

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today on Good Shepherd Sunday we remember the truth that God always searches for the one who is lost, or who feels unworthy or unloved and carries them in His arms. Anyone who would follow Jesus (the good shepherd) as a disciple must also be prepared to abide in God's compassionate love.

The GOSPEL today is short but straight to the point.. It says so much; in fact it says everything in these lines...."no one will ever steal (my sheep) from me." and "The Father and I are one." This is so reassuring to us.....Jesus promises God's complete faithfulness to us, now and forever..... Jesus makes us God's children... and Our Lord will be with us to feed us, shelter us and guide us through life, and into eternal life of Heaven. Christ promises to be our shepherd and care for us and cherish us through the tragedies and struggles of life of which there can sadly be many.

We know too well, that in life, there are many obstacles... there are setbacks...There seems, at times, to be unassailable worries and trials, but our God, promises to be with us and guide us through these and all trials and struggles....This is a source of abiding hope and strength.

Let us commend all who suffer, to the gentle shepherd's care... and let us re-commit ourselves each day, to showing practical care and support to all those we encounter, and those in need for (in Christ) they are truly our brothers and sisters, and they are fellow members of the Good Shepherd's flock. May the world be reshaped, with the peace, care and gentleness that the good shepherd wants for the whole world... and all people in it. Let us continue to be people of hope, love, justice and compassion..... and may we be instruments in God's hands, of Christ's vision of care; valuing everyone, even those considered by others to be "the least". May the Lord show us the full meaning of the fact that "God loves each and every person completely."

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Good Shepherd Sunday

Not only can we recognize family member' voices, we can also read the tone of their voices and know something about how they are feeling. In our relationship with Jesus, we know Jesus' voice and are called to follow. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one - not just close, but actually one. Knowing Jesus means knowing the Father. (Sunday Connection).

++ Thank you to everyone, Fr. Lourdu, teachers, Ladies Guild, parents, and children for making the May Crowning, First Communion, and closing of CCD memorable by your presence and celebration. It was a beautiful day!

++ Perhaps prayers and programs can be found on the internet to keep all of us in contact with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit this summer.

++ Congratulations to our graduates: Wyatt Heier, Sarah Olson, Mikel Podolak, Trevor Schmitt, Dayne Tallier, Ryan Webster, Luke Geist and Zachary Kopacz.

Blessings and Easter Peace ~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,124.00
Loose	294.00
Total	1,418.00
Total from May 6, 2018	1,168.00
Building Fund	582.00
Easter	100.00
Home Mission	25.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 385.00
Loose	77.00
Total	462.00
Total from May 6, 2018	519.00
Building Fund	279.00
Home Mission	50.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 463.50
Loose	131.80
Total	595.30
Total from May 6, 2018	735.45
Building Fund	144.00
Home Mission	35.00
Votives	17.25
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 220.00
Loose	72.00
Total	292.00
Total from May 6, 2018	177.00
Building Fund	101.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints
Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

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

	Payments		
	Assessment	& Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 7,980.00	\$ 3,413.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 5,660.00	\$ 3,498.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL

"You walk with us on our life's journey..." To those of you who contributed to this year's **Rice Bowl** drive, our cluster collected over **\$3,500**. Your generosity is a testament of your faith to live and serve our human family. **THANK YOU!**



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