

From the Pastor's Desk:

The insight that St. John the Baptist had regarding Jesus is quite inspiring, mysterious and amazing. He sees Jesus coming toward him and he immediately states three revealed truths about Jesus: 1) Jesus is the Lamb of God; 2) Jesus ranks ahead of John; 3) Jesus existed before John. How would John know all of this? What was the source of such profound statements about Jesus?

Most likely John would have studied the Scriptures of the time and would have known the many statements about the coming Messiah spoken by the prophets of old. He would have known the Psalms and the Books of Wisdom. But, first and foremost, John would have known what he knew by the gift of faith. He would have had true spiritual insight granted by God. This fact reveals not only the greatness of John and the depth of his faith, it also reveals the ideal we must strive for in life.

We must strive to daily walk by authentic spiritual insight granted by God. It's not so much that we must live, day by day, in some sort of an evident and prophetic and mystical state. It's not that we should expect to have superior knowledge over others. But we should be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so as to gain a knowledge and understanding of life that is beyond what mere human reason can acquire by its own effort.

Reflect upon the exceptionally insightful statement from John regarding Jesus. John knew what he knew only because God was alive in his life leading him and revealing these truths. Commit yourself, this day, to an imitation of John's deep faith and be open to all that God wants to speak to you.

~ Catholic Daily Reflections

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Our **Confirmation Retreat** on January 11th was blessed with safe traveling weather to/from Ladysmith. We had a day filled with activities and the Holy Spirit. Thank you to our cluster's eight Confirmation students and Albert Dernovsek who attended the retreat. Between the donations of treats, snacks and fruit from our cluster and the Ladysmith cluster, we had a bountiful table for our breaks and lunch! Each church paid their share of the pizza cost for their students. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this day a success!

Class Times: Wednesday - January 22nd, 2020

St. Stanislaus/Ss. Peter & Paul

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

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

St. Michael/St. John

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

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 955.00
Loose	109.00
Total	1,064.00
Total from January 13, 2019	931.00
Building Fund	240.00
Energy	55.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 410.00
Loose	157.00
Total	567.00
Total from January 13, 2019	967.00
Building Fund	30.00
Energy	150.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 598.00
Loose	97.00
Total	695.00
Total from January 13, 2019	825.25
Building Fund	10.00
Energy	40.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 130.00
Loose	95.00
Total	225.00
Total from January 13, 2019	298.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

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 1st, we have collected:

2019/2020 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,354.00	\$3,780.00	\$7,574.00
St. John	\$ 8,870.00	\$2,250.00	\$6,620.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,421.00	\$4,225.00	\$1,196.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 732.00	\$2,128.00

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