

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

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. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicea and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine nature in one God. "There is one God, who has three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God" (CCC #234, #253-256). We have the Father who is the Creator, the Son who is the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit who is the Sanctifier and the Counselor – One God. The doctrine of Three Persons in one God, co-equal and co-eternal in Divinity yet distinct in Person, is not explicitly spelled out in the Bible. Even the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. But the doctrine of the Trinity underlies all major Christian feasts, including Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. All the official prayers of the Church, including the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, begin with an address to the Holy Trinity: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are baptized, absolved of our sins and anointed in the name of the Blessed Trinity. Throughout the world, church bells ring three times a day inviting Christians to pray to God the Father (the Provider); God the Son (the Savior); and God the Holy Spirit (the Sanctifier), giving glory to the Triune God for the Incarnation of the Son and our Redemption. We bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, invoking the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and we conclude our prayers glorifying the Holy Trinity, saying "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit." Today's 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS
CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship**

+ Thank you for the prayers for my sister, Blanche Albeidinger Berger. She went to see God face to face on Monday, May 21st. The funeral was Friday, May 25th at Sacred heart Catholic Church in Mondovi. May she rest in peace.

+ Next week, June 1 - 7th, I will be spending time gathering with my FSPA Community of Sisters in La Crosse, WI. FSPA are the initials of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration - my community. Centered in the Eucharist, we follow the Gospel as did our Holy Father Francis. We embrace a relationship of loving dependence on God through the vows of poverty, consecrated celibacy and obedience. Following the way of Francis, we recognize and accept Christ's personal call to participate in his mission to build the Kingdom. Every Sunday, we pray for an increase in vocations. I invite anyone who is interested in the FSPA Community as a vowed religious or Lay Affiliate (AFSPA) to come and see us in La Crosse, WI or to come and talk to me. Keep praying for vocations.

Blessings and peace ~ Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 715.00
Loose	118.00
Total	833.00
Total from May 21, 2017	1,402.00
Building Fund	180.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 413.00
Loose	196.00
Total	609.00
Total from May 21, 2017	591.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,394.44
Loose	143.00
Total	1,537.44
Total from May 21, 2017	706.01
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 205.00
Loose	29.00
Total	234.00
Total from May 21, 2017	360.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)
2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 5/6/18

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 8,845.00	\$ 2,334.00
St. John	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 5,190.00	\$ 3,531.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 2,409.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 2,509.00	PAID in FULL

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OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

Dairyland State Bank
Member FDIC
GILMAN SHELTON
447-8225 452-5135
BRUCE HOLCOMBE EXELAND
868-2175 595-6622 943-2266
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People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Ss. Thomas More and John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity.