

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

St. Basil said in one of his homilies on this parable of the 'Rich Man and Lazarus', "Tell us the reason why we have received our possessions. Is it so that God may be unjust? God who unequally distributes those goods necessary to life? Why are some rich and some poor? To the hungry belongs the spare bread that we keep. To the naked, the cloak you keep tucked away. We commit as many injustices as there are people to whom we could give."

One of the great failings of the rich man in this parable is that he is ignorant and apathetic to the poverty and need of people around him; -- people who turn out to be his brother, and his sister in God's Kingdom. SO, these needy people are co-heirs to the Kingdom which this uncaring man will never inherit....

This parable invites us to change our way of seeing things. The gospel tells us in countless ways that the last will be first. Our Lord calls upon us to truly build up a world based upon true gospel values..... a world and a Kingdom of God which is filled with many people like Lazarus, who are despised now by those who, according to the parable, do not deserve to have a name.

Yours sincerely,
Rev. Vijaykumar Madani

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Thank you to all our families from St. John and Ss. Peter & Paul who have returned their registration forms and fees. But there are still some families who have not done so. Please get this done soon. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for Ss. Peter & Paul Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 3rd. This will be right after our All Saints Day Mass. This is a fundraiser to support our religious education program. More information will come soon!

Blessings ~ Georgi Whelan

September 29th is the Feast of the Archangels:
 St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael

St. Francis Feast Day is Friday, October 4th.

Class Times: Wednesday - October 2nd

St. Stanislaus/Ss. Peter & Paul

in Gilman: **Grades K - 5: 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.**

Grades 6 - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

St. Michael/St. John

in Sheldon: **Grades K - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.**

CATHOLIC READERS CLUB

Open to men & women : **1st Wednesday of the month** at the Kountry Kettle in Gilman at **10:30 a.m.** beginning October 2nd. **Father Augustus Tolton: The slave who became the first African American Priest**, Author: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. CONTACT Rosalie Bryan (715) 669-7001 if you have problems getting the book. See the bulletin board in the entrance to church for full details.

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,013.00
Loose	103.00
Total	2,116.00
Total from September 23, 2018	883.00
Building Fund	73.00
Energy	25.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 315.00
Loose	113.00
Total	428.00
Total from September 23, 2018	598.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 912.00
Loose	110.00
Total	1,022.00
Total from September 23, 2018	1,239.25
Energy	45.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 455.00
Loose	43.00
Total	498.00
Total from September 23, 2018	232.00
(Totals include only the basic collection)	

Expressions of Discipleship Catholic Services Appeal 2019-2020

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal has arrived! The appeal is a means by which we can all work together to love and care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted to us. Your participation is essential, not only to the success of the Catholic Services Appeal, but also the parish. Please join other Catholics from within the sixteen counties of the Diocese in supporting this very important appeal.

	Payments		
	Assessment	& Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,354.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,854.00
St. John	\$ 8,870.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 8,150.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,421.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 4,621.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,510.00

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

GILMAN MARKET

Complete Deli & Meat Department
 Bakery - Liquor Dept. - Lottery Tickets
 Open 7 Days - Sunday til Noon
 (715) 447 - 8291
 235 E. Main St Gilman WI 54433

The Social Committee at Ss. Peter & Paul will be **accepting donations of clean blankets and winter outerwear NOW** until October 13th. Donations can be dropped off in the gathering space of the church during this period.