

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

FEAST of St. PETER & St. PAUL - June 29th

We celebrated the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29. Both were martyred. Peter was crucified upside down because he did not feel worthy to die the same way as Jesus was crucified, so he asked that his cross be planted upside down in the ground.

Since Paul was a Roman citizen, unlike Peter and the other apostles, he couldn't be crucified. Paul was beheaded instead, three years after the martyrdom of Peter. St. Peter and St. Paul are the first saints named, after our Lady, in the Canon of the Mass. Even though the Feast of St. Peter is June 29 and the Feast of St. Paul is June 30, they are celebrated together on June 29th.

Accounts of St. Peter are in the four Gospels. He is one of the original 12 apostles, a Galilean fisherman and the brother of Andrew. He was one of the first apostles to be called by Christ, and he was a witness to many of the most significant events in the gospel story. Jesus changed his name from Simon to Cephas (an Aramaic name meaning *Rock*). The Greek form is Peter. Do you remember Jesus saying "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Upon this text the Catholic church has built a claim for the primacy of the pope as successor to Peter. Peter is the leader of the Apostles. He has good qualities and some weaker qualities. What distinguishes him from the other apostles is not his infallible judgement but his articulation of their faith - "You are the Christ" and his zealous determination to continue spreading the word of God.

Paul's first appearance in the Acts of the Apostles finds him at the stoning of St. Stephen. Paul was then Saul, a Roman soldier who persecuted Christians. Soon after, on his way to Damascus, his life changed. A flash of light threw him to the ground and a voice cried "Saul, why do you persecute me?" When he asked for the identity of the voice, he heard "I am Jesus who you are persecuting." Now convinced that Jesus was the Christ, Saul asked to be baptized and went on to devote the remainder of his life to the service of the gospel. In his new mission, he called himself Paul. After meeting the Apostles and gaining their trust, Paul was commissioned with Barnabas to serve the Christian community in Antioch. From there, they undertook many missionary journeys. He endured shipwreck, hunger and humiliation. But he was sustained by a sense of the invincible power of the risen Christ: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Pray to grow stronger in faith so that we too, can be missionaries & spread God's message to everyone we meet!

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
June 24-25		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,720.00	970.00
Loose	\$ 105.00	77.00
Total	\$ 1,825.00	*1,047.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 1,805.00	*1,667.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 520.00	500.00
Loose	\$ 50.00	77.00
Total	\$ 570.00	*577.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 615.00	*500.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,390.00	827.00
Loose	\$ 72.00	120.00
Total	\$ 1,462.00	*947.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 313.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 415.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 71.00	29.00
Total	\$ 486.00	*279.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 115.00	*84.00/mo*

**The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2022-2023 budget set by each Parish Council.*

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Catholic Services Appeal 2022-2023

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Payments & Pledges</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,860.00	\$ 7,110.00	\$ 3,750.00
St. John	\$ 9,049.00	\$ 9,049.00	Paid in Full
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 4,825.00	\$ 934.00
St. Michael	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 3,018.00	Paid in Full

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