

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

We have no kings in the world today. A crown today is no more than a hat that lets in the rain. Kings have lost their privileges as the stars which complete their time lose their splendor. How then are we still proclaiming Christ as our King? It is because the Kingship of Christ belongs to the majesty and power of a different world. Christ is not the king of clubs ruling with ruthless force and might but a King of love and service. He is not the king of diamonds desirous of wealth and glory and glitter but a shepherd King. Of him, God foretold: "As a shepherd I am going to look after my flock myself". Jesus said of himself: "I am the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep". Yes. The shepherd King's love for us was so great that he came among us to experience for himself what it was to be truly human, including our death. He looks after us even today with tender care leading us to the waters of baptism, anointing us with the oil of confirmation and feeding us with the bread of eternal life. He continues to take upon himself the pain and the anguish of humanity, dying anew each day and each day rising ever more triumphantly as King. Our shepherd King calls us to help him to build up towards its fullness his Kingdom of justice, love and peace. He calls us to alleviate the distress of the suffering millions of the world, brought into our living rooms by way of satellite television. Can we say that our heart reaches out not just to the needy at our doorsteps but to those also who are in greater need in the Third World? In a parish bulletin one time there was the following indictment: "I was hungry and you formed a humanitarian club and discussed my hunger. I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly to your chapel and prayed for my release. I was naked and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance. I was sick and you knelt and thanked God for your health. I was homeless and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God. I was lonely and you left me alone to go and pray for me. You seem so holy, so close to God. But I'm still very hungry and lonely and cold." So if we want to honor Christ our King, we must do something to the least of his brothers and sisters.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CCD - Catholic Christian Disciples

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Jesus tells us the story of the final judgement to show us what kind of a king he is. He is not a king interested in power and glory but in serving the needs of others. Since Jesus is our King and we are his loyal subjects, we strive to imitate him and live according to his will. We strive to live the *Corporal Works of Mercy* by feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting prisoners, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.

+ **December 3rd**, next Sunday, is **Family Sunday** at Ss. Peter & Paul. Come, let Jesus, our King bless you and may we all offer ourselves to Jesus.

+ **December 10th**, ALL adults, and children of the cluster are invited to view the movie *The Fourth Wise Man* at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

- + Classes Wednesday, November 29th
- Gilman: Grades K - 5 : 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.
- Grades 6 - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
- Sheldon: Grades K - 11: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

For those children involved in the Christmas Play practice, it is important that they be in attendance each week.

Advent Peace ~ Sr. Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 850.00
Loose	1 56.00
Total	1,006.00
Total from November 20, 2016	832.00
Building Fund	2 0.00
World Mission	2 0.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 380.00
Loose	2 00.00
Total	5 80.00
Total from November 20, 2016	6 03.00
Building Fund	5 0.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 405.00
Loose	1 45.01
Total	5 50.01
Total from November 20, 2016	8 23.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 370.00
Loose	1 63.00
Total	5 33.00
Total from November 20, 2016	3 31.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2017/2018 Catholic Services Appeal

	Assessment	Received	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,179.00	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 7,759.00
St. John	\$ 8,721.00	\$ 1,790.00	\$ 6,931.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,249.00	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 2,934.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,509.00	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 539.00

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OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK



The **NEW Ministry** schedules for **December and January** are available online at our cluster website **OR** pick-up a copy in the entrance to church.

The Advent movie, *The Fourth Wise Man*, a regular feature film for children and parents will be shown on Sunday, **December 10th at 2:00 p.m.** at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall. **ALL are welcome!**