



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

The church year begins anew with the First Sunday of Advent, December 1st. **"Jesus is the Reason for the Season"**. Trite but true. If Christ isn't at the heart of our celebrations, we are missing out on a lot! In a world of consumerism run amok, we often forget that we celebrate the birthday of a baby born to a poor family, in an oppressed country on the fringes of the empire. Less is more!

Advent is a time of waiting, not just for Christmas but for the miracle of God born among us. As you shop, bake, wrap packages, or whatever is a part of your Christmas tradition, I hope that you will pause from time to time and ponder that wondrous fact: **God is with us!** No matter what we experience, we know that God as Jesus Christ has been there before us. God the Holy Spirit is here now, ready to accompany and lead us in our daily round. And God the Father/Mother is always available to walk with us through the worst that life can deal us.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Vijaykumar Madani

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Class Times: Wednesday - December 4th

St. Stanislaus/Ss. Peter & Paul

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

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

St. Michael/St. John

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

++We look forward to our children's **Christmas** programs on **Sunday, December 15th** at St. John parish (10:30 a.m.) and at Ss. Peter & Paul parish (8:30 a.m.)

++A few reminders to our Ss. Peter & Paul CCD students and families regarding the Christmas program:

- 1.) Children in grades K-5 should plan to be in the church hall at 8:00 a.m. to get dressed and organized.
- 2.) Students in grades 6-11 are needed to help in the kitchen before or after Mass to help organize the desserts for the social afterward.
- 3.) Families of grades 6-11 are asked to provide the desserts.
- 4.) Students in grades 6-11 are encouraged to sing with our three song leaders for the Christmas play.

++ **Saturday, January 11th** is our cluster **Confirmation Retreat** in Ladysmith. Please pray that our 11th graders will have a fruitful and spiritually God-filled day.

++**Thank you** to all students and parents for your cooperation and help every time we have events and celebrations for our cluster parishes.

Please enjoy this season of Advent as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Blessings ~ **Georgi Whelan**

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 910.00
Loose	85.00
Total	995.00
Total from November 25, 2018	1,312.00
Christmas Flowers	160.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 325.00
Loose	208.00
Total	533.00
Total from November 25, 2018	581.00
Christmas Flowers	150.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 362.00
Loose	104.00
Total	466.00
Total from November 25, 2018	798.15
Votives	6.00
Christmas Flowers	75.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 320.00
Loose	96.00
Total	416.00
Total from November 25, 2018	327.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

Expressions of Discipleship Catholic Services Appeal 2019-2020

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is here! The appeal is a means by which we can all work together to love and care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted to us. Your participation is essential, not only to the success of the Catholic Services Appeal, but also your parish.

	Payments		
	Assessment	+ Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,354.00	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 9,134.00
St. John	\$ 8,870.00	\$ 970.00	\$ 7,900.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,421.00	\$ 2,480.00	\$ 2,941.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,360.00

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

St. John Council of Catholic Women
All Women of the Parish are members
Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday
of every month at 7:00 p.m.

