

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today's Scripture readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and scandal. In the first reading, we find jealousy, in its destructive form of envy, raising its ugly head in Moses' assistant and successor, Joshua. Moses and seventy future helpers were called by the Lord God to the Tent of Meeting for the Spirit-giving Ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent, and Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the Tent of Meeting. Moses had to instruct Joshua to be tolerant. This selection is intended to provide a Biblical background for Jesus' response to the same kind of jealousy noticed in his apostles. In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complains to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples has been exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, in spite of their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus responds by giving the Apostles lessons in his kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they have done for the disciples of Jesus. We also hear the strong warning of Jesus against giving scandal, especially to innocent children, vulnerable members of the community and beginners in the Faith. Jesus instructs the Apostles, and us, that, just as a doctor might remove by surgery a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death.

Let us learn the Christian virtue of tolerance: Christian tolerance asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others (without condoning the evil they do), by: remaining true to our conscience and beliefs, respecting the differences we encounter, working together on projects of common interest, affirming what is good in the other person's position, even when we disagree on certain things, and allowing the light of Christ to shine through our loving words and deeds.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

The disciples sounded jealous because they thought that they were the only ones who would be able to heal others using the power of Jesus' name. Jesus teaches them that they should not be jealous. Instead they should remember that all who do what God wants are equal in his eyes and are working together to build the Kingdom of God. Whenever we do something good for another person, even the smallest good deed, God is pleased with us. OSV 9/30

+ The Blessing of Animals will take place on Wednesday, October 3rd at 4:45 p.m. at Ss. Peter & Paul by the statue of St. Francis AND at St. John's at 6:15 p.m.

+Family Sunday is October 7th in Gilman. Come to Mass and stay for a Social.

+The Gilman Religious Education Committee will meet on Monday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the gathering space.

Blessings and Peace,

~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul			
Adult Envelopes		\$	763.00
Loose			120.00
Total			883.00
Total from September 24, 2017			1,293.00
Building Fund			50.00
Energy			20.00
St. Stanislaus			
Adult Envelopes		\$	560.00
Loose			38.00
Total			598.00
Total from September 24, 2017			675.00
St. John			
Adult Envelopes		\$	1,117.00
Loose			122.25
Total			1,239.25
Total from September 24, 2017			727.40
Energy			25.00
St. Michael			
Adult Envelopes		\$	220.00
Loose			12.00
Total			232.00
Total from September 24, 2017			557.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints
Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

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		

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

GILMAN CORNER STORE
447-8376
 GAS - POP - BEER - BULK FOODS
 SNACKS - MOVIES - LOTTERY
 OPEN 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 7 DAYS A WEEK

Food for More Challenge: every dollar donated to the Sheldon Food Pantry September 9 - October 14 will be matched with a pound of food by Feed My People (up to 5,000 pounds per program). Make checks out to: Sheldon Food Pantry W5505 Davlin St. Sheldon, WI 54766. Note on memo line: "Match Challenge" **Thank you!**