

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

The readings for today, the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, give the name "sin" to our offenses against God. When we sin -- violate God's Commandments -- we distance ourselves from Him; when we refuse, or fear, to admit our sins, we deny ourselves God's freely offered pardon and forgiveness. In describing Adam and Eve's first sin, disobedience, our first reading, taken from Genesis, explains the beginning of evil in the world with its destructive results. The loving relationship joining man to God is destroyed, and the relationship of mutual love between Adam and Eve is weakened. Their default to a "blame game" allowed each to avoid taking personal responsibility for their joint choice. In the second reading, Paul declares to the Corinthians that the many adversities of his missionary work were God's plan for his spiritual growth; his sufferings, offered with Jesus for the Salvation of the world, would result a glorious reward for him and for all believers who did the same. Today's Gospel passage reveals how Jesus himself was misunderstood by his own relatives and was criticized, slandered and rejected by the Sanhedrin-led scribes and Pharisees. His sufferings for us give us courage and his offer of healing, strength and forgiveness, so that we can do as he did when we face unfair treatment and criticism in our lives.

Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love and encouragement that we offer to them because they are too familiar with us. But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing his prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to speak the truth and oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones. Let us remember that by Baptism we become the children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus and members of the Heavenly family of the Triune God. Hence, let us observe our obligations of treating others with love and respect and of sharing our love with them in corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

+ A question we were asked at our Franciscan Sisters Assembly was "What will you do to build bridges of goodness?" I couldn't help but think of the swinging bridge in the Gilman park because each Sister wrote what she would do on a piece of paper and tied it on a swinging bridge. We take a risk to walk on a swinging bridge. We take a risk to look for the goodness, not the bad, that is all around us. We see God's goodness in creation, in others, in the smiles, in good actions, in service given. Where will you see the good this week?

+ Let us see the wonderful goodness in Jesus Christ in the Eucharist who came down from heaven to walk with us. Now is our turn to walk with Jesus in the Corpus Christi procession. May God bless us and our parishes and our country. We have so much to pray for and to give thanks.

Blessings and peace ~ Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

| Ss. Peter & Paul | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 900.00 |
| Loose | 119.00 |
| Total | 1,019.00 |
| Total from June 4, 2017 | 1,247.00 |
| Building Fund | 646.00 |
| National Concerns | 25.00 |
| St. Stanislaus | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 423.00 |
| Loose | 68.00 |
| Total | 491.00 |
| Total from June 4, 2017 | 577.00 |
| Building Fund | 604.00 |
| St. John | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 837.00 |
| Loose | 43.00 |
| Total | 880.00 |
| Total from June 4, 2017 | 820.00 |
| Building Fund | 437.00 |
| St. Michael | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 225.00 |
| Loose | 68.00 |
| Total | 293.00 |
| Total from June 4, 2017 | 223.00 |
| Building Fund | 86.00 |

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 6/1/18

| | Assessment | Received | Amount Due |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Ss. Peter & Paul | \$ 11,179.00 | \$ 8,945.00 | \$ 2,234.00 |
| St. John | \$ 8,721.00 | \$ 5,350.00 | \$ 3,371.00 |
| St. Stanislaus | \$ 5,249.00 | \$ 3,276.00 | \$ 1,973.00 |
| St. Michael | \$ 2,509.00 | \$ 2,509.00 | PAID in FULL |

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OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

GILMAN MARKET
 Complete Deli & Meat Department
 Bakery - Liquor Dept. - Lottery Tickets
 Open 7 Days - Sunday til Noon
 (715) 447 - 8291
 235 E. Main St Gilman WI 54433

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Our annual **National Concern Collection** this year takes place on the **weekend of June 16 & 17, 2018** providing funding for five Catholic initiatives that touch the faithful of Wisconsin as well as throughout the United States. Consider giving what you can and pray for a vibrant Church.