

The Lord's Prayer

In today's Gospel reading, we listen as Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He instructs them in the words of the Lord's Prayer, and then he tells two parables that drive home the importance of persistence and boldness in the prayer of his disciples.

The Lord's Prayer is much more than just a prayer that we say; it is also meant to be a prayer that we live. Cyprian of Carthage, a third century bishop and martyr wrote, "My dear friends, the Lord's Prayer contains many great mysteries of our faith. In these few words there is great spiritual strength, for this summary of divine teaching contains all of our prayers and petitions." In the twentieth century, Pope Benedict XVI observed, "The meaning of the Our Father goes much further than the mere provision of a prayer text. It aims to form our being, to train us in the inner attitude of Jesus." When we pray the Lord's Prayer we enter into the world of Jesus and into the depths of his relationships with God and with others. We begin to view life, God, others and ourselves through his eyes. Praying these words with attention entails a training in vision.

The Lord's Prayer invites us to adopt the attitudes of commitment and trust. We begin not with ourselves but with a larger vision -- asking that God's name be held holy and immersing ourselves in commitment to the coming of God's reign. We transcend our own small worlds and look at the bigger picture. The reign of God for which we pray refers to what takes place when the rule of a gracious, faithful, loving God permeates creation and human relationships. Cardinal Walter Kasper speaks of the reign of God as the sovereignty of God's love. As we pray these words, we commit ourselves to live as agents, as mediators of the sovereignty of God's love. In a time in which our nation seems so divided, no other commitment could be more important.

Catholics On Call ~Robin Ryan, C.P.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

Registration materials for our children and youth will be available in August. We are on our way for classes to start in September! God Bless our Cluster ~ **Georgi Whelan**

The Religious Education program needs your help. We have students from Ss. Peter & Paul who need catechists this Fall:

Grade 6 - 4 students

Grade 7 - 6 students

Grade 10 - 6 students

Grade 11 - 5 students (Confirmation)

Would you please consider helping our students! Please call Georgi Whelan at (715) 512-1029 for more information.

OUR SPONSOR THIS WEEK



OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 875.00
Loose	189.00
Total	1,064.00
Total from July 22, 2018	1,303.00
Building Fund	70.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 310.00
Loose	12.00
Total	322.00
Total from July 22, 2018	553.01
Building Fund	10.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 880.00
Loose	65.84
Total	945.84
Total from July 22, 2018	641.26
Building Fund	150.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 295.00
Loose	50.00
Total	345.00
Total from July 22, 2018	148.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

Called to Become Saints Catholic Services Appeal 2018-2019

The Annual Catholic Services Appeal is underway through out the Diocese. The "fair share" responsibility is listed below. As of **July 3rd**, we have collected:

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,393.00	\$ 8,880.00	\$ 2,513.00
St. John	\$ 9,158.00	\$ 6,485.00	\$ 2,673.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,234.00	\$ 5,234.00	PAID IN FULL
St. Michael	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 2,789.00	PAID IN FULL

Purchase a memorial 12x12 granite block for \$250 with 3 lines of engraving. If you haven't purchased a memorial yet, we still have room for you. Forms are available in the Ss. Peter & Paul gathering space.

Celebrate Wisconsin and join us for the movie "Cheeseheads" by John Mitchell on August 1st in the Gilman H.S. Gym from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The event will kick-off with a 'tailgate' party with snacks to celebrate Wisconsin and the Green Bay Packers turning 100 years old. This event is sponsored by the Western Taylor County Public Library. **It is FREE and open to the Public.** See you there!

Enjoy **Belgian Waffles & Berries Breakfast** hosted by the Medford Knights of Columbus on **Sunday July 28th** at the Taylor County Fairgrounds from **9:00 a.m. - 12 noon**. Proceeds from this event benefit Abiding Care of Medford, the Holy Rosary Youth Group and the KIA Memorial. The meal is \$8 per person; \$4 for kids (10 and under). Admittance to the fairground is free.