

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 7,719.20	\$ 114,738.87
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 85,300.97
Over/(Under)		\$ 29,437.90
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Feb 18-26			
02/18 Sat	4:00pm	Pastore Family	Arma
	5:30pm	Azember Family	Girard
02/19 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Jim O'Toole	Girard
02/20 Mon		NO MASS	
02/21 Tues	8:00am	Gerald Davied	Arma
	3:15pm	Liturgy & Ashes	Girard
02/22 Wed	5:30pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	7:00pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
02/23 Thurs	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	8:30am-12:30am Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
02/24 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
02/25 Sat	4:00pm	Serena Family	Arma
	5:30pm	Robert Niggemann	Girard
02/26 Sun	8:00am	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

### MASS DUTIES - FEBRUARY 25 & 26

When creating the new schedule, I inadvertently deleted the current schedule, so I don't have record of the Mass duties for next weekend. If you have the old schedule or know that you are on the schedule to offer your talents next weekend, please honor the schedule. The Elementary PSR students will take care of all duties on Sunday, except for Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. As always, volunteers are very much appreciated when there is a need. I apologize for the inconvenience.

### STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you.

We appreciate your understanding. The Church-Budget Envelope and Mailing Company Management Team

\*\*We are hoping to have loose envelopes to place in the pews soon, while you wait for your envelopes to be shipped to you. You may also use any kind of envelope, just please make sure to include your name on the outside of the envelope.

### myEoffering

Just a friendly reminder...myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient. If you are interested, you can find instructions on how to get set up on the parish website.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Alice Davied, Tyler Edwards, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Ron Gray, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Richard Mason, Bob Moore, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, Josie Oplotnik, Mary Sayre, Anna Snow, Carly Twarog-Carnes, 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!

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

**NO** 8am Mass at St. Michael's  
**St. Michael:** 3:15pm Liturgy of the Word and ashes  
**St. Joseph:** 5:30pm Mass and ashes  
**St. Michael:** 7:00pm Mass and ashes

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

**Tuesdays:** 5:30pm at St. Joseph's  
**Fridays:** 5:30pm at St. Michael's

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### One Minute Lent

*Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48*

Ready or not, here I come! I have a habit of sneaking up on you shortly after Christmas. Some of you might think you are ready and have everything planned out. Maybe, maybe not! Some of you won't know I've arrived until you see your co-workers walking around with black smudges on their foreheads. If you haven't guessed it, I'm Lent. I'm not the Grinch. I'm here to help! Do you remember what your diocesan theme is this year for Stewardship? Perhaps that is a good place to start. **"I have been rescued, how will I respond?"** Perhaps Lent can be a time to consider how you see yourself responding to being rescued through the lens of Stewardship. Here's a Lenten challenge: every day of Lent, take one minute to close your eyes and ask the question, "I have been rescued, how will I respond?"

### UPCOMING PSR MASSES

Students will be doing all Mass jobs and sitting at the front of the church as a group at the following 10am Masses: Feb. 19th will be for Middle School and Feb. 26th will be for Elementary.

### A SECOND LOOK AT POPE BENEDICT XVI

2023 began with a news story that reported the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Dec. 31, 2022, at his home in the Vatican at the age of 95. He seemed to make news often after resigning voluntarily in 2013, the first Pope to leave office in this way since Pope Celestine V did so in 1294. Benedict was close to 86 at the time, the 4th oldest person in history to occupy the office of Pope. There was no question that he was very alert and a thinker. How did the son of a policeman become the Thomas Aquinas of his time? He had his reasons.

Born Joseph Ratzinger in 1927 in Markt, Germany, a nation struggling with inflation and poor government, he told his family he wanted a vocation within the Roman Catholic Church. WW II was raging on when he was a teenager. The Nazis drafted him and most young men into a training organization called 'Hitler Youth'. He said he had no interest in the Nazi Party and refused to attend their meetings. In his early 20s, he was drafted into the German Army. Soon, he deserted and later was caught and held as a prisoner for months as the war wound down. After WWII ended, he entered a seminary and was ordained a priest in 1951. He continued his studies and became a university professor at Bonn U in 1959. He continued his teaching until 1977 when he was appointed the Archbishop of Munich. He and Pope John Paul II had been friends for 20 years and in 1978, he was elevated to a Cardinal. Pope John Paul II died in 2005 and Cardinal Ratzinger was chosen by the conclave to be his successor. He really didn't want the job for he'd worked closely with John Paul for years and saw the immense responsibilities of a Pope. After all, he was 78 at the time and looking toward retirement! He prayed to God, "Please don't do this to me!". We figure God wasn't listening to the Cardinal that day! He took the name, Benedict, to honor Pope Benedict XV who served as Pope during World War I. He made the decision to retire himself. Some still ask why he retired so abruptly. I'll explore that in the future. I just felt that Benedict XVI had too many positive attributes to be cast aside in 2005 and forgotten. Well, he wasn't forgotten & we'll look at that down the road. --Marcel Normand

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