

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

I found this definition while looking at some Lent information. Lent is the time when we repent. "Repent" does not mean "to turn one's life around": that is conversion. **Repent in Latin means "to rethink"**. To see the world and our lives as Jesus does: that is the beginning of repentance. Yes, Lent is a time of change. Sort of like Spring cleaning for our soul!

**Pretzels originated as little rewards made by the monks and given to children as they learned their prayers.** The form of the pretzel represents two arms folded in prayer, as a reminder of the importance of prayer. The three openings in the pretzel remind us of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Saint Patrick used this same idea with a shamrock. The three parts of the shamrock were his representation of the Holy Trinity. His feast day is March 17 and he converted many people to Christianity in Ireland. Consider wearing green for Patrick and for Spring!

**March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of St. Joseph**, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus on Earth. He is the head of the Holy Family: poor in worldly terms of possessions but rich in grace and virtue. He is the "breadwinner" of the Holy Family through his work as a carpenter. Celebrate this day with some special bread and a prayer to St. Joseph!

### Blessings and Peace ~ Georgi

#### + Class Schedules: Wednesday - March 18<sup>th</sup>

Gilman: Grades K - 5: 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.  
 Grades 6 -11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Sheldon: Grades K-11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

The Gilman School District has Spring Break on March 25<sup>th</sup> and Gilman classes will be cancelled but Sheldon WILL be held as scheduled. I am cancelling all religious education classes at both Sheldon and Gilman during Holy Week. This will make it easier for the families to attend Holy Week services. Please review the following schedule:

Wednesday, March 25: ONLY Sheldon classes meet  
 Wednesday, April 1 : Sheldon & Gilman classes meet  
 Wednesday, April 8 : **Holy Week - NO Classes**  
 Wednesday, April 15: Sheldon & Gilman classes meet  
 Sunday, April 19: Divine Mercy Sunday - **First Communion**  
 Wednesday, April 22: Sheldon & Gilman classes meet  
 Sunday, April 26: **Confirmation** at Our Lady of Sorrows  
 Wednesday, April 29: Sheldon & Gilman classes meet  
 Sunday, May 3: **Family Sunday & May Crowning**

## OUR WEEKLY GIVING

<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 980.00
Loose	86.00
Total	1,066.00
Total from March 10, 2019	313.00
Building Fund	290.00
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 605.00
Loose	111.00
Total	716.00
Total from March 10, 2019	248.00
Building Fund	10.00
<b>St. John</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 532.00
Loose	94.25
Total	626.25
Total from March 10, 2019	473.25
<b>St. Michael</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 160.00
Loose	66.00
Total	226.00
Total from March 10, 2019	198.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

## 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 February 29<sup>th</sup>, we have collected:

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,354.00	\$ 4,280.00	\$ 7,074.00
St. John	\$ 8,870.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,620.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,421.00	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 896.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 732.00	\$2,128.00

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On the weekend of **March 21 & 22, the World Concern Collection** will be held in the Diocese of Superior. Your generosity will provide critical support and relief services wherever it is needed around the world. The five initiatives include Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Peter's Pence and Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your support!

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 and enjoy great service!  
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