

From the Pastor's Desk:

Dear Friends:

This is Good Shepherd Sunday. Today, the Church calls us to reflect on the meaning of God's call for each of us and to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life because the entire Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. In today's Gospel, two brief parables about sheep reveal Jesus as our unique means to salvation. He is the "sheep gate," the gateway to eternal life, and the selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides protection and life itself. The first title represents His ownership because Shepherd is the true owner of the sheep. The second title represents His leadership.

We need to be good shepherds and good leaders like Jesus; everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

We need to be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to: a) Hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; b) Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors by regular participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the Sacraments and by participating in prayer services; c) Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, by encouraging them in their duties, by lovingly correcting them with constructive criticism when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties and, always, by praying for them; d) Actively participate in the work of various councils, ministries and parish associations.

God Bless You!

Fr. Madanu Lourdu Raju

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION:

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We pray the rosary. We can pray the Litany of Loreto of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It can be found in The Catholic Devotional Blue Book that was sent home with each family at the beginning of Lent so that all could pray the rosary as a family. The Litany of Loreto presents many beautiful titles of Mary...Mystical Rose, Mother most amiable, Virgin most powerful, Morning Star, Health of the Sick, Queen assumed into heaven, and 43 more. The Litany is named after the house believed to be Mary's home.

The Holy House of Loreto is one of the most revered Marian shrines in the world. Since medieval times, the Holy House has been believed to be the very home in which the Virgin Mary lived, conceived and raised the young Jesus. A large basilica has been built around the small shrine, and the sacred site attracts as many as 4 million Catholic pilgrims and visitors each year.

+God bless our teachers, parents and Fr. Lourdu who have taught, enjoyed, and prayed with the children and teens this year. May God's love continue to grow in our minds and hearts as we live our Catholic faith each day.

Blessings and enjoy your Summer!

Keep in Touch,

Sister Marianna

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

Ss. Peter & Paul	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,061.00
Loose	1 29.00
Total	1,190.00
Total from May 1, 2016	1,061.00
Home Missions	1 22.00
Building Fund	6 0.00
Rice Bowl	2 1.04
St. Stanislaus	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 558.00
Loose	8 3.00
Total	6 41.00
Total from May 1, 2016	4 13.00
Home Missions	5 00.00
St. John	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 666.20
Loose	6 2.10
Total	7 28.30
Total from May 1, 2016	8 24.05
Home Missions	5 0.00
St. Michael	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 285.00
Loose	5 0.00
Total	3 35.00
Total from May 1, 2016	2 74.42
Home Missions	1 40.00

(Totals include only the basic collection)

2016/2017 Catholic Services Appeal

Contributor Status Report as of 4/4/2017 - updated by the Diocese of Superior

	Assessment	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Ss. Peter & Paul -	\$ 11,078.00	8,428.00	\$2,650.00
St. John -	\$ 8,374.00	5,820.00	\$2,554.00
St. Stanislaus -	\$ 5,461.00	4,882.00	\$ 579.00
St. Michael -	\$ 2,323.00	2,323.00	Paid in Full

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