

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

The common theme of today's readings is the impact of our membership in the Church on our "private" lives. Being a member of the Church means we belong to the single Body of Christ and form a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. We are, therefore, the "keepers" of our brothers and sisters, for each one of us is important to all the others in our Faith community. That is why we have to be meaningfully present to, and take responsibility for, other people. Inhuman behavior against defenseless people, like child abuse, elder abuse or spouse abuse, is something about which we need to be really concerned, to the point of taking appropriate action to protect the victims. This individual responsibility in a Christian society includes, as today's readings remind us, our responsibility for each other. Perhaps the most painful obligations of watchful love are fraternal correction and generosity in forgiving and forgetting injuries. In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "watchman for the house of Israel," obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word intended to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked. In the second reading, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian not only to assist his neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also with correction and counsel for an erring brother or sister who has damaged the community by his or her public sin. If the erring brother refuses a one-on-one loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, "one or two others," and eventually "the church." But harsh words and an aggressive attitude have no place in a Christian community. Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community. The whole thrust of the passage is that we should all work towards reconciliation rather than punishment.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

"Let the children come to me. Let the children come. Never hinder them. Never stop them. Oh, let the children come." These words are from the song composed by James V. Marichonda. They are appropriate for this coming Wednesday, September 13th, when religious education classes begin.

Our catechists this year in Gilman are: Grade K-Candelaria Murray, Grade 1-Lynne Komanec, Grade 2-Shelly Keepers, Grade 3-Georgianna Whelan, Grade 4-Eileen O'Malley, Grade 5- Jerome Nicpon, Grade 6- Ed and Mary Chaplinski, Grade 7-Ruby Wenzel, Grade 9-Harry Kolasa, Grade 10-James Bryan, Grade 11-Rosalie Bryan

Teachers commissioned in Sheldon today are: Linda Dernovsek, Bernadette Franzen, Sarah Cegler, Paula Bromley & Albert Dernovsek.

Pray for the teachers and be supportive of them as they instruct the children to grow up to be good Catholics in love with God.

Blessings and Hope,

Sister Marianna



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,532.63
Loose	9 5.00
Total	1,627.63
Total from September 4, 2016	1,128.00
Building Fund	8 74.24
Energy	5 0.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 411.00
Loose	2 93.00
Total	7 04.00
Total from September 4, 2016	3 97.00
Building Fund	60.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 776.40
Loose	8 9.11
Total	8 65.51
Total from September 4, 2016	9 60.65
Children	5.00
Votive	12.00
Building Fund	277.51
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 210.00
Loose	1 97.00
Total	4 07.00
Total from September 4, 2016	2 42.00
Building Fund	121.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

GILMAN CORNER STORE

447-8376

GAS - POP - BEER - BULK FOODS

SNACKS - MOVIES - LOTTERY

OPEN 7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

7 DAYS A WEEK

Diocesan Respect Life Event/ God's Gift: to Love Every Body
Open to students & adults! September 29 and 30th in Superior, WI.
For more information and to register go to
www.catholicdos.org/events/gods-gift-to-love-every-body or
contact the Diocese of Superior at (715) 394-0240.



A **CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION** will take place **Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Medford. This free, family-friendly event begins with the Presentation of Colors by the VFW. Attendees will receive a free pocket Constitution, and can sign the Constitution parchment. The History Museum and Pioneer Village will be open. See period demonstrations and activities such as blacksmithing, spinning, woodworking, furs, weaving, maple syrup and more! A children's activity table will be set up. Everyone is welcome!