

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.” We modern people often do not like the idea of commandments! We are so caught up in freedom that we resist any sense of having to do anything because it is commanded! On the other hand, married couples know that they must listen to one another and that their response to one another is a sort of obedience to one another. Yes, for sure, after listening and speaking and dialoging. This is very similar to the process of our faith in relationship to the Lord Jesus. If we truly love Him, then we must listen to Him, we must speak with Him. And we, at times, must dialog with Him. This is what it means to love Him and to observe His commandments.

Some might think that it is much easier to listen, speak and dialog with a living person right in front of me. Yet we all know how difficult it is to have any kind of deep relationship with another person. We humans guard our own territory, our own ideas, our ways of thinking and everything that is personal! To love another person always means that we must sacrifice ourselves for the good of the other person. One of the great definitions of love is that ability to choose the good of the other person and give up our own good for the sake of the other person. That definition sounds easy until we try to live it!

The First Letter of Peter, reminds us, in Jesus, that we must be put to death in the flesh and live in the Spirit. This is the path of the Lord Jesus and it must be our path. It sounds awful and perhaps even frightening—on the other hand, there is an incredible joy in walking in His ways and not in our own. Sure, to follow Jesus will lead us on a path of suffering. We cannot expect to live differently than our Lord. Resurrection only comes through suffering and death.

Let us embrace the path of the Lord, let us walk with him, let us keep His commandments: love God and love others.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

Do you ever feel alone? We do at times, but in today's gospel we are reminded that we are never truly alone. We hear in today's Gospel that the Advocate, the Spirit of truth has been given to us by God and is abiding with us, inclining our hearts to make the right choice about where to go, what path to take, what decision to make at any given moment.

+We are happy to have with us today those graduating this year. Congratulations!

We extend an invitation to young people to join our confirmation class if you have not yet received the power of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

+Bruce Downes at TheCatholicGuy.com presents Catholic inspirations for every day living. Matthew Kelly on DynamicCatholic.com is another Catholic inspirational person to view. The more parents are inspired, the easier it is for you to pass on the faith to your children and teens.

Blessings and Peace,

Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 916.00
Loose	2 26.00
Total	1,142.00
Total from May 15, 2016	1,087.00
Trinity Dome	9 5.00
Building Fund	2 20.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 440.00
Loose	1 57.00
Total	5 97.00
Total from May 15, 2016	6 18.00
Trinity Dome	1 18.00
Building Fund	3 0.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 805.00
Loose	1 38.25
Total	9 43.25
Total from May 15, 2016	1,226.36
Building Fund	9 .00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 250.00
Loose	3 3.00
Total	2 83.00
Total from May 15, 2016	2 69.00
Trinity Dome	4 7.00
Building Fund	5 5.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 5/1/2017 - updated by the Diocese of Superior

	Assessment	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul -	\$ 11,078.00	8,873.00	\$ 2,205.00
St. John -	\$ 8,374.00	5,945.00	\$ 2,429.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$ 5,461.00	5,057.00	\$ 404.00
St. Michael -	\$ 2,323.00	2,323.00	Paid in Full

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Are you celebrating 5, 10, 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage? The Diocese of Superior will celebrate the anniversaries of couples on **Saturday, July 8th** at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior with an 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by a catered lunch. If you are interested in attending, please call the office no later than June 5th to register.