

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Saint this week : St. Joan of Arc (May 30th)**

**1412- 1431 \* France**

Joan of Arc was known for her gentleness and goodness. She changed the course of history. She led a broken-down army that no one else could lead, fought battles that no one else would fight, and won a war that no one else could win.

At thirteen, Joan heard the voices of St. Michael the Archangel, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret, telling her to lead the French army to victory. She trusted God and understood that He chose her, a young and defenseless girl to win victory for France because He chooses the weak to humble the proud. God would save France, not Joan – she was only his humble servant.

Joan went to the French court to meet the king. To test her, the king disguised himself, but Joan identified him even though she had never seen him before. She told him that God wanted her to lead the French army and the king believed her. And that is how Joan led the army and pushed the English out of France. In a small battle afterward, Joan was captured and put on trial for hearing the voices from God. It was an unfair trial and Joan was condemned as a witch to burn at the stake. At her execution, Joan kissed the crucifix and her eyes never left it as she called out the name of Jesus.

**St. Joan of Arc, help me to do what God asks me to do!**



**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - May 31<sup>st</sup> - Marian Feast Day.** Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. She remembered the angel Gabriel's words to her that she will conceive a son and name him Jesus and that Elizabeth, her cousin, would also conceive a son in her old age.

Mary saw her cousin and called to her in greeting. Elizabeth, in her 6<sup>th</sup> month, felt her son leap in her womb at Mary's greeting. The Holy Spirit flooded Elizabeth and she called out, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." She and Mary hugged. "How does this happen that the mother of my Lord should come to me? At your voice, my infant leapt for joy" (Luke 1:41-44). Elizabeth's words filled Mary with deep peace. Mary praised God, for she was a humble woman, and nobody in the eyes of the world. She had done nothing to make herself worthy of God's favor. But the Father had chosen her to be the mother of His Son. Mary proclaimed in praise of God's glory, "My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47).

Mary stayed with her cousin until Elizabeth gave birth to her son then returned to Nazareth.

**Dear Mary, help my soul magnify the Lord!**

## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 614.00
Loose	20.00
Total	634.00
Total from May 24, 2020	*930.00*
Building Fund	125.00
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 354.00
Loose	54.00
Total	408.00
Total from May 24, 2020	*185.00*
Building Fund	50.00
<b>St. John</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 597.60
Loose	74.00
Total	671.60
Total from May 24, 2020	*535.00*
<b>St. Michael</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 135.00
Loose	39.00
Total	174.00
Total from May 24, 2020	*125.00*
*Churches closed due to pandemic*	
(Totals include only the basic collection)	

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Alive in Hope*

### Catholic Services Appeal 2020-2021

Pope Francis describes the present moment as a time to be open to the Spirit who can "inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible." Realize the Power of a Gift!

	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Payments &amp; Pledges</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,438.00	\$ 4,430.00	\$ 7,008.00
St. John	\$ 8,969.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,269.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,430.00	\$ 3,243.00	\$ 2,187.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 2,307.00	\$ 536.00

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