

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today's readings invite us to become great in the sight of God by doing God's will, as Jesus did, surrendering our lives in the service of others. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of what walking that path is, namely, welcoming and serving the vulnerable in our midst: the defenseless children, the despairing poor, the mentally ill and the marginalized. Jesus also teaches his apostles that only child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God. The second reading is in tune with the dispute among the apostles about who is the greatest. In it, James warns us that selfish ambitions destroy peace and cause conflicts and war. So, James advises us to choose the path of righteousness and humble service which leads to lasting peace.

We must become great through humble, self-giving service. Greatness, in Jesus' view, is found in our willingness to accept, welcome and serve those who are considered unacceptable by reason of class, color, religion, wealth or culture. We must welcome people the way a child welcomes them before he is taught discrimination. If we are to be truly great, we must be ready to accept four challenges: (1) to put ourselves last, (2) to be the servant of all, (3) to receive the most insignificant human beings with love, and (4) to expect nothing in return. During the holy Mass let us pray for the true spirit of service, for an attitude of love for those around us. May the Holy Spirit help us to become truly great through humble, selfless service. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) puts it like this: "Be the living expression of God's kindness through humble service; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile and kindness in your warm greeting." Here is the motto of the Missionaries of Charity, the order of nuns founded by Mother Teresa:

The fruit of Silence is Prayer.

The fruit of Prayer is Faith.

The fruit of Faith is Love.

The fruit of Love is Service.

And the fruit of Service is Peace.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

On this Catechetical Sunday, it is good to remind ourselves that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. Jesus put his arms around a child and said, *Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me* (Mark 9:30-37). Jesus is teaching that when we serve the least among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve?

+ May God bless our Catechists this year serving our parents and children in Gilman: Grade K-Eileen O'Malley; Grade 1-DeAnn Olson; Grade 2-Shelly Keepers; Grade 3-Georgianna Whelan; Grade 4-Linda Olenijczek; Grade 5-Jerome Nicpon; Grade 6-Ed & Mary Chaplinski; Grades 7&8-Ruby Wenzel; Grade 9-Harry Kolasa; Grade 10-James Bryan; Confirmation-Rosalie. **In Sheldon:** Grades K, 1 & 2-Linda Dernovsek; Middle Grades-Sarah Cegler; Upper Grades-Bernadette Franzen; Confirmation-Albert Dernovsek.

Substitute teachers are needed. Please volunteer for this needed ministry.

Blessings and Peace,

~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 788.00
Loose	139.00
Total	927.00
Total from September 17, 2017	1,165.00
Building Fund	100.00
Energy	120.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 395.00
Loose	88.00
Total	483.00
Total from September 17, 2017	369.00
Building Fund	300.00
Energy	225.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 507.00
Loose	139.50
Total	646.50
Total from September 17, 2017	1,091.00
Building Fund	150.00
Energy	45.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 200.00
Loose	15.62
Total	215.62
Total from September 17, 2017	448.00
Energy	50.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal has begun throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility for the coming year is listed below:

2018/2019 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00		
St. John	\$ 9,158.00		
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00		
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00		

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The Diocese of Superior Respect Life Office presents: There's a Hole in Our Soul. September 29th at the WITC Conference Center in Superior from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. followed by Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Register online today at: www.catholicdos.org - look for the God's Gift Logo.

