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COLLECTIONS		
	Last 2 Weeks	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 11,971.99	\$ 62,671.01
Expenses - October	\$ 9,824.29	\$ 53,492.17
Over/(Under)		\$ 9,178.84
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 12-20			
11/12 Sat	4:00pm	Wally Rons	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
11/13 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Ert Sowers	Girard
11/14 Mon		NO MASS	
11/15 Tues	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
11/16 Wed	8:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
11/17 Thurs	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
11/18 Fri	7:30am	Gerald Davied	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
11/19 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard
11/20 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (11/19) 5:30pm	Sunday (11/20) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Trevor & August Amershek	Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Marilyn McCracken
Lector	Mary Twarog	Beth Wilson
Gifts	Butch & Mary Reif Family	Cliff & Janel Scales Family

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Baked

Ex 17:8-13 / Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 / Lk 18:1-8
We had one hot and dry summer. They called it a drought. It sure felt hot. By the time this is published, hopefully we are having a cool, damp fall. Have you ever driven on a dusty, gravel road in a drought? It is worse than a dense fog in areas. Not a good idea to go walking or bike riding. If you don't slow down and be cautious anything could happen. Have you found yourself spiritually dry? No clear vision? Slow down. Observe the environment around you. Maybe even stop altogether. Be silent. Listen for other sojourners. RESPOND! "Sing praise with the harp, with the harp and melodious song!" Maybe you are on the wrong road altogether? Look for order. Are you working on you or are you identifying the errors in others? Are you devouring the fruits of our diocese, but not working for your bread? St. Paul reminds us, those that don't work, should not eat.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella St. Luke's Circle will meet at St. Francis Parish Hall, St. Paul, KS on November 15th at 6:00pm. A covered dish dinner followed by a short meeting and a memorial service will be held. All ladies from St. Michael and St. Joseph parishes are invited and encouraged to attend.

ST. MICHAEL CRAFT CLUB

Anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, or sewing, please consider joining our craft club at St. Michael's. Attendance on Wednesdays is optional. If you wish to work on projects at home and donate, we will gladly send your items to a charity. We also will accept yarn and fabric that you no longer need. Since 2017 we have donated over 2500 items to many organizations including Special Olympics, Freeman Cancer Center in Pittsburg, Vie, Crawford County Health Dept, DHS, Medical Lodge, Children's Advocacy, Fresinius Dialysis, USD 248, hospitals, Inter-Local, Wesley House. Donated items include hats, scarves, blankets, weighted vests, masks, fidget lap blankets, pillowcases among other items. Call Barb Mikrut 620.249.9505 to donate.

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, 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!

FARM TOY SHOW

The 32nd Annual Southeast Kansas Farm Toy Show will be held on Sunday, November 20th, from 9am to 3 pm in the St. Michael Parish Hall. There will be a raffle for door prizes every hour. Admission for individuals over 10 years of age will be \$2.00, individuals under 10 years of age get in for free. Lunch will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Girard/Arma Council). For more information contact Dave Garrett by phone 620-724-4888 (H), 620-724-6166 (W), 620-724-2743 (C) or by email at napa_dave55@hotmail.com.

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FOOD PANTRY

There is a basket in the entrance of the Church for any food donations you would like to donate to the Community Food Pantry. This is an ongoing project in conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance. Monetary Donations are accepted as well, by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Food Pantry". Thank you for supporting this need.

NOVEMBER

Every year, Advent arrives, and I am at a loss for how to spend four weeks waiting. I know what I am waiting for—the incarnation of God, the world broken open with a new promise, the glorious Christmas music at Mass. But like the writer Sue Monk Kidd, I struggle against my suspicion that waiting is "a huge procrastination, an anachronism, a nice idea, maybe, but something misplaced in the fast-paced, demanding world of today."

I see it in my children who want to be older now. I see it in myself wanting things done already. We are socialized against waiting, yet when November 27 arrives, the dark and the chill already driving us in to wait out the cold, we must somehow learn to know the difference between waiting with attention and vigilance and simply waiting for Christmas.

Since my attention doesn't improve with the flip of a calendar page, the month of November is as good a time as any to wait. To not begin the Christmas season and renounce waiting altogether. To not hide from winter and live only for summer or feast days or certainties. To not make Ordinary Time unbearable.

The etymology of the word helps. *Wait* comes from the Anglo-French for *to watch* and *to watch over*. Waiting itself is a form of action. It is not nothing to watch over children or to watch a sunrise, to behold something without acting upon it. The writer Oliver Burkeman maintains, "We're made so uneasy by the experience of allowing reality to unfold at its own speed that when we're faced with a problem, it feels better to race toward resolution—any resolution, really, so long as we can tell ourselves we're 'dealing with' that situation..."

To wait is to allow something to happen. How many times during Jesus' ministry does he call for a radical kind of *allowing*? Let the children come to me. Let us feast at the wedding. Let us eat in the houses of sinners. Let the brother have the fatted calf. Let healing happen on the Sabbath. Let us ask for what we want.

Remembering that the Holy Family fled to Egypt helps, too. The birth of Jesus was followed by more darkness, more waiting. And while in hiding, powerless over their safety, Mary and Joseph got on with living and raising Jesus, whose life calls ours to be both quiet and clarion. He plunges himself into ministry and then he retreats into solitude. We too are called to both work and wait—each in service of the other, each holy.

I am encouraged by Katherine May's description of a wintering tree: "Its ripe cones and nuts are providing essential food in this scarce time for mice and squirrels, and its bark is hosting hibernating insects and providing a source of nourishment for hungry deer. It is far from dead. It is in fact the life and soul of the wood. It's just getting on with it quietly."

November may be our time for quiet work that nourishes and shelters—a time that is never really hidden from God or from our own enriched and healed souls.

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