

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,347.20	\$ 81,148.92
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 59,217.84
Over/(Under)		\$ 21,931.08
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Dec 24-Jan 1			
12/24 Sat	4:00pm	Wally Rons	Arma
	5:30pm	Rose Ann Azember	Girard
12/25 Sun	8:00am	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	10:00am	George Stonerock	Girard
12/26 Mon		NO MASS	
12/27 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
12/28 Wed	8:00am	Gerald Davied	Girard
12/29 Thurs	8:00am	Donna Little	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
12/30 Fri	7:30am	Melissa Grant	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
12/31 Sat	4:00pm	Mike Gebhardt	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
01/01 Sun	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (12/31) 5:30pm	Sunday (01/01) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Carly Reif & Volunteer	Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher
EME	Macy Reif	Chris Sponsel
Lector	Butch Reif	Connie Sponsel
Gifts	Anita Boatman & Marilyn Bradshaw	Mike & Joni Benso Family

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Tyler Edwards, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Richard Mason, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, Josie Oplotnik, Mary Sayre, Anna Snow, Dan Wendt, and Grant Wilks 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!

## POINSETTIAS

St. Michael's will have poinsettias on the altar closer to Christmas, if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of loved one(s). Please use the envelopes marked for Poinsettias located on the religious articles glass case. You can list multiple loved ones on one poinsettia or request multiple poinsettias, with a suggested donation of \$10/poinsettia. As envelopes are turned in, name cards will be placed on the poinsettias. An announcement will be made sometime after Christmas, for anyone who would like to take their poinsettia (s) home.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

A special thank you to Jill Ashbacher and the evening PSR students, teachers and parishioners for decorating our Church for the Christmas season. You did a beautiful job!

## ST. MICHAEL'S ANGELS

We would like to thank those who donated to the St. Michael's Angels. This year the parish partnered with the Ministerial Alliance to provide gift cards to those in need this Christmas, by contributing \$800.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Away from the Manger

The Stewardship way of life can be demanding. Finding the right balance for your time, talent and treasure can pose a challenge, especially in a family setting. St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist are good examples of different locations on the Stewardship spectrum. It is hard to imagine St Joseph too far from home. One of his greatest responsibilities as a steward was being present to his family. Contrast that with St John, his calling was extremely different. Both Ss. Joseph and John were 100% all in for service to Christ, but, while Joseph attended to life around the manger, John attended to life away from it. If you are a father or mother or caretaker, look to Ss Joseph and John to find the right balance on the Stewardship spectrum, and have a very joyful Christmas!

## WHICH WORD WOULD HE BE?

In the beginning was the Word, but what kind? Today the metaphor leaps to life. If we borrowed a page from language textbooks, which Word would Jesus be?

He is a noun: solid and concrete, personal and present.

He is a preposition: expressing relationship and linking everything.

He is a pronoun: close and intimate.

He is a gerund: the verb of eternal action.

He is adjective and adverb: enriching and describing how to live.

This Word is also punctuation, every exclamation mark of joy, every question mark of mystery. He is thought and pre-thought, present to the non-verbal and the pre-verbal. He is in our ears, lips, eyes, and hands—every way language is expressed. He is Alpha and Omega, every letter in every language, even the silence and space between words, where possibility dwells among us.

If Scripture is a library of divine love, then today is the birthday of the Great Book, the Word written across every page.

Today is born to us a savior, the newborn babe who cries and cannot speak, whose first words are yet to come, whose teaching and preaching will change the world. If we are words within the Word, what will we speak in his honor? What will we become in his name?

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