

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

**SHELDON: Classes for grades 3 - 10** meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. The next class is January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. **Confirmation** classes will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The next class is January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**GILMAN:**

**Grade 2:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Grades 1, 3-5:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 3

**Grades 6-8:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m.  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Grades 9-10:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m.  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>



**This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.** This event marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Through it He received confirmation that He was indeed the Son of God, and He received the spiritual power He needed to do His work. His baptism was also a way of identifying with the people He came to die for. He was saying that He was willing to take people's sin on His shoulders, which He did on the cross.

God chose John the Baptist for an important mission. He led others to Jesus, the Messiah. John challenged everyone to repent and make up for sinful behavior.

When Jesus was about thirty years old, He went to John to be baptized. Because Jesus was God, He didn't need to be washed clean of sin, but He wanted to give us this good example. At first, John didn't want to baptize Jesus. He wanted Jesus to baptize him instead. But Jesus said they should do what God asked of them. So John baptized his cousin, Jesus in the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit descended upon Him as a dove, strengthening Jesus for His public ministry, and God's voice was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am very pleased!"

When we were baptized, we were washed clean of sin and we became members of Jesus' Church. We know that God loves us and is pleased with us, too! The Holy Spirit comes to us at our Baptism and again at Confirmation when we are empowered to be Witnesses to the faith of the Church.

*Jesus, you followed God's plan and did everything God asked of you. This shows us that we should be humble, kind and always ready to do God's will. Help us to be more like you every day, Jesus! Amen.*

**OUR WEEKLY GIVING**

<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 570.00
Loose	40.00
Total	610.00
Total from January 5, 2020	1,014.00
Building Fund	595.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	130.00
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 220.00
Loose	170.00
Total	390.00
Total from January 5, 2020	382.00
Building Fund	260.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	1,115.00
<b>St. John</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,371.98
Loose	2.00
Total	1,373.98
Total from January 5, 2020	714.00
Building Fund	205.00
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	115.00
<b>St. Michael</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 280.00
Loose	15.00
Total	295.00
Total from January 5, 2020	289.00
Building Fund	145.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

*Together in Mission...  
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	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 8,528.00
St. John	\$ 8,969.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 5,519.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,430.00	\$ 1,648.00	\$ 3,782.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,668.00

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**OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK**

**CORNER STORE**  
**GROCERIES-LIQUOR-BEER-MOVIES**  
**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK**  
**6:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**  
**SHELDON, WI (715) 452-5745**