

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	TBA	\$ 50,699.02
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 43,667.88
Over/(Under)		\$ 7,031.14
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for November 5-13			
11/05 Sat	4:00pm	Virginia Buche	Arma
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard
11/06 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
11/07 Mon		NO MASS	
11/08 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
11/09 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
11/10 Thurs	8:00am	Gerald Davied	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
11/11 Fri	7:30am	Stanley Thomas	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
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

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (11/12) 5:30pm	Sunday (11/13) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Brandon Leritz & Jaxton Smith	Isabella & Elijah Walsh
EME	Rachel Ausemus	Chris Sponsel
Lector	Linda Moore	Connie Sponsel
Gifts	Kerry & Tammie O'Brien	Mark & Trish Peak

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Formation, Formation, Formation

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 / Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 / 2 Thes 2:16-3:5 / Lk 20:27-38
 In today's first reading, we hear the amazing story of a mother and her seven sons. Not willing to obey the edict to eat pork and disobey the law of God, they each, one by one, are tortured and then killed, while their beloved mother watches, and encourages, and forms them in their faith, even unto death. We are all being formed, day-in, and day-out, by how we spend our time, what we read, what we watch, who we listen to, and the relationships we prioritize. Old hairy legs would love for this story of heroic virtue to be burned, buried and discarded for all time! Another beloved mother would come in time and cement for all eternity in the minds of every faithful Catholic the penultimate formation—the formation of Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer!

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

St. Mary's Altar Society will be hosting their Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 6th from 11am to 1:30pm at the St. Mary's Activity Center in Pittsburg. Menu includes: Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls and Desserts. Adults - \$8, Children (6-12 yrs old) - \$5, Children under 6 yrs old - Free.

ST. FRANCIS FESTIVITIES

St. Francis Parish in St. Paul will be having their Fall Festival, Turkey Dinner and Fall Harvest Sale on Sunday, November 6th from 11am to 1pm at the St. Francis Parish Hall.

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.

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!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet on Friday, Nov. 11th at 12:00 Noon, at the First Christian Church in Girard. Please bring a covered dish to share with the group. Ron Gates will present the program. The Catholic women are the hostess. Please come and enjoy.

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.



ANGELIC LEGACY

There is within the human spirit an indomitable will to live - not only our earthly life but also beyond it. Few share the perspective of the artist Andy Warhol: "I never understood why when you died, you didn't just vanish . . . I always thought I'd like my own tombstone to be blank. No epitaph, and no name."

Most people want to be remembered for having made a difference in the world during their earthly sojourn. Sometimes we muse about what we would want on our tombstone. For what do we most want to be remembered? For people in Jesus' day, it was important to leave their mark in the world through the children they left behind. Some, like the Sadducees, did not believe in any other form of life beyond the grave.

The notion of resurrected life only began to emerge some two hundred years before Jesus. Ideas varied about what it would be like. In Sunday's reading from Maccabees, we see the belief that only the just would be raised, not the wicked. In other texts, we find the notion that both would be raised, the former for eternal reward, the latter for everlasting punishment (Matt 25:46).

Knowing that the Sadducees did not believe in life after death, the question they pose to Jesus in Sunday's gospel seems preposterous. As usual, they are antagonistic toward Jesus, and their question is meant to show that his belief in resurrection is at odds with the law of Moses. They cite the levirate law (Deut 25:5-6), whose intent was to ensure that a man's name not be blotted out of Israel. Instead, the Sadducees frame the question in terms of the men's possession of the woman in the afterlife.

Jesus' response undoes their misperceptions by affirming that there will be no patriarchal marital arrangements in the afterlife. There will be no need to ensure one's legacy through the children one leaves behind. Rather, one continues to live as God's child, no longer haunted by the shadow of death. Using their own exegetical tools, Jesus shows the Sadducees that Moses himself can be read as affirming that life continues beyond the grave. We can hear as well, in Jesus' response, God's desire for an end to any abuse of women. As beloved daughters of God, they are no longer passed on from man to man.

Feeding our curiosity about what resurrected life will be like, Jesus drops one small hint: "they are like angels," or heavenly messengers (*angelos* in Greek means "messenger"). Luke's gospel, angels appear at the most critical moments. Their function is to interpret puzzling and disturbing events through divine eyes. Angelic life, as Luke portrays it, consists in being a messenger of hope in the most awful of circumstances. It is the refusal already in this life to allow evil triumph. It is, as Maya Angelou wrote of the "dreams and the hopes of the slave" in her poem "Still I Rise": "You may shoot me with your words / You may cut me with your eyes / You may kill me with your hatefulness / But still, like air, I'll rise." -Sr. Barbara Reid

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