

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year the church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. This feast expresses the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the Universe. This feast helps us to look towards our future and our ultimate future is when Jesus will return in glory for the final judgment and award reward or punishment. The feast of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and is observed on the Last Sunday of the liturgical year as it helps us to meditate on Christ the King and Lord and also on the Second and Final Coming of Christ, the last Judgment, and the end of the world.

In the world of democracy the titles of "Lord" and "King" for Christ may not be realistic because such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. The kings are often identified with pride, undue use of authority, wars and sometimes even immoral lives. However true these statements might be these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of humility and service. Jesus said: You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. To Pilate he said that his kingdom was one of Truth and for this he was born and for this he came into the world to testify for the truth.

We express our faith by calling Jesus our King who is the master of our human hearts. The kingdom of God over which he presides consists of the presence of God manifested fully in the reality of Jesus. Whoever listens to the voice of Jesus and believes in him is a member of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is really our King when we consciously become his subjects, when we listen to him, love him, serve him, and follow him. We belong to his kingship when, like him, we have reached that level of freedom which can really let go of everything, even of life itself in the struggle to make our world a world of truth, justice and love. That is the struggle to help make real the prayer we constantly say, "Your Kingdom come!" Paradoxically, one of the best ways to know Jesus is to go about helping others to know him. In order to share the knowledge, understanding and love of Jesus with others, we have to discover that knowledge, understanding and love for ourselves. As we reflect on all the goodness of God that we have received by the grace of God the Father through Christ the King, our calling, our living faith, our Baptism, our new heart and human spirit, the indwelling Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, the fruit of the Spirit that shine through us, let us give thanks to Christ the King for showing us the way to His eternal Kingdom.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Every year the Feast of Christ the King reminds me of my classmates in religious life. When we were in novitiate, we decided to have a class prayer so we would always pray for one another. We pray...

"O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You as Universal King. All that has been made was created for You. Exercise over me all rights that You have. I renew my baptismal promises, renouncing Satan, his pomps, and his works and I promise to live as a good Christian. Especially do I pledge myself by all the means in my power to bring about the triumph of the rights of God and of your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my poor actions to obtain that all hearts may recognize Your consecrated Kingship, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established in the whole world. Amen."

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

| Ss. Peter & Paul | | | |
|------------------------------|--|----|----------|
| Adult Envelopes | | \$ | 820.00 |
| Loose | | | 309.00 |
| Total | | | 1,129.00 |
| Total from November 19, 2017 | | | 1,006.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | | | 10.00 |
| St. Stanislaus | | | |
| Adult Envelopes | | \$ | 275.00 |
| Loose | | | 206.41 |
| Total | | | 481.41 |
| Total from November 19, 2017 | | | 580.00 |
| Building Fund | | | 300.00 |
| St. John | | | |
| Adult Envelopes | | \$ | 355.00 |
| Loose | | | 103.00 |
| Total | | | 458.00 |
| Total from November 19, 2017 | | | 550.01 |
| St. Michael | | | |
| Adult Envelopes | | \$ | 185.00 |
| Loose | | | 111.00 |
| Total | | | 296.00 |
| Total from November 19, 2017 | | | 533.00 |

(Totals include only the basic collection)

Called to Become Saints Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

Our annual Catholic Services Appeal has begun throughout the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility for the coming year is listed below. As of November 1st, we have collected:

2018/2019 Catholic Services Appeal

| | Assessment | Received | Amount Due |
|------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Ss. Peter & Paul | \$ 11,393.00 | \$4,930.00 | \$6,463.00 |
| St. John | \$ 9,158.00 | \$3,280.00 | \$5,878.00 |
| St. Stanislaus | \$ 5,234.00 | \$2,595.00 | \$2,639.00 |
| St. Michael | \$ 2,789.00 | \$1,245.00 | \$1,544.00 |

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

SKABROUD'S STORE
W541 Main St. - Sheldon, WI 54766
 Brian & Jody Oelkers invite you
 to stop in and enjoy great service!
 We look forward to serving you in the future!
(715) 452-5161

+ Next Sunday, December 2nd is Family Sunday. The refreshments after Mass are to be provided by the CCD parents. May we ask those **parents whose last names begin with the letter A through M please bring bars, cookies, etc. for the social.**

+ A letter for parents was sent home with the oldest child on Wednesday, and a reminder will be posted via email soon.

Blessings ~Sr. Marianna