

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,685.12	\$ 9,501.04
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 9,501.04
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (7/30) 5:30pm	Sunday (7/31) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Isabella & Elijah Walsh
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Jerry Hanson
Lector	Mary Twarog	Michelle Puckett
Gifts	Mike & Donna Martin Family	Robert & Linda Moore

Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 23-31			
7/23 Sat	4:00pm	Aaron Kranker	Arma
	5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
7/24 Sun	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
7/25 Mon		NO MASS	
7/26 Tues	8:00am	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
7/27 Wed	8:00am	Gerald Butler	Girard
7/28 Thurs	8:00am	Donna Little	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
7/29 Fri	7:30a,	Betty Madl	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
7/30 Sat	4:00pm	Aaron Kranker	Arma
	5:30pm	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
7/31 Sun	8:00am	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## THE REALITY OF OUR PRAYER

We are being led, not by nature, but by the Spirit, for we are indeed God's children and the Spirit inspires our own spirit to cry out in confidence: "Father, my dear Father" (c.f. Rom. 8:14-16). It is the Spirit who continually upholds our natural weakness with divine strength; who is always praying deep within us even when our hearts seem mute, uttering our own most authentic desires, desires that we hardly know we have. These are Jesus' desires, formed and uttered in us as our very own by the Holy Spirit, the mutual Love-Exchange of Father and Son. Such prayer is infallibly heard (c.f. Rom. 8:26).

I am sure we are not meant to peer into the Spirit's face, so to speak—nor can we do so any more than we can turn around and peer into our own. Jesus' is the face that we gaze on without ceasing and it is this face that the Spirit unveils to us. "He will bear witness to me" (Jn 15:26) and "He will lead you into all the truth" (Jn 16:12). The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and yet is sent to us by Jesus himself, is nothing less than the love between the Father and the Son, their "communion". Our prayer can seem to us such a poor thing, so unsuccessful! We do not see the reality. Our prayer is one with that communion of love between Jesus and his Father which is the Holy Spirit.

Sr. Ruth Burrows, *Essence of Prayer*

Ruth Burrows, a Carmelite nun at *Quidenham Monastery in Norfolk, England, is the author of several best-selling books on spirituality and prayer.*

## MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

We have programs and speakers for all ages at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 5-7, in Wichita, KS. Help your child explore how to bring the light of Christ into their hearts and their future in the children's, middle school, and high school programs. Save up to \$30 on early bird registration by July 29. Register online at [www.catholicfamilyconference.org](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.org) or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to [info@catholicfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@catholicfamilyconference.org)

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Persistent Patience

Gn 18:20-32 / Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13

Some of the most persistent creatures on earth have to be children. "Can I have a cookie?" "No." "Can I have a cookie?" "No." Can I have a cookie?" "No." "Can..." "Yes!" Persistence is not a theory, it is a successful strategy that has been around for a long, long time, as Abraham shows us in the first reading. Do you want to know who is the most persistent of all? Remember in whose image and likeness we were created? You got it! Abba, Father! God's persistence is tenacious! He has spent an eternity pursuing you and I. Why do we resist so? Like children, we want what we want, we want it when we want it, and we want it right now! Jesus shows us three ways we can be persistent— knock, seek, and ask. Hmmm, those are three concrete actions we can do to get into the cookie jar. We needn't just ask for cookies, though, let's ask for miracles (and cookies)!

## TEACHERS NEEDED FOR PSR

St. Michael's Parish School of Religion is in need of several teachers for this coming school year. At the present time, we need 1 Elementary teacher (Wed. 2-3:30pm) and at least 2 teachers for the Middle school and High School grades (Wed. 7-8pm) and we are always in need of substitute teachers. If your time is available at these times, please prayerfully consider helping our parish in this important ministry! Any Religion teacher you ask will tell you that they have grown and learned so much during their time teaching and I am right there to help in any way! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Graham at 620-875-6133.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The D of I, St. Luke's Circle will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th at St. Francis Parish Hall, St. Paul, KS. All members are asked to bring school supplies to be donated. All ladies from St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parishes are welcome!

## GREENBUSH DAYS PLANNING MEETING

A meeting of the St. Aloysius Historical Society will be held July 31, 2022 at 7PM to discuss plans for Greenbush Day to be held in September. The meeting will be held at St Aloysius Church.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Richard Mason, Herman Masser, Ronnie Michael, Bob Moore, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, Josie Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Tina Ruma, Anna Snow, and Dan Wendt, who are ill or in need of prayers. Please note that individuals on our prayer list are left on until a request is made to remove them. Requests to be added or removed can be sent to [jmscales414@gmail.com](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## TOTUS TUUS

St. Michael's truly demonstrated hospitality at its finest to the four-person Totus Tuus instruction team sent to our parish this past week. So many wanted to contribute and be a part of creating a meaningful and successful week of fun and religious education for our youth during our Totus Tuus week. Thank you to Dr. Mindi Garner for hosting the TT team at the Madison House Bed & Breakfast. Meals and snacks provided by Dr. Mindi Garner, Father Mike, Karen Zerngast, Connie Sponsel, Joan Davied, Chelsea Smith, Mary Reif, Carrie Smith, Juley Smith, Donna Buckle, Jill Ashbacher, and Kay Peak were delicious and greatly appreciated. Father Mike Klag, Kristen Graham, the St. Michael's Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Religious Education, and Dave Garrett were also key components in providing anything that was needed to make the week the best experience for the youth of our church and to make the Totus Tuus team visiting our parish feel welcome. Thank you all!

## HOLY HOUR

On Sunday, July 31st from 3pm-4pm at St. Michael's, there will be Holy Hour with Adoration to pray for the passage of Value Them Both Amendment and to pray for the legal protection of right to life for the unborn.

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

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