

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Teach the children how they should live and they will remember it all of their life! (Proverbs 22:6)

SHELDON:

Grades K-10: meet every Wednesday from 6:15pm - 7:30pm.

The **Confirmation** class will meet every Wednesday at 6:15pm

GILMAN:

Grades K-5: meet on Wednesdays from **3:30pm - 5:00pm.**

Your next class is Wednesday, February 15th.

Grades 6-10: meet on Wednesdays from **6:15pm - 7:30pm.**

Your next class is Wednesday, February 15th.

LENT

LENT will be here soon. We will have time to reflect on our life with God. We again will have the opportunity to take positive steps along God's path and grow in faith, hope and love. Our lifetime journey is not always easy, but we are responsible for directing our lives along His path. We must trust God to guide us and be with us on our journey through Lent and life.

The word Lent means *spring*. It is significant that spring brings longer and longer days at a time when we are turning away from ourselves and toward the light of God. Lent is a time for reflection, prayer, growth and learning. It is time to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

The 40 days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. They symbolize the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert in preparation for his public ministry. To know Jesus, we have to study scripture. The gospels are especially important because the words and deeds of Jesus are recorded there. As Christians, we are to live the gospel message. It is for this reason that on Ash Wednesday the priest makes the sign of the cross on our forehead and says: *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel.* Lent is a time for all of us to focus on following Jesus by opening our hearts to his presence in the world and in our lives.

To do this we must learn what God wants from us, and look for opportunities to pray during Lent. Prayer is an important part of this process; it is an essential part of our journey. As God's people we must search for his call in our lives and follow it. We need to help our children discover what it means to live as Christians through actions that are meaningful in their lives.

May God be with you this lenten season and renew your hearts!

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
February 4 -5		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,447.00	970.00
Loose	\$ 222.00	77.00
Total	\$ 1669.00	*1,047.00*
Month of February Building Fund =	\$ 970.00	*1,667.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 440.00	500.00
Loose	\$ 106.00	77.00
Total	\$ 546.00	*577.00*
Month of February Building Fund =	\$ 252.00	*500.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,120.00	827.00
Loose	\$ 122.50	120.00
Total	\$ 1,242.50	*947.00*
Month of February Building Fund =	\$ 358.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 135.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 63.00	29.00
Total	\$ 198.00	*279.00*
Month of February Building Fund =	\$ 57.00	*84.00/mo*
*The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2022-2023 budget set by each Parish Council.		

Centered in the Eucharist

Catholic Services Appeal 2022-2023

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,860.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,060.00
St. John	\$ 9,049.00	\$ 5,635.00	\$ 3,414.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 2,930.00	\$ 2,829.00
St. Michael	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,568.00

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

FR. KOLMAN COUNCIL - GILMAN

WELCOMES

NEW MEMBERS

SHELDON - LUBLIN - JUMP RIVER - GILMAN