RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Today is our **Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast**! Thank you to all who support our religious education program at Ss. Peter & Paul. I thank all the individual and local businesses who donated the items needed for our breakfast. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped in the hall and in the kitchen. Thank you to all students who worked their assigned jobs. We would not be able to have this wonderful breakfast without everyone's cooperation! And a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Mardi Gras breakfast !!!

Here are some MARDI GRAS facts: Eat, drink and be merry because Mardi Gras is the last day before Lent! The day before Ash Wednesday is a day of celebration throughout the Catholic world. The name Mardi Gras, **Fat Tuesday**, may have arisen because the French used to drive a fat ox through the streets of Paris on this day. Or it may refer to the fact it is the day before the strict fast of Lent begins and all the "fat" foods like meat, eggs, cheese and butter had to be consumed before they went to waste.

Green, Gold and Purple are the colors of the holiday, so use them liberally. Purple represents justice; green stands for faith; and gold signifies power.

Bake a King Cake. A tiny plastic baby representing the Christ Child is baked inside a specially made cake. The person who finds it will have good luck next year - and they have to provide next year's king cake as well. The cake is usually decorated with sugar that has been colored with purple, green and gold food coloring.
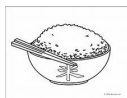
+ **Class Schedules: Wednesday - February 26th**

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

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

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

Blessings and Peace ~ Georgi

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The **Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will award four (4) $500 scholarships** to women completing their second year of post high school education or continuing their education for career advancement or returning to the work field. Applications may be obtained by contacting SDCCW Scholarship Committee chair, Mary Werner, W5490 County Road O, Medford, WI 54451; telephone (715) 748-4709 or email werner@tds.net or review the website: www.sdccw.me/programs/scholarships/. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2020.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL begins Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent. Seventy-five percent of your gifts through Operation Rice Bowl support **Catholic Relief Services work in 100 countries.** Twenty-five percent remain within our diocese. Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts.

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Called to Become Saints

Catholic Services Appeal 2019-2020

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal has begun throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility for the coming year is listed below. As of January 31st, we have collected:

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	$ 11,354.00	$ 4,280.00	$ 7,074.00
St. John	$ 8,870.00	$ 3,750.00	$ 5,120.00
St. Stanislaus	$ 5,421.00	$ 4,525.00	$ 896.00
St. Michael	$ 2,860.00	$ 732.00	$2,128.00

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