

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Parents are needed to teach CCD classes for their children.

We need catechists for the following grades: K-1 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm AND grades: 6, 7 & 8 from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. We can not have classes without parents teaching these classes. Classes are small in size, and we furnish all materials. Call Georgi for more information. Your children need you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION will take place on **Sunday, August 20th at 11:30 a.m.** at St. John-Sheldon and **Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.** at Ss. Peter & Paul-Gilman.

DID YOU KNOW

Why do we light votive prayer candles in church? A person can only pray for so long. Lighting a candle serves to prolong that prayer beyond our presence in the church. The candle remains behind and symbolizes the desire for the prayer to continue. So when we light candles in prayer, our intentions remain present even when we are gone.

Why do Catholics offer Masses for the dead? Jesus said, *Whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come* (Matthew 12:31). And 2 Maccabees 12:46 reads, *“Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.”* When we die in God’s friendship we eventually go to Heaven, but if we haven’t properly atoned for certain sins we have to be purified in Purgatory first. We pray for the souls in Purgatory to help them pass through faster than they would otherwise.

Why do Catholics give the Sign of Peace during Mass? The first words Jesus said to his Apostles after his Resurrection were, *Peace be with you* (John 20:21). After that their fear disappeared. By offering each other the Sign of Peace at Mass, we share that peace with the entire Body of Christ. Jesus also told us to reconcile with one another before approaching the altar of God (Matthew 5:23). Thus, the Sign of Peace is a gesture of Reconciliation with those around us before coming to the altar to receive Holy Communion.

Please pray for the following couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage

Banns III

Anthony Dernovsek and Jordon Dixon

Banns I

Joseph Davis and Isabella Franzen

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
August 12 - 13		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
Loose	\$ 196.00	80.00
Total	\$ 1,196.00	*1,080.00*
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 1,762.00	*1,725.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 270.00	525.00
Loose	\$ 39.00	75.00
Total	\$ 309.00	*600.00*
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 648.00	*500.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 580.00	875.00
Loose	\$ 77.00	75.00
Total	\$ 657.00	*950.00*
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 325.00	*525.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 290.00	275.00
Loose	\$ 107.00	25.00
Total	\$ 397.00	*300.00*
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 140.00	*85.00/mo*
*The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2023-2024 budget set by each Parish Council.		

Who Do You Say That I AM

Catholic Services Appeal 2023-2024

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Payments & Pledges</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,781.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
St. John	\$ 9,139.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,945.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
St. Michael	\$ 3,059.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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