

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

SHELDON: Classes for grades 3 - 10 meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The next class is February 10th, 2021.

Confirmation classes will meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The next class is January 20th, 2021.

GILMAN:

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

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

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

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



January 16th was the feast day of St. Joseph Vaz. Joseph was born to Catholic Indian parents in Goa, India. St. Joseph Vaz was a missionary priest in Sri Lanka traveling to many villages spreading the Good News of Jesus's love and taking care of the sick during a smallpox epidemic.

On January 21st, we celebrate the feast day of St. Agnes, the virgin and martyr - late 3rd century Italy. St. Agnes was an early Christian virgin who died under the Roman's violent persecution of Christians. She was born of Roman nobility and she was raised a Christian. She had many suitors but did not love any of them because she wished to remain a virgin. Angry at the refusals, the rejected suitors reported her to the Roman officials as a Christian. The soldiers tried to force her to give up her faith and purity, but Jesus miraculously protected her. She was strong and nothing could make her deny her love for Jesus. She died as a witness to Christ at the age of thirteen. The early Christians dearly loved her and buried her body near a Roman road. Christians would pray at her tomb and many would report miracles through Agnes' intercession. In Christian art, Agnes is shown with a white lamb because in Latin, Agnes means "Lamb". The snow-white wool of a lamb also represents purity and Agnes was pure in defending her love for Jesus.

To this day we pray to St. Agnes in the Roman Canon of the Mass. If you listen carefully, you can hear her name in the prayers right before we receive Communion.

St. Agnes, help me remain pure in my love for Jesus!

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

| Ss. Peter & Paul | |
|---|-------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 640.00 |
| Loose | 20.00 |
| Total | 660.00 |
| Total from January 12, 2020 | 1,064.00 |
| Building Fund | 270.00 |
| Energy | 215.00 |
| St. Stanislaus | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 200.00 |
| Loose | 50.00 |
| Total | 250.00 |
| Total from January 12, 2020 | 567.00 |
| Energy | 25.00 |
| St. John | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 1,487.00 |
| Loose | 15.00 |
| Total | 1,502.00 |
| Total from January 12, 2020 | 695.00 |
| Building Fund | 100.00 |
| Energy | 80.00 |
| St. Michael | |
| Adult Envelopes | \$ 125.00 |
| Loose | 30.00 |
| Total | 155.00 |
| Total from January 12, 2020 | 225.00 |
| Energy | 10.00 |
| <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!

| | Assessment | Payments & Pledges | Amount Due |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

GILMAN CORNER STORE
447-8376
 GAS - POP - BEER - BULK FOODS
 SNACKS - MOVIES - LOTTERY
 OPEN 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 7 DAYS A WEEK