

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

WE NEED YOU! The **GILMAN Religious Education** program **needs teachers** this Fall for 8th grade. Please consider serving our cluster of parishes in this role and give Georgi Whelan a call.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: The Religious Education 2022-2023 calendar for GILMAN and SHELDON will be posted shortly.

GILMAN classes for grades K-5 will begin **September 14th** and meet every week from 3:30pm-5:00pm.

SHELDON classes for ALL grades will meet every week and **begin Wednesday, September 14th.**

GILMAN classes for grades 6-10 will begin **September 21st.**

The DEAD SEA

The Dead Sea is also called the Salt Sea. Find it in Genesis 14:3. People float like rafts because the water is so salty. The salt particles act like tiny life jackets, holding people up on top of the water. One Roman soldier long ago heard that people could not drown in the Dead Sea, but he didn't believe it. So he ordered some of his prisoners thrown in the water with their hands tied. They floated.

The Dead Sea isn't really a sea - it is a lake. It is about 50 miles long and 10 miles wide. It's so salty that it kills fish. If a fish from the Jordan River swims downstream into the Dead Sea, it dies almost instantly. There's a reason the water is so salty. The Dead Sea beach is 1,300 feet below sea level, which is the lowest land on earth. All rivers and streams in the area drain into this lake. The water deposits chemicals from dirt and rocks - especially salt. There's no place for the chemicals to go - the Dead Sea is the dead end. As water evaporates from the southern end of the lake, salt and other chemicals dry into clumps. Today, mining companies harvest these chemicals and salt.

However, there is one tiny oasis called **En Gedi** which is hidden a mile from the Dead Sea beach among some cliffs. That is where David and his men hid in the caves. Saul and his army found the oasis but never managed to find David and his men. **En Gedi**, in the Bible, is known as a place of refuge, fertility, and flourishing—a **place created by God to give and preserve life for those who take refuge in Him.** (1 Samuel 23).



	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
September 3-4		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,011.00	970.00
Loose	\$ 24.00	77.00
Total	\$ 1,035.00	*1,047.00*
Month of September Building Fund =	\$ 1,067.00	*1,667.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 230.00	500.00
Loose	\$ 177.56	77.00
Total	\$ 407.56	*577.00*
Month of September Building Fund =	\$ 241.00	*500.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 488.00	827.00
Loose	\$ 288.00	120.00
Total	\$ 776.00	*947.00*
Month of September Building Fund =	\$ 377.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 50.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 43.00	29.00
Total	\$ 93.00	*279.00*
Month of September Building Fund =	\$ 72.00	*84.00/mo*
<i>*The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2022-2023 budget set by each Parish Council.</i>		

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Catholic Services Appeal 2022-2023

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,860.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,860.00
St. John	\$ 9,049.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,049.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,759.00
St. Michael	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,018.00

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