

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Our Religious Education program completed the school year at Sheldon and Gilman on May 3rd. We decided to close out the school year on May 3rd because there were too many School District events scheduled that would conflict with our Wednesday classes in May. We had a good year. However, Gilman will need CCD teachers next year due to multiple teacher retirements. We wish to thank them for their service: Ed & Mary Chaplinski, Emily Gunderson, Shelly Keepers and Harry Kolasa. We will discuss our needs with you when we schedule parent meetings and registration events this summer. Let us pray that parents/guardians will take this need to heart.

This weekend we celebrate the **ROSARY** and **MAY CROWNING** at our churches. Also, it is Fr. Vijay's **Ordination Anniversary**. Please wish Fr. Vijay **Happy Anniversary as a priest!**

The **sacrament of Holy Orders** is that sacrament by which God confers upon Catholic men the power of the Roman Catholic priesthood. In the history of the world, almost every religion has a "priesthood". The Old Testament talks about priests, not just in the Jewish religion, but in all other religions as well. The priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church is very special because this church is the one, true Church which God Himself began. Originally, this Church was the Church of Abraham, Moses and David - the Jewish religion. But the Old Testament says many times that the Redeemer that God would send would be for all nations, not just the Jewish nation. When Christ came, He fulfilled and perfected His Church. He invited all people - not just the Jews - to embrace His religion, so that they could all save their souls. Because this religion, which began with Abraham, was now being offered to the whole world, God changed it's name to Catholic. **Catholic means universal**. We say Roman Catholic because God ordered that the headquarters of His religion be moved to Rome. The Bishop of Rome is called the Pope, and he is the supreme head of the Church on earth. When we say Roman Catholic, we are recognizing that in His one true Church, God has continued His practice of placing just one man at the very top - in this case it is the Bishop of Rome. So a Catholic priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to the True God to make reparation for sins. This is called expiating sins or reconciling the people to God. The chief powers of a Catholic priest are to forgive sins in the sacrament of Confession and to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Every Roman Catholic priest is supposed to become "alter Christus" - another Christ. We must pray for our priests that they will get all the help they need to grow in holiness so that they can be truly united to Christ for the good of our souls and God's Roman Catholic Church.

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
April 29-30		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 542.00	970.00
Loose	\$ 23.00	77.00
Total	\$ 565.00	*1,047.00*
Month of April Building Fund =	\$ 1,686.00	*1,667.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 350.00	500.00
Loose	\$ 130.00	77.00
Total	\$ 480.00	*577.00*
Month of April Building Fund =	\$ 416.00	*500.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 615.00	827.00
Loose	\$ 201.25	120.00
Total	\$ 816.25	*947.00*
Month of April Building Fund =	\$ 212.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 90.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 52.00	29.00
Total	\$ 142.00	*279.00*
Month of April Building Fund =	\$ 94.00	*84.00/mo*
<i>*The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2022-2023 budget set by each Parish Council.</i>		

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Catholic Services Appeal 2022-2023

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,860.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 4,110.00
St. John	\$ 9,049.00	\$ 9,049.00	Paid in Full
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 4,470.00	\$ 1,289.00
St. Michael	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 3,018.00	Paid in Full

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