

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates Christ, the Good Shepherd. He accepted suffering and death in order to save his flock. Christ the good shepherd is our role model of love and care. If we obediently continue to listen to him, and to follow him, he will lead us safely to our destination in heaven. In our first reading, Peter testified through his miracle and testimony that Jesus is actually the good shepherd who cares for his flock. It is His wish to heal us. So as his flock, he is with us at all times. He watches over us and guides us through the paths of life. He cares for us. Whenever we call upon Christ our good shepherd in faith, he hears and answers us according to the purpose of his will. Our second reading presents us with one very important attribute of Christ the Good Shepherd. That is love.

In today's gospel from John, Jesus tells us: "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own knows me... they listen to my voice..." From this we learn two important lessons. The first is, the role and characteristics of a good shepherd. The second is the duty and response of the flock. The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient; he loves and never harms his own flock or sheep. A good shepherd is readily available for his flock. He is ready to make sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. In other words, there must be a good relationship and understanding between a good shepherd and his flock. Finally, today the church provides us another good opportunity to pray for the Holy Father, all the leaders of the church, families and the world. With our hope and confidence strongly placed in the risen Christ let us pray: "The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want" (Ps 23). Alleluia, Alleluia.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CCD - Catholic Christian Disciples

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep. The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation. What sacrifices can you encourage your children to make for others?

+Classes: Wednesday - April 25th

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.

+Next Sunday, April 29th, seven young people will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are: Mykell Podolak, Trevor Schmitt, Dayne Tallier & Ryan Webster from Gilman; Sarah Olson from Jump River; Luke Geist & Zachary Kopacz from Sheldon. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and minds to make a commitment to be faithful disciples of Jesus forever.

+Confirmation Candidates are asked to arrive at Our Lady of Sorrows Church by 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass begins at 2:00 p.m.

+There is class on Wednesday, May 2nd, with May Crowning on Sunday, May 6th. Flowers will be carried by all CCD students to present to Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Blessings & Prayers for all! ~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 428.00
Loose	127.00
Total	555.00
Total from April 16, 2017	811.00
Building Fund	360.00
Catholic Home	25.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 220.00
Loose	81.00
Total	301.00
Total from April 16, 2017	1,174.00
Building Fund	20.00
Good Friday	5.00
Easter	5.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 465.00
Loose	18.00
Total	483.00
Total from April 16, 2017	525.70
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 175.00
Loose	50.00
Total	225.00
Total from April 16, 2017	455.00
Building Fund	5.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)
2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 4/3/18

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 8,685.00	\$ 2,494.00
St. John	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 4,840.00	\$ 3,881.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 2,790.00	\$ 2,459.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 2,302.00	\$ 207.00

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OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

Village Hair Designs
 by Monica
 (715) 447-8276 **** W15218 Hwy 64
 Wed. 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

POLISH POLKA FEST - Sunday, April 22 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Historic Quonset Hall-Thorp. Admission is \$10; Kids 16 and under are FREE. Polish food and drinks will be available. Sponsored by St. Mary of Czestochowa Church. Enjoy good food and good music!

SALAD LUNCHEON - Wednesday, April 25 : 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish, Owen. Menu includes a wide variety of salads: meat, vegetable, fruit, potato, coleslaw, etc. Assorted desserts, coffee & milk. Adults \$7; Ages 5-12 \$2.50; Age 4 and under -free. Sponsored by the Holy Rosary PCCW.