

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

God reveals to us and communicates with us continuously through persons, work and situations. The word of God comes gently and is never intended to remain suspended like clouds in midair, but to soak the earth and to be drawn back toward God after completing its purpose. The Word of God is eternal Word without beginning or end. Today's readings are about the transforming power of the word of God when read, preached and lived. They also warn us not to be disappointed at the absence of immediate results. We must take a positive and optimistic view of our missionary efforts as we keep on bearing witness to Christ's Gospel. The parable of the sower in today's Gospel challenges us to listen intently to God's Word, to be open to it and to shape our lives by its' power. The parable reminds us that man's reception of God's Word is determined by the condition of his heart.

We need to assess our use of the word of God. We have to read the word of God every day starting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of attentive reading and the ability and willingness to apply the message we receive to our daily lives. When we listen to the word of God as read and preached in the Church during the Holy Mass, we need to pay full attention to the message given by God using the priest as His instrument. We also have to ask God's special grace to remove all types of blocks, like laziness, anxiety, worries and the burden of unrepented sins, which prevent the word of God from influencing and transforming our lives. When we receive Jesus, the Word of God and the Source of the word of God in Holy Communion, we need to ask him to transform our lives so that we may see Jesus in everyone, and share with each of them Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

Are we all helping the seeds of faith grow in those around us? Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit we must try to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. Reflect on ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, works of charity, etc.)

Try this activity: Place a dot in the middle of a piece of paper. Imagine that the dot on your paper is a seed. Draw around the dot a representation of how you think your faith is growing. What colors will you choose? What shapes or images?

++ Teachers are needed for Grades 5, 6 & 8. Come, join a team of faith-filled catechists! Teaching will be the good seed that will make your own faith grow.

++ Registration forms and Parent letters are being sent home this week. Please read every point carefully.

Blessings and Peace,

Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

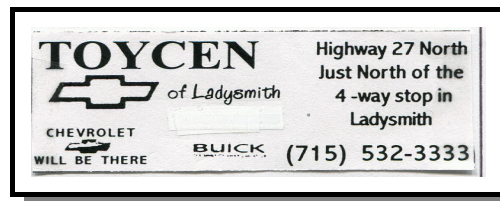
		Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes		\$	1,125.00
Loose			8 6.00
Total			1,211.00
Total from July 10, 2016			1,413.00
Building Fund			2 10.00
		St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes		\$	435.25
Loose			1 31.00
Total			5 66.25
Total from July 10, 2016			5 35.00
Building Fund			6 0.00
		St. John	
Adult Envelopes		\$	646.50
Loose			1 63.10
Total			8 09.60
Total from July 10, 2016			8 38.42
Building Fund			5 0.00
		St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes		\$	96.00
Loose			5 3.00
Total			1 49.00
Total from July 10, 2016			2 83.00
Building Fund			1 0.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

**2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal
Contributor Status Report as of JULY 5, 2017
updated by the Diocese of Superior**

	Assessment	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul -	\$ 11,078.00	8,873.00	\$ 2,205.00
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	2,323.00	Paid in Full

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK



Ruby's Pantry...brought to you by your friends at the Ole' Country Cowboy Church. The once a month grocery distribution will be held on **Saturday, July 22nd** from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon at the National Guard Armory in Medford. For a cash donation of \$20.00 you will receive a generous amount of groceries. Bring your own containers to carry your groceries...we suggest 2 large totes. No income requirements...everyone is welcome. For more information or to volunteer contact Ron or Madonna at (715) 748-2944.