

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

The readings this weekend all speak of the Holy Spirit. The theme of the readings is all about the Spirit, as our Easter Season fast approaches Pentecost. We cannot underestimate the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the church. Without the Holy Spirit, the church would be ineffective and we, the disciples of Jesus, need the action and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to be effective in what we seek to achieve. We are invited by Christ to be "so connected to Christ" that our decisions, our actions, and our priorities will be guided by and connected to Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, without any loss of free will.

The Gospel today is mysterious, but also very profound. It is so beautiful and so important to our understanding. Jesus says that he and the Father, (through the Holy Spirit), will come and "make their home in our hearts, and make their home in us" and that we will be connected to Christ, united to Christ in the very life of the Holy Trinity. We will be "in communion" with Christ in a very real way, through our obedience and love.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to us so that we will always be connected to Jesus (abide in Him and him in us, and Him in the Father and the Father in the Spirit), we will abide in his teachings, live in his love and this Spirit living within us, will constantly remind us of his teachings and his truths. God will truly live with his people and abide in and within us. God will walk with us, his people, always. And God will be the light to show us the way through our journeys through life, so we have nothing to fear even when life is far from easy or simple. Finally, and most importantly, Jesus promises us the gift of peace. This is a gift we all long for, and for which the world longs to receive. Jesus promises us the gift of his peace, a peace the world cannot give and cannot achieve of itself. God's peace is all we need through all the tragedies and the joys of life as well as the failures and successes of life. We must trust in the power and authority and discernment that God has given us, as a body of Christ, so that we may continue to apply the gospel in each and every new situation and circumstance of daily life, for God is with us. God abides with and in us. God guides, leads and inspires us. God's Holy Spirit shows us the way and gives us the direction.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: For most of us, peace is understood as the absence of conflict. We long for "peace and quiet." Jesus gives us the gift of peace but not as the world gives peace. The peace of Christ is that state of being that exists when heaven and earth (God's will and our lives) connect in our hearts. In today's Gospel Jesus tells his Apostles that the peace he gives will remain with them even in the face of intense conflict, persecution, rejection and death. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit God's presence will remain with them always.

(Sunday Connection/Workbook for Lectors)

++The **First Communion Class** can pick up their lovely banners in the gathering space.

Blessings & Peace ~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$	909.00
Loose		40.00
Total		949.00
Total from May 20, 2018		1,570.85
Building Fund		50.00
Mission Cooperation Plan		533.00
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$	360.00
Loose		57.00
Total		417.00
Total from May 20, 2018		489.00
Mission Cooperation Plan		485.00
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$	1,992.95
Loose		96.00
Total		2,088.95
Total from May 20, 2018		1,188.00
Mission Cooperation Plan		575.05
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$	115.00
Loose		36.00
Total		151.00
Total from May 20, 2018		558.00
Mission Cooperation Plan		175.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is 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

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

GILMAN CORNER STORE
447-8376
GAS - POP - BEER - BULK FOODS
SNACKS - MOVIES - LOTTERY
OPEN 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

"We Are Called to Witness"

The 69th Annual Convention - Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is **Tuesday, June 18th** from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Medford. The 2019 Annual Convention Registration forms are available in the Church office. The banquet on Monday evening, June 17th is \$25 and \$40 for the Convention on Tuesday, June 19th.