

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Classes meet every week beginning Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in Gilman and Sheldon. If you have children in Gilman grades 6, 7 or 8, there is a MANDATORY meeting for parents on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:15pm to 7:30pm. All parents must be in attendance with their children.

## The Martyrdom of JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist was the last and greatest prophet. He was Jesus' cousin. He had prepared the way for Jesus and had baptized Him in the river Jordan. John called people to repent for their sins because god's Kingdom was close at hand! John's parents were Zechariah (a priest of the temple in Jerusalem) and Elizabeth (a kinswoman of Mary who visited her). He lived as a hermit, clothed in camel skins while dining on wild honey and locusts in the desert of Judea. When he was thirty, he began to preach on the banks of the Jordan against the evils of the times and called men to penance and baptism. He attracted large crowds and when Christ came to him, John recognized him as the Messiah and baptized him, saying "It is I who need baptism from you."

John always told the truth and he told Herod that he committed a sin when he stole and married his brother's wife, Herodias. Herod was fearful of John's power with the people and had him arrested. He did not want to kill John because he knew the people loved the prophet and may rise up in anger. But Herodias wanted revenge and plotted to have John the Baptist killed. So her daughter Salome danced for Herod and Herod promised her a favor. Herodias told Salome to ask Herod for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod was tricked. He did not want to murder God's profit, but he promised Salome in front of guests. He was trapped and gave in to Salome so he would not be mocked by his guests. He was more worried what his guests thought of him than what God thought of him. So he ordered John's death. John the Baptist died a glorious martyr because he stood up for the truth of God's Law. He died as a prophet of God, preparing the way for Jesus, who is Way, the Truth and the Life.

**St. John the Baptist, please help me to always stand up to the truth of God's Law!**

Please pray for the following couple as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage  
**Banns III**  
 Joseph Davis and Isabella Franzen

# OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
<b>August 26 - 27</b>		
<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul</b>		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,095.00	1,000.00
Loose	\$ 491.00	80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,586.00</b>	<b>*1,080.00*</b>
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 2,152.00	*1,725.00/mo*
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 405.00	525.00
Loose	\$ 39.00	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 444.00</b>	<b>*600.00*</b>
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 648.00	*500.00/mo*
<b>St. John</b>		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 950.25	875.00
Loose	\$ 130.00	75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,080.25</b>	<b>*950.00*</b>
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 425.00	*525.00/mo*
<b>St. Michael</b>		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 160.00	275.00
Loose	\$ 150.00	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 310.00</b>	<b>*300.00*</b>
Month of August Building Fund =	\$ 140.00	*85.00/mo*
<i>*The weekly Envelope &amp; monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2023-2024 budget set by each Parish Council.</i>		

## Who Do You Say That I AM

### Catholic Services Appeal 2023-2024

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
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

## OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK

**GILMAN CORNER STORE**  
 447-8376  
 GAS - POP - BEER - LOTTERY  
 SNACKS - BULK FOODS  
 OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. M-F  
 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. S+S