

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2023 to Date
Contributions	TBA	\$ 16,904.03
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 16,904.03
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 5-13			
08/05 Sat	4:00pm	Wally Rons	Arma
	5:30pm	Pro Populo	Girard
08/06 Sun	8:00am	Danny Black	Arma
	10:00am	Kevin O'Brien	Girard
08/07 Mon		NO MASS	
08/08 Tues	5:30pm	Bryce Reese	Arma
08/09 Wed	8:00am	Mary Jane Cavanaugh	Girard
08/10 Thurs	8:00am	Francis Buche	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
08/11 Fri	7:30am	Bernadette Coomes	Girard
		8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
08/12 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
08/13 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Doreta Mahy Johnson	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (08/12) 5:30pm	Sunday (08/13) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Carly Reif & Charlotte Harrison	Aydin & Quin Sisney & Brinley Weir
EME	Janel Scales	Linda Garrett
Lector	Butch Reif	Austin Smith
Gifts	Mark & Trish Peak	Mike & Missy Sisney Family

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, Peter Graham, Ron Gray, Denny Heidrick, Charles & Nancy Herranbruck, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Richard Mason, Herman Masser, Jacquelyn Miller, 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!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

August 15th is the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:
 August 14th: Girard at 5:30pm and Arma at 7:00pm
 August 15th: Arma at 5:30pm and Girard at 7:00pm

ALTAR SOCIETY

The next Altar Society meeting will be on Monday, August 28th at 6:30pm, location TBD. If anyone is interested in serving as Altar Society Co-President, please contact Linda DeGarmo or Joan Davied and please plan to attend the meeting. Fall Bazaar details will be discussed at this meeting. All ladies of the parish are Altar Society members and are invited to attend the meeting.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The D of I will meet on Tuesday, August 8th at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:30pm. The audit meeting will begin at 6:00pm. We will also be collecting school supplies, if you would like to donate. All ladies of St. Joseph & St. Michael parishes are invited. The Daughters of Isabella is an International organization of Catholic women. Hostesses will be Judy Fager, Jane Ann Beachner, Alice Beachner, and Loretta Forbes.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH---GUARDIAN OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

In the 15th Century (1400s), the printing press was invented. Before that, the monks slowly copied the Bible and it took years to get a complete copy. With this newly formed invention, copies became more plentiful. As Europe entered an era of new learning (the French gave it the name, Renaissance), people began to hunger for knowledge. They wanted to know about everything and make decisions independently. The printing press made knowledge more available. Some, inevitably, began to question Church authority. Numerous Biblical translations in all sorts of nationalities were printed and sold to the people. Some of these 'bibles' were actually printed secretly and 'false translations' began to appear. Many were sold to those eager to read and learn for themselves.

When the Church learned officially about these actions, they began to collect all of these 'false translations' to keep them from misleading the people. Most of the translations were hurriedly done and many errors were detected by Church scholars. The Church burned thousands of these 'mistranslated' bibles. Yet, even today, the Church still hears accusations that she burned Bibles, kept Bibles from the people, and doesn't rely on the Bible for basic worship. Personally, I've encountered these accusations many times when discussing religion with other Christians. As any practicing Catholic knows, we use the Bible in many phases of the Mass. As we've said before, the very first Christian Bible was produced by the Church. She has kept the Bible authentic, despite the false translations. It was the Church who set aside those books not considered sacred, and therefore, not belonging to the Holy Scriptures. It is to the Church (Pope and Bishops in Council) and its infallible teaching authority, that we must appeal for proof of the makeup of Holy Scripture and of the fact of its inspiration. She is the custodian of the Word of God and the Bible should be interpreted in the light of her teachings. Even Martin Luther, a leader of the Protestant Revolt, wrote in his COMMENTARY ON ST. JOHN: "We are compelled to concede to the Papists (those loyal to the Pope in this period) that they have the Word of God, that we received it from them, and that without them, we should have no knowledge of it at all."

As recipients of the Church's efforts to preserve the Bible for everyone, we should keep that sacred book handy and use it when life's challenges become too difficult. We either go forward or fall back in life's journey. No one stands still. This is true in the practice of our faith. We should try to grow in the knowledge of Jesus and what He asks of us. Resist the temptation to put your Bible aside. It is a textbook for life. It has a positive effect on teaching us, admonishing us when we need it, for this is how we come to know God. You can't love what you don't know. At your death, you don't want to hear those words from Jesus, "I don't know you." Have your Bible handy and commit to reading a bit of it daily. Soon, you will have read it completely. I found a plan that, if followed, you can finish it in one year. Check with me if you're interested and I'll give it to you. By knowing Jesus, we find happiness in this life and the life to come. We all need that personal, friendly relationship with Jesus, what He said and did, and what he asks of us. There will be no do-overs! --Marcel Normand

GIRARD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Critical need for blood donors! Donate blood at the next drive on August 8th at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard from 11:30am to 5:30pm. Donors will be entered for a chance to win a New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure! To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

ST. PAUL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Critical need for blood donors! Donate blood at the next drive on August 9th at the St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul from 1:00pm to 6:30pm. Donors will be entered for a chance to win a New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure! To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

CPR CLASS

Girard Medical Center will be hosting a CPR class in St. Michael's hall on September 19th at 6:00pm. The parish will cover the cost for parishioners. Please sign up in the entrance of the church, so GMC can plan accordingly.

CARD SHOWER

Angie Carpino will be 98 years old on August 12th! Please send birthday wishes to: Angie Carpino, PO Box 127, Arma, KS 66712.

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