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

| Altar Ministers for Next Weekend | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Saturday (8/13) 5:30pm | Sunday (8/14) 10:00am |
| Altar Servers | Trevor & August Amershek | Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher |
| EME | Makayla Ausemus | Marilyn McCracken |
| Lector | Nancy Bauer | Beth Wilson |
| Gifts | Mike & Kathy O'Toole | Kerry & Tammie O'Brien |

| Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 6-14 | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 8/06 Sat | 4:00pm | Danny Black | Arma |
| | 5:30pm | Donna Little | Girard |
| 8/07 Sun | 8:00am | Jean Wilson | Arma |
| | 10:00am | Pro Populo | Girard |
| 8/08 Mon | | NO MASS | |
| 8/09 Tues | 8:00am | Margaret Ann Dorio | Arma |
| 8/10 Wed | 8:00am | Loretta Butler Vice | Girard |
| 8/11 Thurs | 8:00am | Terry Peak | Arma |
| | 8:30am-12:30pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Arma |
| 8/12 Fri | 7:30a, | Donna Little | Girard |
| | 8:00am-5:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Girard |
| 8/13 Sat | 4:00pm | Aaron Kranker | Arma |
| | 5:30pm | Regina Butler | Girard |
| 8/14 Sun | 8:00am | Pro Populo | Arma |
| | 10:00am | Mary Lepoglow | Girard |

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

A Faith that Can!

Wis 18:6-9 / Ps 33:1, 18-19, 20-22 / Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Lk 12:32-48
 The art of food preservation is making a comeback. Folks have their reasons for doing so. Some might fear there will be a shortage of food. Some might enjoy the lifestyle associated with preservation. Others might just be curious. Regardless, instruction is a very important component in the process. Different foods require different methods of preservation. Take canning for instance. It is a lot easier having someone accompany you in the canning process. Temperature, altitude, acidity, equipment all play a role in the canning process. What if we had to preserve our faith by preserving it in cans or jars and then pass them on to the next generation simply by giving them a jar. Of course, someone would need to keep preserving the faith and teach others to preserve for the next generation. We are that next generation! Faith is a gift. As stewards of the faith, we need to keep canning and keep teaching others the art of preservation. There is a real famine of preservation in our culture. We need more canners! We *can* do it!

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. Thank you!

EMBODIED PROPHECY IN THE PRESENT

What does it mean to be prophetic? This week's readings from Ezekiel invite us to expand our understanding of both the word and what it means for those who seek to be prophetic voices within their communities. For many, "prophecy" is synonymous with a prediction of the future, but the biblical view of prophecy is much more focused on the present. Even when biblical prophecies contain visions of the future, they are always meant for the prophet's immediate context. This double perspective is familiar to us from modern prophetic texts like Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Although the speech offers a vision of future racial justice and harmony, its meaning cannot be divorced from the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

The same is true biblical prophecies, as when Ezekiel carries his "exile bag" around Jerusalem to give its residents a preview of their fate. Although this symbolic act offers a glimpse of the future, its primary purpose is to warn the prophet's present audience that their rebellion against God will have disastrous consequences. More than telling the future, biblical prophets *told the present*; they were so close to God that they knew the divine perspective on the events of their day, and they shared that perspective with their communities.

Another aspect of biblical prophecy is its embodied quality. We often focus speech as the principal mode of prophetic communication; it is even the root of the English word "prophet," which derives from the Greek *pro* ("before") and *phenai* ("to speak"). Although prophets often serve as a mouthpiece for God's words, this week's readings from Ezekiel remind us that biblical prophecy was a highly embodied activity. In one reading, the hand of YHWH comes to rest on the prophet, and he is overwhelmed by the sight and sound of the divine presence. In another, Ezekiel literally eats his words (i.e., a scroll written with the lamentation he must proclaim). And in yet another scene, Ezekiel's performance with his "exile bag" is a kind of prophetic street theater. These examples are representative of biblical prophecy as a whole, which reveals a prophet's work to be more than delivering words. Prophecy is a full-body experience, and the prophet's entire life serves as a medium for expressing the divine will.

These insights from Ezekiel can help us expand our understanding of what it means to be a prophetic voice in the Church and in the world. First, to be prophetic is to be attentive to one's present context, whether broadly conceived or more narrowly focused. When we think about prophetic figures, we often think about men and women speaking to critical issues within the whole

church or world. These global voices are indispensable, but prophecy also takes place within local communities and addresses local issues. Some prophets are visionaries, but a prophet can be anyone whose relationship with God inspires them to speak the concerns of their own context.

Second, prophetic witness involves more than speech. Some of the most famous prophets in our history and tradition left words for later generations, but biblical examples show that prophecy is also expressed in everyday actions. This embodied view of prophecy calls all of us to see the mundane activities of our lives as opportunities to be witnesses of God's justice and mercy.

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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The D of I, St. Luke's Circle's 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!

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.

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

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