

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,937.00	\$ 11,438.04
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 11,438.04
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 25.00	

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (8/06) 5:30pm	Sunday (8/07) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Brandon Leritz & Nolan Leonard	Aydin, Marli & Quin Sisney
EME	Carrie Smith	Chris Sponsel
Lector	Donna Martin	Connie Sponsel
Gifts	Barb & Sara Mikrut	Rod & Barb Murphy

Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 30-August 7			
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
8/01 Mon		NO MASS	
8/02 Tues	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
8/03 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
8/04 Thurs	8:00am	Regina Butler	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
8/05 Fri	7:30a,	Elaine Sauer	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
8/06 Sat	4:00pm	Danny Black	Arma
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard
8/07 Sun	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
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GOD WILLING

As the old joke has it, one way to make God laugh is to talk about your plans. But what kind of God would laugh at carefully made plans gone awry? Think of a storm forcing an outdoor wedding into a cramped indoor space. Or a pandemic that demolishes plans for all weddings, birthday parties, family reunions, and graduation ceremonies.

We need to make plans. Planning for retirement can help us financially and reduce the burden we place on our loved ones as we age. And estate planning often helps to avoid resentment among our heirs.

Our dilemma is neatly summarized in Ecclesiastes 11:4: "One who pays heed to the wind will never sow, / and one who watches the clouds will never reap." We're advised to just go for it, do the planting and make ourselves ready for the harvest.

But in all our planning we must take care not to imagine that we are in control. Just two words, "God willing," can prevent us from the smugness of the farmer in today's Gospel. He's not a fool for considering ways to store a bumper crop. But he would have been wise to consider other options: sharing it, providing for the poor and hungry.

We need the bracing insistence of Ecclesiastes that all our anxious toil is vanity. And we need the perspective we gain from listening to Jesus' admonition. We must be prepared to live with the knowledge that our hold on life is tenuous, and that God will one day call us to leave it all behind.

Kathleen Norris is an oblate of St. Benedict and the author of many books, including The Cloister Walk and Acedia and Me.

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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Eucharistic Wealth

Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23 / Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 / Col 3:1-5, 9-11 / Lk 12:13-21

"The Waltons" was a television series in the 1970's that depicted the life of a family growing up during the Great Depression in Virginia. Together, as a family, they experience various trials and tribulations. Three generations together under one roof. Despite lacking earthly riches, they were not lacking in "what matters to God", as Jesus shares in the parable about a rich man in today's Gospel. The Waltons found their joy in the investment of each other, honoring God by avoiding "immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and ...greed" as St. Paul exhorts to the Colossians. There was always something missing when watching the Waltons—a sacramental life. Are we storing up the richness of the Eucharist for ourselves? Or are we sharing what has been Given to us with folks like the Waltons? What a sight it would have been to see the Waltons, together, lined up to receive the Eucharist! Who knows, maybe John Boy may have ended up a priest!

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.

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.

17TH ANNUAL PRE-FAIR BBQ

This even will be held on July 31st from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Marvin Green Building at Crawford County Fairgrounds. \$10 suggested donation. Tickets can be purchased prior to or at the event from a 4-H member, or at the County Extension Office: 120 E Buffalo Street in Girard. Pre-Purchase is not necessary. Dine in or Drive Thru! 4-H Ice Cream stand will be open!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Mary Daved, 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. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Due to the hall hosting the elections on Tuesday, August 2nd, the Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday, August 3rd at 7pm in the Hall.

2ND ANNUAL PRIEST FUNDRAISER

Medjugorje Night of Testimonies Celebration on Mary's Birthday, Thursday September 8th, 2022 at 6pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Mother Seton Hall. We'd love for you to join us for a free dinner as our Spiritual Director, Fr. Scott Brossart, SOLT and Fr. Roger Lumbre, and several more pilgrims share their testimonies. This is in support of the Apostolate of Priestly Consecration, which offers priests free pilgrimages to Medjugorje! We help as many priests as want to go - trusting and believing Mary's promise that she will provide! We have 6 priests so far planning to go in October, God willing! (with funds only for 1 so far), so please pray for us, for all priests and for the donors Mary has already chosen! And please join us as you can, or reach out for more information: miraclero-sary@gmail.com or see priestlyconsecration.com

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.



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