

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

When Jesus asked his disciples who do men say he was, the disciples mistakenly thought that he wanted to know his popularity rating. As all of us know, being popular is important; otherwise people might not like us. But Jesus was not interested in knowing how popular or famous he was, because he was only too aware what fame brings to a person; to have it is a purgatory and to want it is a hell. Besides, even those who have not achieved anything can project themselves as famous and provoke an uproar through the services of professional image-makers on TV, radio and the press. Therefore, Jesus was not so much concerned about his fame among the public; what he really wanted to know was whether each of his disciples fully understood who he was. Fortunately, St. Peter on behalf of the rest gave him a very convincing and courageous answer (Mt 16:16); "You are the Son of the living God."

We need to accept Jesus as our Lord and personal savior: Jesus is not merely the founder of a new religion, or a revolutionary Jewish reformer, or one of the great teachers. For Christians, he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. This means that we have to see Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Savior, and the Redeemer. We need to experience Jesus as our Lord and Savior and surrender our lives to him. The knowledge of Jesus as Lord and personal Savior should become a living, personal experience for each Christian. This is made possible by our listening to Jesus through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, by our talking to Jesus through daily, personal and communal prayers, by our offering our lives on the altar with Jesus whenever we attend Holy Mass and by leading a sacramental life.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

This past weekend, I attended a workshop in Rice Lake on *Discipleship*. This year the theme for the Catechetical Year is Living as Disciples. Here is a good definition of a disciple from the General Directory of Catechesis: "The Christian faith is, above all, conversion to Jesus Christ, full and sincere adherence to his person and the decision to walk in his footsteps. Faith is a personal encounter with Jesus Christ making of oneself a disciple of him. This demands a permanent commitment to think like him, to judge like him and to live as he lived. In this way, the believer unites himself to the community of disciples and appropriate the faith of the Church." (GDC, 53) This is why we teach and meet weekly with the students.

+Classes begin Wednesday, September 13th, from 3:40-5:00 p.m. in Gilman. We say 3:40 p.m. because the children are dismissed from the Public School at 3:30 p.m. The buses leave about 3:40 p.m. and then we walk over to the church and get there about 3:40 p.m. We will dismiss at 5:00 p.m. Classes for Grades 7 - 11 meet from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes in Sheldon meet from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

+We need a teacher for Grade 8 NOW to be ready for the classes. Remember God walks with you and will lead you.

Peace and All Good,

Sister Marianna

**Julia Hoover will now serve as the Respect for Life Coordinator in Sheldon. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Nannette Burmeister who served over twenty years as Coordinator for Respect for Life. Thank YOU!

OUR WEEKLY GIVING


Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,366.00
Loose	6 0.25
Total	1,426.25
Total from August 21, 2016	1,445.00
Building Fund	4 0.00
Assumption	1 70.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 355.00
Loose	6 3.00
Total	4 18.00
Total from August 21, 2016	6 37.00
Assumption	2 85.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 541.85
Loose	6 6.76
Total	6 08.61
Total from August 21, 2016	8 80.35
Building Fund	1 5.00
Assumption	9 4.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 171.00
Loose	9 2.00
Total	2 63.00
Total from August 21, 2016	3 40.00
Assumption	3 0.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

**2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal
Contributor Status Report as of August 21, 2017**
Corrections were made by the Diocese of Superior
to account for PLEDGES not received

	Assessment	Cash Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul -	\$ 11,078.00	8,843.00	\$ 1,625.00
St. John -	\$ 8,374.00	7,845.00	\$ 529.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$ 5,461.00	5,461.00	Paid in Full
St. Michael -	\$ 2,323.00	2,188.00	\$ 115.00

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6:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.
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Diocesan Respect Life Event/ God's Gift: to Love Every Body Open to students & adults! September 29 and 30th in Superior, WI. For more information and to register go to www.catholicdos.org/events/gods-gift-to-love-every-body or contact the Diocese of Superior at (715) 394-0240.

