

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last 2 Weeks	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,718.00	\$ 127,797.37
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 96,615.60
Over/(Under)		\$ 31,181.77
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 25-April 2			
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
03/27 Mon		NO MASS	
03/28 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
03/29 Wed	8:00am	Kelli Bradshaw	Girard
03/30 Thurs	8:00am	Rosemary O'Toole	Arma
	8:30am-12:30am	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
03/31 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
04/01 Sat	4:00pm	Virginia Buche	Arma
	5:30pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
04/02 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Bernadette Coomes	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (04/01) 5:30pm	Sunday (04/02) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Trevor & August Amershek	Sara Goble & Gabby Graham
EME	Carrie Smith	Marilyn McCracken
Lector	Donna Martin	Doug Lopeman
Gifts	Butch & Mary Reif Family	Ryan & Paula Severt

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

CONFIRMATION
 Congratulations to our Confirmandi! On Sunday, March 26, 5th & 6th grade students from St. Michael & St. Joseph parishes will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit during the Sunday 10 am mass! May the Holy Spirit continue to enlighten each of you with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, awe and wonder! We congratulate them on this important step in their faith journey!
 Jillian Brown, Charlotte Burke, Hank Niggemann, Brinley Weir, Tyler McAtee, and Marrone Schupbach

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Kelli Bradshaw, 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. 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 or contact Michelle Puckett to find an available date. Thank you and please keep the family in your prayers.

SEK SERRA CLUB

SEK Serra Club will meet on April 13th from 6-7 at the St Francis Parish Hall in St Paul, Kansas. We will be putting together the finals care packages for the 35 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Wichita. If you can't make this meeting, but would like to donate items such as snacks or school supplies, please contact Angela Vowell at 620-870-9580 or vowella@gmail.com to make arrangements for your items to be picked up.

THE PLENARY INDULGENCE: AN EXPLANATION

This past week, my niece, Donna Maus, a teacher at St. Mary's-Colgan High School, shared some literature she found from Catholic author, Maura McKeegam. Featured in the material was an excellent Lenten suggestion on "Gaining a Plenary Indulgence before Easter". McKeegam has written several Catholic books, one which she co-authored with Scott Hahn. My first thought was, "Whatever happened to indulgences?" They're still around but many folks don't seem to understand them.

To use an illustration---let's say that someone betrays your trust--I'll call him Kent. So afterward, Kent regrets his behavior and tells you he's sorry. You forgive him, but that doesn't mean your relationship isn't damaged to some extent. Well, the same thing happens when we sin. We regret our behavior and confess our sin to Father. Christ forgives us, but that doesn't mean our relationship, and our soul, aren't damaged. Repairing this injury requires a combination of 'time' and 'pain' called Temporal Punishment. Indulgences free us from some or all of the temporal punishment in the same way that medicine helps a cut to heal quicker and less painfully. Indulgences involve prayer and penance when we perform works of mercy and love in imitation of Christ and his saints. After we die, we work through any remaining temporal punishment in purgatory.

Indulgences acquired a bad reputation during the Middle Ages (500-1500) because certain corrupt Church officials would grant them in exchange for money. No doubt, this one issue led to the Protestant Reformation more than any other disagreement. The Catholic Church still teaches about indulgences and how these 'works of mercy' can partially or completely free us from temporal punishment. But, just like the term, Purgatory, this topic of 'indulgences' continues to be a source of disagreement between Catholics and other faiths. Many who disagree with them have called indulgences 'shortcuts to heaven'. They assuredly are not, for to gain an indulgence as a faithful Christian, you must be duly disposed and only when other conditions are met. I'd emphasize that if you suspect that you have some temporal punishment to account for, DO NOT PUT OFF, but see a priest about indulgences, for any punishment not received on earth will be suffered in Purgatory, the Church teaches us. Many liberal Christians envision 'sin' differently than Catholics. They like to quote the Bible, saying 'God is love', but recall, that same Bible also says 'God is just'. More on indulgences next time and consequences of unpreparedness. We'll explain ways to gain a plenary indulgence before Easter.

--Marcel Normand

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