

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the feast of the Triune God manifested in three persons, the Father, Son and the Spirit. The feast of the Most Holy Trinity is a mystery and a mystery is precisely something that one does not fully understand. This does not mean that we are unable to express anything at all concerning this reality; on the contrary, we are able, thanks to what Jesus told us, to describe this mystery a little and to grasp it through comparisons and images. Our faith tells us that these three persons are indeed distinct and yet together.

There is a very old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am emptying the sea into this hole," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But that is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, "What you are trying to do - comprehend the immensity of God with your small head - is even more impossible." Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity if you see love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble mind. Evagrius of Pontus, a Greek monk of the 4th century said: "God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God."

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and the readings convey the fundamental mystery that the Triune God reaches out to people with love, seeking the deepest communion with them.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

Trinity Sunday: When do we make the Sign of the Cross? At the beginning of our prayer, when we bless ourselves with holy water, at the beginning of Mass are some times. Whenever we make the Sign of the Cross we are recalling a central mystery of our faith that expresses what we believe about God. We believe in the Holy Trinity: one God who is three persons — God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. At the heart of our understanding of the Holy Trinity is the confidence that God loves us. We hear of God's love for us every Sunday when we listen and reflect upon the readings and the homily. Pope Francis recently said that it is more important to know how much God loves us more than it is to know how much we love God.

+Continue to pray for good teachers for Grades 5, 6, and 8 for next year.

+We invite all children to participate in the Corpus Christi Procession on June 25th. They will have the honor to throw flowers on the path over which Jesus is carried.

Blessings and Peace,

Sister Marianna



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,185.00
Loose	6 2.00
Total	1,247.00
Total from June 5, 2016	1,410.00
Building Fund	5 24.00
National Concerns	5 0.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 475.00
Loose	1 02.00
Total	5 77.00
Total from June 5, 2016	5 34.00
Building Fund	6 47.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,986.50
Loose	1 25.00
Total	2,111.50
Total from June 5, 2016	7 03.57
Building Fund	3 35.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 207.00
Loose	1 6.00
Total	2 23.00
Total from June 5, 2016	3 31.00
Building Fund	1 00.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 6/5/2017 -
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	6,145.00	\$ 2,229.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$ 5,461.00	5,157.00	\$ 304.00
St. Michael -	\$ 2,323.00	2,323.00	Paid in Full

Special Collection next week: June 17 & 18
The National Concern collection provides
funds for five Catholic initiatives that touch
the faithful in Wisconsin and across the U.S.

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Plumbing - Heating - Hardware
109 Main St Gilman, WI 54433
Phone: (715) 447-8285
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Gratitude is a flower that blooms in
noble souls. ~ Pope Francis