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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,010.25	\$ 143,448.77
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 110,258.55
Over/(Under)		\$ 33,190.22
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 6-14			
05/06 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
05/07 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
05/08 Mon		NO MASS	
05/09 Tues	8:00am	Bernie O'Brien	Arma
05/10 Wed	8:00am	Bernie O'Brien	Girard
05/11 Thurs	8:00am	Priestly Vocations	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
05/12 Fri	7:30am	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
05/13 Sat	4:00pm	Bernie O'Brien	Arma
	5:30pm	Ned Sauer	Girard
05/14 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Verl Diskin	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (05/13) 5:30pm	Sunday (05/14) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Aiden Ashbacher & Easton Clark	Seth Wilson & Carly Reif
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Marilyn McCracken
Lector	Nancy Bauer	2023 Graduates
Gifts	Amand Blythe Family	2023 Graduates

SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Graham family would like to thank everyone who has helped us in any way since our son Peter was diagnosed with leukemia in March. We have been truly humbled by the outpouring of support from our church and community. We would especially like to thank those who helped make last weekend's benefit at the hall such a success, whether you stopped by for pulled pork, bid on auction items, or helped put the event together. Words can't express how much it means to know we have so many people on our team as Peter fights this battle.

PSR ANNOUNCEMENT

Our last PSR & CYM gathering of the year are complete. We thank all our catechists and youth ministry volunteers for their gracious contribution of time and talent to our Religious Education program. With you, we can fulfill the mission of the church to teach the faith to the children and help support the parents as they hand on the faith to their families. Being a catechist is demanding. The time and energy it takes to be a good catechist is great, but the rewards are many. In some ways, you each take on the role of the Sower from the Parable of the Sower as you share our beliefs planting the seeds of faith, hope and love. Abundant blessings to each of you!

Mary Twarog, 1st grade
 Paula Severt, 2nd grade
 Trisha Humble, 3rd grade
 Savanna Ashmore, 4th grade
 Tim Born, 5th & 6th grade (Confirmation)
 Jeanene Walsh 7th / 8th grade
 Donna Maus, 9th / 10th grade
 Joe Curran, 11th / 12th grade
 CYM: Autumn & Nicholas Knedgen, Amanda Blythe
 Substitutes: Joan Davied, Butch Reif, Amanda Blythe
 Director of Religious Education: Kristen Graham

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Our PSR program is in need of catechists for our Wednesday afternoon & evening programs beginning next fall. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry!

Eternal rest grant unto Bryce, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
 May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Carolyn Banning, Rick Bland, Kelli Bradshaw, Audrey Casassa, Maggie Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Gary Dowling, Tyler Edwards, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Mary Gilpin, Peter Graham, Ron Gray, Denny Heidrick, 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. Thank you!

MAY CROWNING/8TH GRADE RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our 8th grade students as they begin their high school journey. Thank you to all the 8th grade students for helping to honor Mary as queen of heaven and earth in our May Crowning ceremony! August Amershek, Harrison Burke, Carly McAttee, Marli Sisney, Elijah Walsh.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm in St. Francis Hall, St. Paul. Hostesses for the May meeting are Louise Jarboe, Rosie Harman, Charlene Stottmann, and Cynthia Jones, come and enjoy the meeting and refreshments.

FAITH; OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Helen and I were received in the Catholic Church at St. Joseph's on Christmas Eve, 1964, after four months of instructions from Father John Reinkemeyer, pastor of the church at the time. Most of what I learned about being a Catholic came from him. Our text for studying the faith was a small book, entitled OUR CATHOLIC FAITH where each lesson was explained. Later, I built upon this by teaching high school catechism here at St. Joseph's and teaching religion fulltime at St. Mary's-Colgan High School. You could say that I acquired my faith through the oral teachings of Fr. Reinkemeyer and then spending years teaching the faith.

One of the first questions people often ask, either to themselves or to their instructor is: "Why am I here?" What is my purpose in life? How will I find my purpose? Questions like these are often asked, perhaps not aloud, but, at least, in our thoughts, especially by young people. They long for answers to this question. You won't find the answer in your math or psychology book. Such profound questions require replies that make sense to the young person. There is a simple answer to the question that should satisfy anyone who asks. The answer was on the first page of my catechism book, OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. It should be familiar to parents and grandparents who learned the faith from the Baltimore Catechism as a child. Why are we here? Answer: We're here because God made us to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him in this life, and to be happy with Him forever in the next life. In the first book of the Bible, Genesis: it says: "God created Man in his own image, in the image of God, He created him; male and female he created them." God is the perfect spirit, without a body; Our likeness to God is in the soul, where intellect and "free will" live.

You see, WE BELONG TO GOD 1) in the natural order, since he made us and gave us life. 2)also in the spiritual order, for through baptism, we begin life in Christ. Because our union with God is SPIRITUAL, there is no limit on how close you can get to Him. There is a limit in the physical order. ex: marriage; When you become a member of the Mystical Body of Christ (the Church), you ARE Christ! So are other members of the Mystical Body. So, how we treat THEM, we treat Christ. Therefore, it becomes a serious sin to separate ourselves from the Mystical Body of Christ, to pick and choose among God's Laws and the Church which ones we'll accept and which ones we plan to reject. To reject what Christ teaches is to reject HIM! (Unkindness to an Asian-Am; disrespect toward our parents; or missing Mass are examples.) We receive Christ in the Eucharist at Mass. Why should we refuse Him in other people? Yet, we do: (ex: expressing your dislike for one of your child's teachers; cause a member of your own family to lose face;) Recall what we said just a moment ago? WE BELONG TO GOD. We are persons, not things. God is a Person, that is, He has personality. Yet, without a material body, He's not, as we thought as a child, an elderly man with a white beard, sitting on a throne or sitting on a big white cloud. Or maybe, we're thinking of the old man in Michelangelo's "The Creation of Adam" where God is, indeed, portrayed as an old man touching Adam's finger with the gift of life. This isn't who God is. The Church teaches us that God is eternal, all-powerful and all-knowing. He thinks like a person and knows all. He made the world and everything in it. He is present in a flower, in a baby, or the rain outdoors. Back to our Faith: Our faith is useless unless it is used. You can own a Rolls Royce, but if you leave it in the garage, it is of no use to you! It is only when we put our faith to work for us that it can bring out the best in us. A strong faith is very essential in the world we live in today. If a high school graduate has a weak Catholic faith, I doubt if it will survive four years of college because our liberal arts colleges aren't exactly monasteries run by saints! I believe that's why we're here today---to add meaning to our faith.

Remember, our faith is our most useful gift that God has given us. It is a ticket to the sacraments for a lifetime! We'll examine this more next week. ---Marcel Normand

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