

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 18-26			
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
03/20 Mon		NO MASS	
03/21 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
03/22 Wed	8:00am	Bernard O'Brien	Girard
03/23 Thurs	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Arma
	8:30am-12:30am Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
03/24 Fri	7:30am	Gerald Davied	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
03/25 Sat	4:00pm	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
03/26 Sun	8:00am	Helen Normand	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (03/25) 5:30pm	Sunday (03/26) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Isabella & Elijah Walsh	Marli & Quin Sisney
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Chris Sponsel
Lector	Mary Twarog	Connie Sponsel
Gifts	Bob & Linda Moore	Cliff & Janel Scales Family

## PSR SCHEDULE

Classes will resume this Wednesday, March 22nd.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

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

## EXTRA TIMES FOR CONFESSION

(Confessions have an end time, but will go as long as needed)

Friday, 3/24 St. Michael 6:00-6:30pm  
 Thursday, 3/30 St. Michael 5:30-6:00pm  
 Friday, 3/31 St. Michael 6:00-6:30pm  
 Sunday, 4/2 St. Michael 3:00-3:30pm  
 Tuesday, 4/4 St. Joseph 6:00-6:30pm  
 Wednesday, 4/5 St. Michael 12 noon—12:30pm  
 Friday, 4/7 St. Joseph - After Veneration of the Cross

## HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 4/4 - St. Joseph NO 8am Mass  
 Wednesday, 4/5 - St. Michael 8am Mass  
 Holy Thursday, 4/6  
 St. Michael 7pm Mass of our Lord's Supper  
 (NO 8am Mass or Adoration at St. Joseph)  
 Good Friday, 4/7  
 12 Noon Veneration of the Cross at St. Joseph  
 7:00pm Veneration of the Cross at St. Michael  
 (NO 7:30am Mass or Adoration at St. Michael)  
 Holy Saturday, 4/8  
 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Michael  
 (NO 4pm Mass at St. Joseph or 5:30pm Mass at St. Michael)  
 Easter Sunday, 4/9  
 8am Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection at St. Joseph  
 10am Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection at St. Michael

## 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, Mary Gilpin, 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](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## HELP OUT THE GRAHAM FAMILY

Help out the Doug and Kristen Graham family as they meet the challenges of their son, Peter (age 3) being diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). Our parish family is helping with meals as they start chemo and treatments at Children's Mercy in Kansas City. They will be making weekly trips to Kansas City for chemo & monitoring for the next 6 months, then another two years of follow up. If you can help by providing the family a dinner or gift cards, they would appreciate the assistance. The Grahams are a young family with 6 children ages 0-11 years old. Kid-friendly meals for Monday, Wednesday, or Saturday will be appreciated. Sign up online at: [mealtrain.com/g6kn33](http://mealtrain.com/g6kn33) or contact Michelle Puckett to find an available date. Thank you and please keep the family in your prayers.

## WHAT AM I LIVING FOR?

We live in an era where there are few absolutes; everything is relative. Each year, new words are found in newspapers or used on television. such as: "gender dysphoria" (not even in Webster's dictionary--I looked it up!); 'civil unions'; and "puberty blockers". Our courts have played God with abortion; we've re-defined marriage to the point where anyone can marry anyone or anything! Minor children are allowed or encouraged to change their gender if not satisfied. What is next? Shall we normalize pedophilia? The U.S. is not the nation that it used to be. Formerly, the bulk of us lived for God, family, and country. Recent surveys taken on busy street corners of several cities, asking the question, "What are you living for?" Some said to acquire power, others lived for pleasure, and the third most frequent answer was making money!

We know, as Christians, after having listened to God's Word most of our lives, that there must be a better answer than power, pleasure, and money. I'm sure you're familiar with the answer in the Baltimore Catechism to the basic question, "Why did God make you? 'We memorized the answer and still could recite it reasonably well today: The catechism said: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next."

Obviously, many have forgotten that this life was given to us by Almighty God, as a journey toward our eternal life with Him in Heaven. A great tragedy in life would be to live it in such a way that one could NOT become a saint. Isn't that what we're striving for--eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven? Of course, power, pleasure, and money play important roles and we need them, in proper doses, to help make life worth living. God does not expect us to abuse them, just relegate them to their appropriate importance. Hurting others as we seek our goals does disservice to the Lord we worship, as well as to ourselves and our victims.

We are destined for God and our final curtain is NOT THIS LIFE. No, it will be LIFE WITH GOD, HIMSELF! I strongly believe that the answer toward saving souls is best displayed in religion if we're going to understand man's proper relationship to God. Jesus' parables are powerful aides in explaining Christian virtues and the Prodigal Son's lesson on morality ranks high in this category. Using parables to illustrate a point or clarify an example of making the right choice goes far toward providing the wayward Christian a clear path toward a return to the Father. That's why we value good catechism teachers who patiently work to help drifting teens return to appreciating their Catholic heritage. I just hope it isn't too late. ---Marcel Normand

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