

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,750.52	\$ 119,539.39
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 85,300.97
Over/(Under)		\$ 34,238.42
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 4-12			
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
03/06 Mon		NO MASS	
03/07 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
03/08 Wed	8:00am	Helen Coomes	Girard
03/09 Thurs	8:00am	Gerald Davied	Arma
	8:30am-12:30am Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
03/10 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
03/11 Sat	4:00pm	Linda Carpino	Arma
	5:30pm	Carly Twarog-Carnes	Girard
03/12 Sun	8:00am	Cardullo Family	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (03/11) 5:30pm	Sunday (03/12) 10:00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Seth Wilson & Harrison Burke	Aiden Ashbacher & Easton Clark
<b>EME</b>	Rachel Ausemus	Eileen Bland
<b>Lector</b>	Butch Reif	Austin Smith
<b>Gifts</b>	Barb & Sara Mikrut	Kerry & Tammie O'Brien

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The K of C will meet this Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00pm in St. Michael's parish hall.

## 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 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

\*\*There are envelopes in the holders in the pews for parishioners to use, 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.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Audrey Casassa, Maggie Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Alice Davied, Gary Dowling, 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](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Go Tell It on the Mountain

Gn 12:1-4a / Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

In last week's Gospel, the devil took Jesus up the mountain to offer him the world, this week we find Jesus taking Peter, James, and John up the mountain to offer them eternity. Two very different mountain sherpas with two very different agendas. One offering lies, the other offering truth. Obviously, we want to follow Jesus, but is it always so obvious? Life can get arduous—mountainous even! Jesus left us a powerful Transfiguration to assist in climbing life's mountains—our source and our summit—the Holy Eucharist! This isn't a secret we leave on the mountain, its the Gospel we spread to the ends of the earth!

## BENEDICT XVI; HIS PONTIFICATE & LEGACY Pt. 3

During his 8 year pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI had many triumphs, but he also felt a hostility of godless elements and some despair. Even his public statements, meant for inclusion, brought him controversy among some Church leaders. The media was also complicit by their pointed exaggerations of how Vatican events went down. Some reporters were ruthless as they searched for truth, or perhaps hoping to uncover hidden stories. One instance was when Benedict flew back to Berlin in 2011. His homeland was not the delight you might imagine, having one of their own sitting in Peter's Chair. The nation was still divided, not physically, but in thought. Some assumed because Benedict was German, he harbored antisemitic ideas. Had any of these critics bothered to read his writings, they wouldn't have made such absurd conclusions! Another instance of contention was in 2010 when sexual abuse cases were spread widely by the media, some of his foes hoped to draw Benedict into the scandal. Leftwing reporters were 'turning over every stone' to involve the Pope, personally. Money was no object. Benedict had come down hard on such abuse in the Church, and frankly, it was an embarrassment to him and the Church to even discuss it! Councils had been formed at the Vatican to meet with dioceses and confront the problem directly, weeding out those priests who were responsible for the chaos. These are two of many issues the Pope faced almost daily. He abhorred this question because negative publicity worked against what he wanted to achieve, which was Ecumenism with the people. For the Pope, 'ecumenism' is not just ANY option---it was the ONLY alternative. He saw it work observing Pope John Paul II and he desired that it continue 'as we ponder our common origin IN GOD!'

As 2013 approached, he concluded that he was no longer capable of doing his job due to age & a decline in energy. Back in 2005, when John Paul was dying, Benedict saw firsthand how John Paul's staff, which Benedict, himself, headed, continued to conduct Vatican business as usual. He then thought of his own aides and how they did not serve him well with constant 'leaks' to the press. He knew he couldn't rely on his staff if he became severely impaired. Therefore, he resigned based on his physical health, for mentally, he was very sharp and could deliver beautiful homilies through Gospel stories. It was God's decision to resign, he said, hot his.

For nine years, he chose to remain in Rome, took the title of 'Emeritus', commonly used by professors and company presidents who 'retire from active service'. He lived within the Vatican premises, read, wrote letters and books, yet maintained a low profile. In late December, 2022, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI became ill. His last words on Dec. 31, were heard by his caregiver, when he said in German, "Jesus, I love you." He was a humble man with a serene heart in love with the Lord and His Church. He was 95. No German had ever addressed so many of the world's people!

He will be remembered as one of the greatest teaching popes in recent history. He left the Church more Enlightened and, transparent with no secrets intended. By resigning, he taught us that no single individual is indispensable. He showed a greater love for the Church than for himself. --Marcel Normand

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