

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

The number of promises I have made to God ever since I became a Christian are many: some private, others public; some simple, others solemn. What happened to those promises? I must humbly acknowledge that on some of them I have been just standing, on some others sitting. I feel that a few of those promises could have been as well written on wind and on running water. A commitment to God must be at least as binding as those we make at the bank. When Joshua asked all the tribes of Israel, "Decide today whom you will serve", the people in one voice answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord". When we were baptized and became God's children, we entered into a covenant with God, and not into an oral contract which is not worth the paper it is written on. If we say we are committed to God as children to a father, how faithful are we in observing at least his Ten Laws, to which the Catechism of the Catholic Church devotes nearly 100 pages, more than one fifth of its length? Sometimes it is sad to think that the law of gravitation seems to be the only law that everybody observes.

Commitment to God our Father naturally calls for a commitment to his Son, Jesus Christ. We are not to consider ourselves Christians simply because we think we are. It is our faithfulness to Christ, especially when we are pushed to the wall or when we are ready to quit, that makes our commitment to Christ truly a covenant. The disciples of Jesus were severely challenged when Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." One group found Jesus' words too hard to take, left him and no more walked with him. But the disciples met the challenge successfully and remained faithful to him. When asked, "Would you also like to leave?" St. Peter on behalf of all said, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life". How committed are we to Jesus when his teaching appears to be too idealistic to be practiced and too risky to be put into action? At those moments when our faith is challenged, or when some storm threatens to destroy us, we must not fix our attention on the problem but on the person of Jesus Christ, because he has promised, and that is his commitment to us, that he will not allow us to sink. Do we have faith to believe it, hope to anticipate it, and patience to await it?

**God Bless You!**

**Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

The readings of this Sunday help us reflect upon seeds. We plant seeds and with the sunshine and rain, even though hidden, through God's power, they grow. Jesus compares this to the growth in the kingdom of God. The small, insignificant, sometimes hidden good works that we do will make the Kingdom of God grow and spread out around us. In the family, in the community, in our church, in our world we take the time to notice who needs our help, our prayers and our concern. All of which, though hidden, makes the kingdom of God present in our midst.

+ The Ss. Peter & Paul Catechists meeting is **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

+ Thank you to those who returned their registration forms. If your child will enter Kindergarten, or new to the CCD program, there are registration forms at the entrance of each church.

+ **Classes begin Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> in Gilman and Sheldon.** There will be a **cupcake sale on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** to welcome the children back.

+ **We are still in need of a teacher for Grade 6.**

Blessings ~ Sr. Marianna

## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul			
Adult Envelopes	\$	1,071.00	
Loose		59.00	
Total		1,130.00	
Total from August 20, 2017		1,426.25	
Building Fund		40.00	
Assumption		10.00	
St. Stanislaus			
Adult Envelopes	\$	315.00	
Loose		73.00	
Total		388.00	
Total from August 20, 2017		413.00	
Building Fund		20.00	
St. John			
Adult Envelopes	\$	565.00	
Loose		142.00	
Total		707.00	
Total from August 20, 2017		608.61	
Building Fund		2,000.00	
St. Michael			
Adult Envelopes	\$	240.00	
Loose		89.74	
Total		329.74	
Total from August 20, 2017		263.00	
Building Fund		15.00	
Donation		80.00	

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

Contributor Status Report as of 8/2/18

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 8,945.00	\$ 2,234.00
St. John	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 5,550.00	\$ 3,171.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 3,576.00	\$ 1,673.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 2,509.00	PAID in FULL

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## OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

<b>Village Hair Designs</b>
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.

**The Diocese of Superior Respect Life Office presents:**



**There's a Hole in Our Soul.**

September 29<sup>th</sup> at WITC Conference Center, Superior from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. followed by Mass at the

Cathedral of Christ the King. Fr. David Neuschwander will be the keynote, and will speak on our first vocation, which is to love. Register online today at: [www.catholicdos.org](http://www.catholicdos.org) - look for the God's Gift Logo.