

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

God invites every person to be close to him, to trust him and love him. From the beginning, God called human persons to be with him for he is the creator for he has made every human person in his own image and likeness and desires to have constant contact with him. He invites everyone to a close personal relationship with him and when they do wrong and go astray; he invites them to a spirit of repentance to make them live a life worthy of him. He wants everyone to observe his commands and be close to him in obedience and self-sacrifice. God speaks to us in many ways, particularly through the word of God. The Sunday scriptural readings provide useful background. This leads us to better understand the word of God and link it with our daily activities of life in a meaningful way. In the Gospel today, Jesus invites his disciples to a great sacrifice even death itself for Christ. He adds that it is necessary to give and share what we have with others. Every giving in the name of Jesus involves a sacrifice and a reward.

All of today's readings remind us that we become fully alive through the generous giving of ourselves. That does not mean only giving a lot of money or things to others or placing importance to worthy causes. It is more important to give ourselves to people: in the way we speak about them, in the way we forgive their failings, in the way we encourage them, in the way we show hospitality towards them and even in the way we think about them. These types of generosity reflect warmth radiating from the very love of God. However, the generosity we exhibit should be here and now, not at the last moment. Our generosity should be here and now, coming from the depth of our hearts and totally committed. It is like what Jesus says that our left hand must not know what the right hand is doing. Jesus promises us that the smallest services done to others will not go unrewarded.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

Last week Fr. Lourdu began his homily with the words "The mission of the church is the preaching of the Gospel." We are all called to preach the Gospel, to be disciples, to be evangelizers. That is also the aim of Catechesis "to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of his person and message and a firm commitment to follow him." (NDC)

All are invited to listen to God's call "to go and make disciples of all nations." We need to show our love for Jesus more than to any other person. We need to take up our cross and follow Him.

++We have children/teens in Grades 5, 6, and 8 who will need someone to answer God's call of discipleship. Will it be you?

Blessings on your reflections,

Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,160.00
Loose	8 9.00
Total	1,249.00
Total from June 26, 2016	1,220.00
Building Fund	8 0.00
National Concerns	4 0.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 550.00
Loose	9 1.00
Total	6 41.00
Total from June 26, 2016	3 80.00
Building Fund	3 0.00
National Concerns	1 60.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,266.25
Loose	1 18.11
Total	1,384.36
Total from June 26, 2016	1,644.65
Building Fund	2 50.00
National Concerns	3 0.00
Votive	1 5.80
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 621.00
Loose	1 31.99
Total	7 52.99
Total from June 26, 2016	2 76.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 6/12/2017 -
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



Rediscover your Marriage - Retrouvaille simply means rediscovery. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Couples who have been through it share their personal stories and the tools used to heal their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend: August 11-13, 2017 visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 877.922.4673