

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

SHELDON: Classes for grades 3 - 10 meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The next class is January 13th, 2021. **Confirmation** classes will meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The next class is January 6th, 2021.

GILMAN:

Grade 2: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
January 6th, January 20th

Grades 1, 3-5: 1st Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
January 6th, February 3

Grades 6-8: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m.
January 20th, February 17th

Grades 9-10: 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m.
January 6th, February 3rd



December 23rd is the feast day of **St. John of Kanty**. Born in Poland, John went to the University of Krakow where as a good student, he eventually became a professor and a priest. He was simple and humble and he had a deep love of the poor. He spent many hours in prayer. Because he had such a deep devotion to Jesus' suffering and death, he went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to visit the places where Jesus lived, died and rose from the dead. He also made four pilgrimages to Rome. In the later years of his life, John of Kanty offered great sacrifices to God so that he could live a holier life. He slept on the ground, did not eat meat and gave his clothes and shoes to the poor.

St. John of Kanty, help me to have a deep love of the poor!

On December 14th, we celebrated **St. John of the Cross**. His family suffered greatly as a result of poverty. His father died when he was three, and John's mother found work weaving which helped her to feed the family. As a child, John was sent to a boarding school for poor and orphaned children. He was given a religious education from a young age and chose to follow a religious path, even as a child. God was calling him in a special way, and he entered the Carmelite Order and became a priest. He dedicated his life to founding Carmelite monasteries and sought reforms so that the friars could pursue greater lives of holiness. While imprisoned for nine months, with a candle as his only source of light, John wrote mystical poems about the dark night of the heart's search for God. John experienced the mystical union of his soul with God in prayer.

St. John of the Cross, help my love for God be a guiding light!

Merry Christmas ! ~ Georgi

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,460.00
Loose	70.00
Total	2,530.00
Total from December 15, 2019	2,600.00
Building Fund	220.00
Christmas Flowers	50.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Christmas	630.00
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 655.00
Loose	65.00
Total	720.00
Total from December 15, 2019	497.00
Building Fund	60.00
Christmas Flowers	225.00
Immaculate Conception	35.00
Christmas	15.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 412.00
Loose	10.00
Total	422.00
Total from December 15, 2019	699.59
Building Fund	120.00
Immaculate Conception	115.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 425.00
Loose	5.00
Total	430.00
Total from December 15, 2019	259.00
Building Fund	50.00
Christmas Flowers	45.00
Immaculate Conception	50.00
<i>(Totals include only the basic collection)</i>	

*Together in Mission...
Alive in Hope*

Catholic Services Appeal 2020-2021

Pope Francis describes the present moment as a time to be open to the Spirit who can "inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible." Realize the Power of a Gift!

	Assessment	Payments & Pledges	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 11,438.00	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 8,528.00
St. John	\$ 8,969.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 5,519.00
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,430.00	\$ 1,648.00	\$ 3,782.00
St. Michael	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,668.00

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