

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,677.24	\$ 43,029.92
Expenses - September	\$ 11,160.37	\$ 43,667.88
Over/(Under)		\$ (637.96)
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 15-23			
10/15 Sat	4:00pm	Wally Rons	Arma
	5:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
10/16 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Mary Ann Lepoglow	Girard
10/17 Mon		NO MASS	
10/18 Tues	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
10/19 Wed	8:00am	NO MASS	Girard
10/20 Thurs	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
		NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
10/21 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
		8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
10/22 Sat	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
	5:30pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
10/23 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (10/22) 5:30pm	Sunday (10/23) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Sara Goble & Volunteer
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Anna Goble
Lector	Mary Twarog	Ruth Duling
Gifts	Mark & Katy Karhoff Family	Randy & Lisa McAtee

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Holy Moses!

Ex 17:8-13 / Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 / Lk 18:1-8  
Do you ever just want to throw in the towel? Fed up with the lack of justice that is ruminating in the world? Tired of not seeing the fruits of your persistence? Not sure if God is listening? You are not alone. Look at Moses in today's first reading. He got tired, and when he did, we saw what happened—Israel began losing the battle against Amalek. Moses didn't give up, and he didn't go it alone. He got more comfortable and enlisted the help of Aaron and Hur. Look around—do you see a Moses fighting valiantly, yet growing weary? Perhaps it is your spouse, a friend or maybe your shepherd. If you see it, RESPOND!! Grab a friend and join in the battle! Not sure how you can get involved? St Paul gives us a stern charge in today's second reading: "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." Charge!!!

## ST. MICHAEL TURKEY BAZAAR

After much consideration the annual Turkey Bazaar will not be held this year. In order for this event to happen, turkeys would have needed to be ordered several months in advance. A lot of the food is prepared at parishioners' homes, which Health departments are advising against. The suggestion was made to possibly hold an event in the spring. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

## 2022 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Join us for the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade at St. Francis Catholic Church Parking Lot, 208 Washington, St. Paul, KS on Saturday, October 15 at 12:00 Noon. For more information, please contact: Mary Jane Gouvion at 620-449-2654.

## TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be passing out tootsie rolls after each Mass this weekend, October 15th & 16th. Donations will be accepted and appreciated!

## 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, Bob Moore, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, Josie Oplotnik, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Tina Ruma, Mary Sayre, Anna Snow, Dan Wendt, and Judy Widner 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!

## MASS SCHEDULE

Father Mike will be at the Clergy Conference from Monday, October 17th through Thursday, October 20th. There will be no morning masses on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday this week, as well as, no Adoration at St. Joseph on Thursday. There will be Friday morning Mass and Adoration at St. Michael's.

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be:  
Monday, October 31st - 5:30pm at St. Michael  
7:00pm at St. Joseph  
Tuesday, November 1st - NO 8:00am at St. Joseph  
5:30pm at St. Joseph  
7:00pm at St. Michael

## CLOTHES CLOSET

We are looking for volunteers to work at the Clothes Closet in Girard. You would only have to volunteer once every 6-8 weeks on a Friday from 8:00am-1:00pm. The more volunteers we have, the less you have to work, so grab a friend and volunteer. It's a great way to add stewardship to your life! Please call Barb Mikrut at 620-249-9505 if you are interested or have any questions.

## KSU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Attention KSU Wildcat parents: Do you know a struggling student? St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center has a support group for young adults dealing with anxiety, depression, etc. This is informal and student led. You are not alone! Email [together@stisidores.com](mailto:together@stisidores.com) for more information.

## BLAZING LOVE

"I have come to set the earth on fire," Jesus proclaims, "and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49, Thursday). We might find his words unsettling, hitting a bit too close to home. Is Jesus condoning the fires raging across our earth? Is he calling for more death and destruction?

Quite the opposite. In this context, fire is not destructive but cleansing. Jesus is taking a prophetic stance, crying out for a new world order that will begin with an ultimate judgment, one not to be feared but yearned for, a blazing love that sets right and heals the world. He is crying out not in anger but in "anguish" (12:50), giving us a glimpse of his own inner turmoil. For this fire can only be unleashed through his death—the "baptism with which I must be baptized" -which will set in motion the already-and-not-yet of cleansing and renewal.

In a world of immense suffering, when the greedy and power-hungry seem to be devouring the earth, Jesus is promising that their vision is not the end vision; their blazing wrath is not the ultimate, devouring fire. It is a different fire Jesus is calling us to, one that spreads freely through readiness and determination and love.

In fact, it is only through a lens of love that we can truly understand Thursday's Gospel, especially when Jesus says that he comes not to bring "peace" but "division" (12:51). Again, he is taking the prophet's view, echoing Micah, who calls to God that there are no more faithful people in the land. Friends have become enemies, and households divide and rise up against each other (Micah 7:5-6). But, concludes Micah, "I will look to the Lord, / I will wait for God my savior; / my God will hear me! (7:7).

By drawing these prophetic words into his own speech—words likely familiar to his audience, for whom Scripture was inscribed on the heart—Jesus is also calling to God. His "from now on" in Luke 12:52 is a rhetorical device, summoning preparation and a radical reorientation. It is this summons that connects Thursday's Gospel to the readings throughout the week, which signal division not as the end game but rather the recognition that something else—God's salvation—is coming. Prepare for it, Jesus is saying. Proclaim it, even if it leads to discomfort and division. Truth is not always easy to bear.

This fire, this blazing, is an invitation. It is brought about not by natural elements but by human hands. We are the ones, Jesus is saying, who will set this world on fire. This is not a fire that spreads hatred, defensiveness, fear, despair. It is a fire of love and gentle strength and compassion, a fire that spreads only through deep spiritual groundedness, through peace surpassing understanding, through visioning a future wholeness. This is why Thursday's Gospel pairs so beautifully with the reading from Ephesians, the prayer that Christ "may dwell in [our] hearts through faith," that we may have the insight to comprehend the awe-inspiring, powerful vastness of Christ's love. If we are rooted in that Love, all things are possible.

Dare to set the world on fire, Jesus says. Set it on fire with your love and determination and hope. Oh, that the world was already blazing! -Mahri Leonard-Fleckman

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