RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the children and the many mothers and grandmothers who brought flowers to Mary last Sunday**.** It was impressive to see the large group showing respect to our Mother Mary. Thank you Quinleigh and Oliver for wearing your First Communion garments and leading the procession.

~Georgi

Next weekend May 22 & 23, we will celebrate Pentecost - the Sunday that comes seven weeks or about fifty days after Easter. After Jesus ascended to heaven, his Apostles and Mary stayed together and prayed. The Apostles were not ready to carry out their mission of spreading Jesus' message to everyone in the world. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come to them to teach them everything and remind them of everything He taught them and to preach fearlessly. Join us next week to hear His words to the Apostles, and what we need to do to live in the Spirit.

May 22nd - St. Rita of Cascia 1386-1456 *Italy

Rita lived in a tumultuous time in Italy. People from rival families would kill each other in cold blood. Even though Rita wanted to be a nun, her parents arranged her marriage into one of these fighting families. Her husband had a short temper and was often unkind to her. The more she prayed for him, the kinder and more faith-filled he became and he gave up fighting against a rival family. But that family cruelly murdered him anyway.

More than ever, Rita believed in peace instead of violence. After a few years, after her two sons died of illness, Rita was free to become a nun. But the convent refused to accept her because they were afraid the rival family that killed her husband would harm them if Rita entered their convent. They told Rita she could only become a nun if she made peace between her family and the rival family. After much praying, Rita convinced the two families to let God's peace enter their hearts. Her words touched their souls and the two families chose to live in peace.

Rita entered the convent. She prayed before her favorite image of the suffering Christ. Because of the sorrows in her own life, she felt deeply in her heart all of Jesus' sorrows. Her heart wept over the crown of thorns pressed into Jesus' head, and the nails in Jesus' hands and feet. She begged Him to let her share a little in His suffering. A small open wound, which seemed to have been made by a thorn, miraculously appeared on her forehead. Jesus shared with her the pain of His crown of thorns. Rita bore the open wound on her forehead until her death.

St. Rita, help me to offer my sufferings to Jesus!

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	$ 1,014.00
Loose	40.00
Total	1,054.00
Total from May 3, 2020	*1,060.00*
Building Fund	630.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	$ 280.00
Loose	54.00
Total	334.00
Total from May 3, 2020	*215.00*
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	$ 447.50
Loose	50.00
Total	497.50
Total from May 3, 2020	*340.00*
Building Fund	20.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	$ 280.00
Loose	71.75
Total	351.75
Total from May 3, 2020	*105.00*

Churches closed due to pandemic
(*Totals include only the basic collection*)

Together in Mission... Alive in Hope

Catholic Services Appeal 2020-2021

Pope Francis describes the present moment as a time to be open to the Spirit who can "inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible." Realize the Power of a Gift!

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	$ 11,438.00	$ 4,430.00	$ 7,008.00
St. John	$ 8,969.00	$ 4,700.00	$ 4,269.00
St. Stanislaus	$ 5,430.00	$ 3,243.00	$ 2,187.00
St. Michael	$ 2,843.00	$ 2,307.00	$ 536.00

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