

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,466.10	\$ 47,496.02
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 43,667.88
Over/(Under)		\$ 3,828.14
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 22-30			
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
10/24 Mon		NO MASS	
10/25 Tues	8:00am	Donna Little	Arma
10/26 Wed	8:00am	Bernie O'Brien	Girard
10/27 Thurs	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
10/28 Fri	7:30am	Donna Little	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
10/29 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma
	5:30pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
10/30 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Dave Gall	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (10/29) 5:30pm	Sunday (10/30) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher	Marli & Quin Sisney
EME	Carrie Smith	Eileen Bland
Lector	Nancy Bauer	Denny Heidrick
Gifts	Chris & Mary Leritz Family	Wayne & Marilyn McCracken

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Uber Catholic

Am 6:1a, 4-7 / Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-3
 Who can you most identify with in today's Gospel—the self-glorified Pharisee or the humble, repenting tax collector? Are you an exemplar Catholic on the outside, but on the inside, not so much? Or maybe you are "Uber Catholic"! Is that a bad thing? Only God knows for sure. If the stewardship way of life is easy and comfortable, step it up a notch! If you are not sure where you fall in the spectrum of Catholicity, a good way to assess is to review the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Then, too, we have all the amazing lives of the Saints that we can study and imitate. God is going to meet us where we are at. He wants us to know him, to love him and to serve him in this life so we can spend eternity with him in heaven. So, whether you are Uber Catholic or struggle reciting a Hail Mary, just talk to God, and let him do the heavy lifting.

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.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

St. Mary's Altar Society will be hosting their Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 6th from 11am to 1:30pm at the St. Mary's Activity Center in Pittsburg. Menu includes: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls and Desserts. Adults - \$8, Children (6-12 yrs old) - \$5, Children under 6 yrs old - Free.

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. Thank you!

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 for more information.

SEK SERRA CLUB

SEK Serra Club will meet on November 3rd from 6pm-7pm at the Activity Center on the Our Lady of Lourdes campus in Pittsburg. We will be putting together the finals care packages for the 34 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Wichita. If you can't make this meeting, but would like to donate items such as snacks or school supplies, please contact Angela Vowell at 620-870-9580 or vowella@gmail.com to make arrangements for your items to be picked up.

ATTENDING TO LOVE:

THE FULL CONTEXT OF AN OFFENDING PASSAGE

An embarrassment for perceptive lecturers, a predicament for discerning preachers. Similarly, for those in the pews, Ephesians 5:21-33 (Tues.) seems woefully out of touch with the ideals of Christian marriage in our time. The author of this text, whether Paul or another, undoubtedly a male writing in the apostle's name, strikes a subordinate chord for wives. The directive that wives are to place themselves beneath their husbands (the literal meaning of the Greek *hypotasso*) reflects more the dominant patriarchal values of the Roman world than Paul's liberating proclamation in Galatians 3:28: "there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." What are we to make of this seismic shift in perspective from Galatians to Ephesians?

The one-sided prescription for women in Ephesians is unsettling. The transitional verse that introduces this passage: "Be subordinate to one another, out of reverence for Christ" would seem to suggest a mutuality; both husbands and wives are to be subordinate to each other. Fair enough. Yet, the subsequent verses single out wives, twice calling them to submissive to their husbands. Unfortunately, this emphasis has ruled the day throughout much of history in both religious and secular circles. It is used to justify the subjugation of the so-called "fairer sex" to one's husband, whose position is to be validated as the "head" of the marital relationship. This is an example of a cultural model being used as an analogy to make a theological point. But cultural models change—and patriarchy is rightfully, albeit slowly, being more and more challenged in many societies as well as in church teaching.

As we read further into the Tuesday's passage, women especially might smile noticing that actually most of the admonition is directed toward the husbands! Four times they are called, even commanded, to love their wives. Surpassing the other types of love portrayed by the ancient philosophers, the love husbands are to embody is to be selfless, as signaled by the word *agape*. This Greek term, also used for God's love and Christ's love, is the kind of sacrificial love that Christ has for the church when he "handed himself over for her."

So, what does this mean for husbands? Like Christ who gave all he had for the believers/the church, even laying down his life, husbands are to sacrifice themselves for the well-being of their wives, to nourish and cherish them. In 1 Corinthians 13, a passage often used in marriage ceremonies, Paul champions the contours of this greatest of all virtues: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous." Neither pompous nor quick tempered, love of this quality does not "seek its own interest" but rather "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." Nothing less than these manifestations of love is expected from husbands toward their wives, and for that matter, from wives toward their husbands. —Florence and John Gillman

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