

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

This Sunday's gospel is brief but exceedingly rich in meaning. It has two distinct, though related, parts. In the first, Jesus expresses profound gratitude to the Father, source of all being and goodness, because he has freely chosen to take note of the little ones. He has done so by giving them a share in his divine wisdom, while withholding it from the "wise and learned." This certainly does not mean that God despises learning but rather that the learned are too often tempted to pride, and thus closed to God's gift.

When Jesus says that "these things" are revealed only to the humble and unassuming, he is referring to the revelation that he received from the Father and now offers to all of us. This revelation is nothing less than a message about the real meaning and purpose of our lives. And since it concerns how we love and serve and forgive, it is hidden from those who want to control life by means of their human knowledge, rather than to subordinate that knowledge to the higher wisdom of love and generosity. It is only in this way that one can come to know Jesus as the one who reveals the wisdom and the gift of the Father.

In the second segment, Jesus reminds us that accepting his wisdom of loving service will indeed mean submitting to the yoke of discipline and sacrifice. But it will be a sweet yoke, first of all because we bear it with Jesus, and then because it is a burden that has meaning since it is carried with love.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

The Lyrics to the song "Put Your Hand In The Hand" is a good song to put one's faith in Jesus. The words to the refrain are:

"Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the waters. Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea. Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently. By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee."

In our reading this Sunday Jesus assures us that we are not alone in our sufferings when we take on his yoke and learn from him. We take his hand and walk side by side with him to find strength, mercy, love and compassion for his "yoke is easy and his burden is light." When a child takes our hand we feel protective of them and love for them. Just so we are loved and protected from the challenges of daily living by taking the hand of our friend and God, Jesus.

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	\$ 883.00
Loose	1 67.00
Total	1,050.00
Total from July 3, 2016	1,120.00
Building Fund	6 10.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 335.00
Loose	6 8.00
Total	4 03.00
Total from July 3, 2016	5 31.00
Building Fund	4 61.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,176.90
Loose	2 66.10
Children	5 .00
Total	1,448.00
Total from July 3, 2016	1,303.05
Building Fund	3 55.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 245.00
Loose	1 26.00
Total	3 71.00
Total from July 3, 2016	1 95.52
Building Fund	9 6.00
National Concerns	5 0.00

(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

St. John Council of Catholic Women
All Women of the Parish are members
Meetings held 2nd Monday of
every month at 7:00 p.m.

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