

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 3,539.98	\$ 123,079.37
Expenses - February	\$ 11,314.63	\$ 96,615.60
Over/(Under)		\$ 26,463.77
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 11-19			
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
03/13 Mon		NO MASS	
03/14 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
03/15 Wed	8:00am	Gerald Davied	Girard
03/16 Thurs	8:00am	Rosemary O'Toole	Arma
	8:30am-12:30am Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
03/17 Fri	7:30am	Bernard O'Brien	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
03/18 Sat	4:00pm	Rev Pat Larkin	Arma
	5:30pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
03/19 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Clifford "Bud" Scales	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (03/18) 5:30pm	Sunday (03/19) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Kaleb Scales & Nolan Leonard	Carly Reif & Charlotte Burke
EME	Janel Scales	Jerry Hanson
Lector	Linda Moore	Beth Wilson
Gifts	Mark & Trish Peak	Adam & Faith Paoni

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

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

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.

PSR SCHEDULE

Just a friendly reminder that there will be NO PSR classes this Wednesday, March 15th, due to Spring Break. Classes will resume the following Wednesday, March 22nd.

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, Peter Graham, 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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Well, Well, Well

Ex 17:3-7 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

"Give me a drink." Those were the words Jesus used to introduce himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. He certainly got her attention. It is an interesting way to start off a conversation. Give me a drink? Is Jesus thirsty? What if he would have said, "I thirst"? Would the woman have paid any attention? Jesus spoke to her heart. He confronted her. What a gift! How did she respond? Not defensive. She accepted her past. In fact, she darted into town and told anyone who would listen that Jesus knew her past and he could be the Messiah! Are we that anxious to share our encounters at the well? The woman at the well did more than fetch Jesus a drink, she was the staff that drew forth the "living" water for her village, just as Moses did for the Israelites long ago, at Massah and Meribah.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CATHOLIC

Last year, Helen and I went to Lenexa to attend our grandson's Confirmation. There were some 130 in his 8th grade class to be confirmed with Archbishop Joseph Naumann of the Diocese of Kansas City, Kansas, as the principal celebrant. Prior to the Confirmation, Archbishop gave an informal homily which he called, "What it Means To Be A Catholic". He spoke with such sincerity and solemnity that you could have heard a pin drop in that huge, capacity-filled, Church of the Holy Trinity. I usually carry pen and notepaper and it really paid off to catch most of the Archbishop's message. These were his words:

Most Catholics have similar beliefs based on their childhood catechism study. On Thursday, the first Mass was said by Jesus in the Upper Room, the next day, He became the Paschal Lamb, dying for our sins on Good Friday. After three days in the tomb, Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Forty days later, He ascended into Heaven and ten days hence, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, confirming them with special gifts to go into the world and perform their mission. This is the foundation of our faith in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Now, what it means to be a Catholic: Many today attend Mass faithfully on weekends and holy days, while others have become 'cafeteria' Catholics, taking to heart only the truths from the Church which they want. Some think it isn't necessary to assist at Mass on every weekend. Others choose to use birth control. What 'being a catholic' will mean to you, young people, will depend, in large measure on 'how close you are to Jesus'.

I hear people say that they attend Mass because they really like their pastor and what he says in his homilies. Others go because they're active with the music and enjoy making it come to life during the service. Let me tell you quickly that what it means to be a Catholic IS NOT FOUND IN FATHER'S HOMILIES OR THE SONGS THAT ARE SUNG! It will ultimately come down to 'how well do you know Jesus?' We can know our catechism totally, but it doesn't mean that this will bring us closer to God. The more we study the life of Jesus, His family and friends, His teachings, His likes and dislikes, and His sacrificial nature, the closer we will come to understand Him, to desire Him, and, ultimately to 'love Him with all our hearts!' To reach such a point, we must delve into the various stages of His life. Why did He come on earth to die? We will come to know that the simple reason was 'to save us from our sins.' He wants to make us holy--we will be 'redeemed' by being made holy. (Sidelight here: Fr. Bob McElwee put it this way: "Holiness is the language of Heaven. That's how we get there. Holiness isn't for extra credit! You're either holy or you're not getting in!")

Archbishop Naumann concluded with: The idea, young people, is the more we KNOW Jesus, we become like Him and share His nature more fully. In time, we'll take that approach to our fellow human beings by treating them fairer and avoid passing our hurts on to them. This is what friendship with Jesus will get you & the result will make you more aware of 'what it means to be a Catholic'

I'm convinced that those 8th graders received more than the Holy Spirit that evening. They heard their Archbishop lay out the blueprint for an abundant Catholic life. We were also thankful to have been in that audience. --Marcel Normand

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