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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 116,788.87
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 85,300.97
Over/(Under)		\$ 31,487.90
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Feb 25-March 5			
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
02/27 Mon		NO MASS	
02/28 Tues	8:00am	Rosemary O'Toole	Arma
03/01 Wed	8:00am	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
03/02 Thurs	8:00am	Donna Little	Arma
	8:30am-12:30am	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
03/03 Fri	7:30am	Bernard O'Brien	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
03/04 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma
	5:30pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
03/05 Sun	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (03/04) 5:30pm	Sunday (03/05) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Brandon Leritz & Jaxton Smith	Aydin Sisney & AJ Trites
EME	Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
Lector	Nancy Bauer	Michelle Puckett
Gifts	Mike & Donna Martin Family	Wayne & Marilyn McCracken

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

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

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, Maggie 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, Paula Nepote, John Oplotnik, Josie Oplotnik, Mary Sayre, Anna Snow, Carly Twarog-Carnes, Jody Walsh, 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!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next D of I meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14th, at 6:30pm in St. Francis Parish Hall, in St. Paul. Hostesses are Marlene Clark, Mary Jane Gouvion, and Tammy Goodyear. All ladies from St. Joseph and St. Michael parishes are invited.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Thinking to Speak

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11

"O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise." When we speak, our words have power. They can build up and they can tear down. A nation can be built upon words, and a war can be started with words. We need to be good stewards of our words. Words can forgive, heal and rescue. But words come after our thoughts. There is a quote, "watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character, watch your character, it becomes your destiny." We are stewards of our thoughts. We need to fill our thoughts with truth, beauty and goodness. The world, the flesh and the devil seek the opposite. Put on the mind of Christ, and our thoughts will prepare our words to give praise!

REMEMBERING BENEDICT XVI PT. 2

Last week, we sketched the life of Joseph Ratzinger & his struggles with the Nazis in his youth. In 1951, He was ordained a priest & assigned to Bavaria, Germany where he loved his life, the people & the peace there. His contemporary, Karol Wojtyla of Poland endured the same abuse in his country, only it was the emerging Communist Party. Fr. Ratzinger wrote often and pointedly of Europe and its relations with the Church. His words came to the attention of Rome and Pope Paul VI in 1977 made him Archbishop of Munich, Germany. Three months later, he was elevated to a Cardinal. Pope Paul died in 1978 and the conclave of Cardinals chose Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla as the new Pope. He took the name of John Paul II. The new pope appointed Cardinal Ratzinger to become the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Cardinal Ratzinger never left Rome again after that move. Through the years, John Paul II and Ratzinger became close friends as their philosophies on the direction of the Church were similar. In 2005, John Paul died and Cardinal Ratzinger was elected Pope. He took the name Benedict XVI. He was a humble man and his first prayer as Pope was 'to ask the people for prayers to help him love the Lord more each day.' He was 75 and elected to a position that he would have rather not had'.

Benedict's life was grounded in an actual, living person--Jesus. He often said, "Our faith is not a doctrine or a philosophy. Our faith is in a person, Jesus Christ. This may explain Benedict's strong reverence for the Mass. He saw each Mass as an encounter with Christ. He was often misrepresented by others because our world seems to misunderstand motive and truth. Many questioned his fast rise within the Vatican. What was his motive? The truth was--there was no motive for he would have much rather remained in Bavaria with his small flock and have time to write about the Church and teach the people the meanings of the Gospel. Benedict was a gentle soul with a brilliant mind who loved writing more than wearing the Pope's hat with all of its obligations. He was also an obedient man and when chosen by his peers to be the next Pope, he humbly accepted the position. He didn't make the papacy about 'him'. He believed the Catholic faith was good news for all people. As a result, he was generous with inviting people to greater communion with the Church. He also was quick to recognize the legitimacy of diverse expressions of the same faith. As he said, "If we're secure in the unchanging truths of our faith, we don't have to feel threatened by legitimate diversity." These newfound ideas brought him controversy among some of the older Church leaders. Next week: Results of new ideas and openness. --Marcel Normand

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