30 p.m.

+May Crowning and Last Class for Religious Education is celebrated on Sunday, May 7th. We ask all children and parents and teachers to be present to give thanks for this 2016-2017 CCD year. It is an opportunity to thank our teachers and substitutes and the presence of our 90 children in Gilman and Sheldon.

Blessings and Peace in Christ,

Sister Marianna

2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 4/4/2017 - updated by the Diocese of Superior

	Assessment	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul -	\$ 11,078.00	8,428.00	\$2,650.00
St. John -	\$ 8,374.00	5,820.00	\$2,554.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$ 5,461.00	4,882.00	\$ 579.00
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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