

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Dear Friends:

We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We are often blind to see and appreciate the presence of God within us as his Holy Spirit and His presence in others. Even practicing Christians can be blind to the poverty, injustice and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: namely, self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly." We need to pray for clear vision: Peter Marshall, the former chaplain to the United States Congress used to pray, "Give us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything." Today's Gospel challenges our ability to see clearly. Do we see people who are addicted to drugs as outcasts and sinners? Do we fail to see God at work in our lives because He has shown us no miracles? Jonathan Swift said, "Vision is the art of seeing things invisible." Let us remember that this gift belongs to those who can see the good hidden in the kernels of suffering and of failure. It resides in those who never give up hope. Let us pray for the grace to see and experience the presence of a loving and forgiving God.

**God bless you!**

**Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:**

"Open my Eyes, Lord. Help us to see your face" is a hymn we sing. We beg of the Lord, like the man born blind, that we might see the hand of the Lord in our daily lives. There are times when we need to wash away the mud and see the marvels that the Lord is doing right in front of us. We are encouraged to take time to be less busy and see, be aware, of the goodness of the Lord in the adults, children, teens, the places and events around us. May we walk this week with our eyes wide open.

Classes: Wednesday, March 29th

Gilman: Grades K - 6: 3:30 - 5:00 p.m

Grades 7 - 10: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Sheldon: Grades K - 10: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

Walk through the Gathering Space and the classrooms and see the good things happening in the Gilman classes. In Sheldon, the children close each session during Lent with the Stations of the Cross. Upper Grades in Gilman gather each week at the beginning of class inside the church in a circle for the opening session together. God is Good!

Family Sunday at Ss. Peter and Paul is April 2nd. Blessings as we continue our Lenten Journey toward the Cross.

**Sister Marianna**

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**SHELDON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

4th Annual Charcoal Chicken Dinner: Sunday, April 2nd 10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Sheldon Community Center \$8.00 per plate \*\*\* Child plate available

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**OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK**



**OUR WEEKLY GIVING**

<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,335.00
Loose	1 41.00
Total	1,476.00
Total from March 27, 2016	9 70.00
Ash Wednesday March 2, 2017	1 65.00
Building Fund	4 0.00
Black & Indian Missions	1 40.00
Easter Flowers	1 50.00
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 520.00
Loose	1 44.00
Total	6 64.00
Total from March 27, 2016	7 98.00
Ash Wednesday March 1, 2017	1 13.00
Building Fund	8 0.00
Black & Indian Missions	1 0.00
Easter Flowers	1 50.00
<b>St. John</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 756.24
Loose	2 01.00
Total	9 57.24
Total from March 27, 2016	7 52.00
Ash Wednesday March 2, 2017	1 24.25
Easter Flowers	6 5.00
<b>St. Michael</b>	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 155.00
Loose	8 7.00
Total	2 42.00
Total from March 27, 2016	2 59.00
Easter Flowers	6 0.00

*(Totals include only the basic collection)*

**2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal**

	Assessment	Amount Paid	Amount Due
<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul -</b>	<b>\$ 11,078.00</b>	<b>8,090.00</b>	<b>\$2,988.00</b>
<b>St. John -</b>	<b>\$ 8,374.00</b>	<b>5,820.00</b>	<b>\$2,554.00</b>
<b>St. Stanislaus -</b>	<b>\$ 5,461.00</b>	<b>4,640.00</b>	<b>\$ 821.00</b>
<b>St. Michael -</b>	<b>\$ 2,323.00</b>	<b>2,323.00</b>	<b>Paid in Full</b>

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**LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. - St. John

7:30 p.m. - Ss. Peter & Paul

**Good Friday - Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - Ss. Peter & Paul : *Way of the Cross*

1:00 p.m. - St. Stanislaus

3:00 p.m. - Ss. Peter & Paul

**Easter Basket Blessings - Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus

10:00 a.m. - St. John

11:00 a.m. - Ss. Peter & Paul

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil - April 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 p.m. - Ss. Peter & Paul

8:30 p.m. - St. John

**Easter Sunday - April 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus

10:00 a.m. - St. Michael