

## From the Pastor's Desk:

### Dear Friends:

From the earliest of times, man has desired to seek God and build a personal relationship with him. Our God presents himself as a personal God and takes deep interest in the well being of each person. He personally desires that each one comes to him with love and experiences his presence, goodness, truth and beauty. He comes to us as a God who is concerned, caring and loving and takes interest in the growth of each person. He is the source of everything and lacks nothing. He is full of mercy, kindness and love, but at the same time merciful and just. The readings of today remind us that it is only in the experience of God that we as human persons find the full meaning and fulfillment of our life. In the Old Testament the prophets warn God's people time and time again not to substitute the worship and trust in true God, for fabricated idols, food, useless military alliances, or pleasures. All things find their meaning and measure in reference to God. Today's readings tell us that God has wonderful things in store for us. Everyone, no matter what kind of past they have had, receives the same invitation to sit down at God's table. God invites all and he has no partiality. However, having initially answered the invitation, we cannot take things for granted. There is no room for complacency in the following of Christ. One was expected to come properly dressed and not in dirty and untidy clothes. This would show a total lack of respect for one's fellow-guests. It is not God but we ourselves who are the losers. What is clear from this reading is that those who do not persevere, their punishment will be instant and severe. While all are called, not all answer their calling by the grace of God, some rejecting the invitation, some not accepting it fully. By not being dressed with a white robe that identifies them as children of God, those who neglect their salvation shall be thrown into the darkness outside where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. The parable tells us that God gives us sufficient grace. Man is called upon to cooperate with this gift of grace. Our failure to cooperate with this grace and our inability to respond to God will lead to the exclusion from the kingdom of God. So let us pray that we may keep our wedding garments pure and spotless, that we become disciples who really hear and do the teaching of Jesus. Let us pray for a deeper faith and love and a better spirit of service and sense of responsibility to our community.

**God Bless You!**

### Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### CCD - Catholic Christian Disciples

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast. All are invited but not all accept the invitation. Jesus teaches that we should not take for granted God's invitation to the heavenly banquet. We are to have on the wedding garment of true disciples of Jesus, receiving the sacraments, obeying the Ten Commandments and striving to live the Beatitudes.

Classes: Wednesday, October 18

Gilman: Grades K - 5 : 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 6 - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Sheldon: Grades K - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

+Grades K-5 will participate in an All Saints Day Mass - November 5<sup>th</sup>. Children will dress as the saint they choose. When the saint is chosen, assistance can be given by Georgianna and Sr. Marianna during the CCD classes if parents let us know. Clothing is shared by Monica Johnson.

Blessings and Peace ~ Sr. Marianna



## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 987.00
Loose	9 3.00
Total	1,080.00
Total from October 9, 2016	1,392.00
Building Fund	1 90.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 495.00
Loose	3 0.00
Total	5 25.00
Total from October 9, 2016	4 58.00
Energy	2 0.00
Building Fund	398.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 865.75
Loose	7 1.00
Total	9 36.75
Total from October 9, 2016	9 85.85
Energy	20.00
Building Fund	105.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 170.00
Loose	1 48.00
Total	3 18.00
Total from October 9, 2016	3 43.00
Building Fund	45.00

*(Totals include only the basic collection)*

### 2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Cash Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul -	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 9,129.00
St. John -	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 8,141.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 4,124.00
St. Michael -	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 859.00

The **2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal** is an opportunity for us, as a faith family, to join together to do the work of the Lord. All families are encouraged to support the Appeal. By giving to the CSA, you are answering God's call to discipleship to put the work of God before your own needs. The church serves each of us in some way and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in our area. Please give generously. Thank you!

## OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK



- Painting
- Wall Coverings
- Patch Plaster - Drywall
- Tape and Texture
- Wood Finishing

**James Le'Houillier, President**  
*Let Frenchy Do It!*

N1035 Cty Hwy A (866) 269-7157  
Lublin, WI 54447 Fax (715) 669-5246  
[www.LeWho.com](http://www.LeWho.com) Cell (715) 271-4878