

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

Today's readings are about renewal and new things: The New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and a new earth, and a new commandment. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their members by their agape love, imitating the agape love of Paul and Barnabas. The second reading, from the Book of Revelation, explains how God renews His Church, the New Jerusalem, by being present in her members and in their parish communities and liturgical celebrations. "See, I am making all things new." Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, unconditional, agape love. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment.

Let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment (Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18) says: "Love your neighbor as yourself." We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole and holy only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God and that the Triune God resides in our souls, making our bodies the "temple of the Holy Spirit."

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship The Gospel this week tells us that, before Jesus died, he told his friends to love one another the way he had shown them how to love. At the last Supper, he washed their feet. On Calvary he gave his life on the Cross for us. Demands or requirements of Christian love; the kind of love Jesus modeled for us is difficult. It involves sacrifice. Jesus knew that the disciples would be called upon to follow his way of love even unto death. That's why Jesus didn't just tell us how to love, he showed us.

+Tune into *Totus tuus Diocese of Superior.com* to see the schedule where Totus Tuus is being held in many parishes this summer. If parents want to schedule it in the future, we need to schedule it early. It is conducted by a team of trained young people for one week. Any family may register with any of the parishes already scheduled if you let them know.

+If you would like to attend the Steubenville Conference in Rochester from July 12 - 14, please contact me immediately.

Blessings ~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 950.00
Loose	158.00
Total	1,108.00
Total from May 13, 2018	1,570.85
Building Fund	300.00
Home Mission	40.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 358.00
Loose	101.00
Total	462.00
Total from May 13, 2018	489.00
Building Fund	360.00
Home Mission	5.00
Easter	10.00
Good Friday	5.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 903.00
Loose	110.06
Total	1,013.06
Total from May 13, 2018	1,188.00
Building Fund	190.00
Easter	10.00
Good Friday	10.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 215.00
Loose	79.00
Total	294.00
Total from May 13, 2018	558.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints
Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway throughout 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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