

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Happiness is within the reach of everyone, however dull, mean or wise they may be. Life is meaningless if it is not happy; where happiness fails, life is only a mad lamentable experiment. So, all people search for happiness, though the search itself often becomes the chief source of unhappiness. As St. Augustine said, "Indeed man wishes to be happy, even when he so lives as to make happiness impossible." But just think for a moment the tremendous joy the two men of the parable in the Gospel must have felt, when one discovered a hidden treasure and the other a priceless pearl! One discovered the treasure by chance, while the other discovered the pearl by deliberate search. But the joy both experienced was overwhelming; it was so overpowering that it seized their feelings, thoughts, penetrating their inmost beings; to secure and to possess this joy, they were ready to make any sacrifice and give up everything that now seemed valueless, compared to the joy and happiness the treasure and pearl brought to them.

Yet, the happiness which a treasure or a pearl can offer can never be that true and lasting joy for which every human heart yearns. Sometimes, human as we are, we allow ourselves to be haunted not by reality but by images of that reality, not by the substance of joy but by its shadow and to be obsessed by a fairy tale, spending our lives searching for a magic door that opens only to a lost kingdom of joy. True joy is the treasure of a human soul which lies in the fulfillment of the spirit. Such a joy can be found only in God's kingdom, which is present in Jesus Christ. Therefore we much seek Christ in order to find our true treasure.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

The Big Day of registrations for Religious Education is here! The Director and the Religious Education Committee are anxious to find out how many will register today---and how many cupcakes (Lublin, Gilman) will sell and how many cinnamon rolls (Sheldon) we will sell.

Remember "God depends on you to carry out his plan for the world." Will you consider teaching Grade K, 1, 5, 6, or 8 this year? God will bless you abundantly in your life.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of heaven is the pearl of great price. What price are you willing to pay to reach the kingdom of heaven? What do you value?

What is your pearl of great price?

Blessings and Peace,

Sister Marianna



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,285.00
Loose	1 48.00
Total	1,433.00
Total from July 24, 2016	1,262.00
Building Fund	6 5.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 375.00
Loose	6 6.00
Total	4 41.00
Total from July 24, 2016	5 11.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,031.23
Loose	7 6.15
Total	1,107.38
Total from July 24, 2016	9 04.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 162.00
Loose	4 6.00
Total	2 08.00
Total from July 24, 2016	3 72.00

(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

BROADWAY THEATRE

Hwy 64 west side of Medford
For movies & Showtimes visit
medfordmovies.com or call 715.748.5556
CLIP THIS COUPON - Purchase any size popcorn
and get matching soda for \$1
Expires 01/31/2018

POLISH POLKA FEST - Sunday, August 6 at the Historic Quonset Hall - N14921 Gorman Ave - Thorp. Dance to polka music from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission \$10 ~ Kids 16 and under are Free. Polish food and refreshments will be available from Noon - 5 p.m. Sponsored by St. Mary of Czestochowa Church.

BELGIAN WAFFLES & BERRIES - Sunday, August 6 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds serving 10 a.m. - 1p.m. Proceeds will go to the Holy Rosary Youth Group and the new educational barn project at the Medford High School. Tickets are \$8 each or pack of 7 for \$50. Kids 10 and under are \$4 at the event.