

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

It is not at all unusual to hear people talk with great authority on things of which they know very little e.g. government taxation policies and other complex problems. It happens the same way in our relationships. In our relationships today we often tend to find the defects in others and criticize them. The noticeable factor is that in our faultfinding in others the focus of our own deficiencies remains hidden and this helps us to feel ever so self-righteous. Instead of criticizing others, it will do a world of good if we care for them. Then we will listen not only to what they are saying but also to what they are trying to say with or without words. If we care for them we won't impose our views, our plans, ideas, discipline, advice, correction, guidance and our judgment. If we care for them we will show them how talented, capable, industrious, genuine, original, creative, skilled, friendly, trustworthy, resourceful, good and lovable persons they are.

Today's gospel from St. Luke follows immediately upon his beautiful explanation of unconditional love whereby we are to love even our enemies. This kind of love is not natural. It can come only with the grace of God and as a result of much work and effort. But this is precisely the challenge of today's gospel for each one of us. To be so positive of all other people that we can accept them for who and what they are, that we can overcome those occasions when we tend to misjudge others, that we can stress the good in others and hope they can do the same for us.

Instead of criticizing others and finding faults in others it is better that we learn to know ourselves. We can do this in three ways: First, we can know ourselves by what we do. We are identified by our work. Second, we can be known by what we say. But there are times that we are careful with our words because we don't like to hurt or make enemies. Finally, we can be known by what we think. Because we do things according to what we think is right. That's why in our gospel today, Jesus asks us to search as carefully as possible for our own faults as we do for the faults of others. Because when we are aware of our own weaknesses and strive to overcome them, knowing that we also have faults we are slow to judge and swift to give the benefit of the doubt. At its conclusion, Jesus says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:46).

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

We teachers receive the Catechist magazine. An article I read reminds me of Jesus' saying in today's Gospel "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" The article began with the words "Friends are like an elevator. They take you up or down." Now that we are close to Lent this is something to think about. How about our friendships and the friendships of our children? Are they taking you up or down? Do you think those friendships aren't long-lasting? Wrong. The more kids play with other kids, the more kids will become like them. And when they are a good friend others will be like them. A friend is some one you can trust, someone who is there for you when you are down and happy for you when you are up. It is someone who brings out the best in you and inspires you to be a better person. (Catechist February 2019)

Class Schedules: Wednesday - March 6th

Gilman:

Grades K - 5: 3:40 - 5:00 p.m. **Children's Mass at 4:00 p.m.**

Grades 6 -11: No Classes - students are asked to attend Mass

Sheldon:

Grades K-11: No Classes - students are asked to attend Mass

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ NO MASS
Loose	
Total	
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 275.00
Loose	85.00
Total	360.00
Total from February 25, 2018	465.00
Building Fund	10.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ NO MASS
Loose	
Total	
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 230.00
Loose	82.00
Total	312.00
Total from February 25, 2018	251.00
Building Fund	25.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

Called to Become Saints
Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal in underway throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility is listed below. As of **March 1st**, we have collected:

Payments

	Assessment	& Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 6,690.00	\$ 4,703.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 5,360.00	\$ 3,798.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL

+ Wednesday, **March 20th from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aly Aleigha**, Christian singer / songwriter, will present a concert with her band to our young people at Ss. Peter & Paul. All parents, parishioners, youth and the community are invited.

+ Sunday, **March 24th from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**, the young people will serve a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser. Donations of syrup, apple sauce, flour etc. are welcome.

Blessings ~ Sr. Marianna

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