

St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN

The First Fifteen

The Spiritual Life and Evangelization Commission has asked that all parish meetings begin with a program we are calling “The First Fifteen.” We are asking all parish meetings to begin with a few minutes of faith sharing. One person in the group reads the reading provided below (which corresponds with this next week’s weekend readings) and everyone is given an opportunity to reflect and share on the readings. The questions below are simply a way to stimulate your reflection. You can use them or anything that strikes you about the word of God.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Gospel Reading: John 3: 14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Questions to Ponder:

If you have ever seen a road sign or been to a ball game you are familiar with John 3:16. This verse appears in the middle of this week’s gospel. There is much more surrounding Jesus’ message to Nicodemus.

1. How do you react when you see someone holding up a sign proclaiming John 3:16? Does this sign make you think about your faith? How do you feel about this message?
2. In what way do you “believe” in Jesus? As Son of God? As Savior and Lord? Do you express your Faith in actions, words, example, attendance at Church or other?
3. Are you more in the “darkness” or more in the “light”. What can you do to be move more into the “light”?

End with the “**Glory Be**”

“Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen”