

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

The Sunday following Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. Jesus brought holiness to the family of Joseph and Mary as Jesus brings us holiness by embracing us in His family. The feast of the Holy Family reminds us that as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. In fact, Jesus Christ has instituted the sacrament of marriage. Through the sacrament of marriage, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit through personal and family prayer. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice. This happens when there is mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home.

Thanks to all the parishioners for all your wishes and prayers.

God bless you!

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Fr. Vijay**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Catholic Christian Discipleship

**Here we are almost to the New Year!** Perhaps while you are thinking about your New Year's resolutions, you may want to add a resolution to increase your faith and church life. We would welcome all in our church activities. Helping to decorate, listening to a child practice their prayers, welcoming church members before Mass, and handing out bulletins are just a few things that are easy and needed. Let me help you keep your resolutions for 2020!

### January 11<sup>th</sup> is our Retreat for Confirmation students.

There is no cost for the retreat, however we need to pay for the cost of lunch which will be shared by Gilman and Sheldon. We also need to bring snacks to share with all retreat members in Ladysmith. I am asking all the churches in the cluster to help provide these snacks. If anyone has a New Year or Christmas goodie left over we could sure use them. Other ideas would be healthy snacks like individually wrapped granola bars, yogurt, cheese sticks, fruit cups and fresh fruit. Please, no peanuts due to nut allergies. Please bring your donations to your church the weekend of January 4-5. Albert, Rosalie or I will collect them.

~ **Georgi Whelan**

### Class Times: Wednesday - January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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.**

## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 893.00
Loose	103.00
Total	996.00
Total from December 23, 2018	1,094.00
Building Fund	55.00
Christmas	45.00
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 545.00
Loose	300.00
Total	845.00
Total from December 23, 2018	642.00
Christmas Flowers	30.00
Christmas	50.00
<b>St. John</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 766.37
Loose	162.06
Total	928.43
Total from December 23, 2018	548.20
Christmas	25.00
<b>St. Michael</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 370.00
Loose	146.00
Total	516.00
Total from December 23, 2018	477.00
Christmas	50.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

## 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. As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, we have collected:

#### 2019/2020 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,354.00	\$ 3,030.00	\$ 8,324.00
St. John	\$ 8,870.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 7,090.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,421.00	\$ 2,790.00	\$ 2,631.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 2,228.00
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