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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	TBA	\$ 127,797.37
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 96,615.60
Over/(Under)		\$ 31,181.77
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 1-9			
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
04/03 Mon		NO MASS	
04/04 Tues	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
04/05 Wed	8:00am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
04/06 Thurs	7:00pm	Rev Pat Larkin	Girard
04/07 Fri	12 Noon	Veneration of the Cross	Arma
	7:00pm	Veneration of the Cross	Girard
04/08 Sat	4:00pm	NO MASS	Arma
	8:00pm	Bernard O'Brien	Girard
04/09 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Kevin O'Brien	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (04/08) 8:00pm	Sunday (04/09) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Aydin Sisney & Brinley Weir	Aiden Ashbacher & Easton Clark
EME	Rachel Ausemus	Linda Garrett
Lector	Nancy Bauer	Ryan Severt
Gifts	Austin & Chelsea Smith Family	Hank & Carrie Smith

EXTRA TIMES FOR CONFESSION

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

Most Christians hope to reach Heaven at their death. We've discussed methods to help us along life's way to offset sins that we've committed. Catholics have the sacrament of Reconciliation or confession, as we often say, that is available to us as often as we want to use it - - whether it be once a month or per week if needed. We know that delaying confession causes sins to accumulate and there are consequences for such procrastination. And if our lives were taken prematurely, much temporal punishment has also accumulated. We know that every sin must be paid for, and even if we're fortunate enough to reach purgatory, we will suffer the results of our negligence until the last cent is paid. Last week, I mentioned that temporal punishment can be reduced significantly while we're alive through such actions as Holy Mass, the rosary, the Stations, Adoration, and indulgences among others.

If you know your sins have piled up and you've postponed confession, a good plan would be to go to confession and attempt to reduce any future punishment after death. Indulgences are offered by God's mercy and the Church to give us direction on gaining them either for ourselves or for the souls in purgatory. It is harder for a young person, who lives in the moment, to fully realize the importance of preparing for eternity - - it seems so far away. Yet, we know that each day could be our last, whether you're 18 or 81.

There is still time before Easter to gain a plenary indulgence. Here are a few ways to accomplish it: 1) Say the "Prayer Before a Crucifix" on Good Friday after Communion. This prayer is listed on the back cover of our Daily Mass Propers titled "BREAKING BREAD". 2) another way is granted to the faithful who attend liturgical services for the Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday and who devoutly adore and kiss the Cross. 3) the plenary indulgence is granted those who piously make the Way of the Cross (Stations). A Catholic should be in a state of grace and must have the intention to obtain it and must fulfill the following conditions: a) go to Confession within 20 days before or after; b) recite one Our Father and one Hail Mary for the Holy Father; c) receive Holy Communion; and d) be free from attachment to all sin, including venial. This last one is the hard one to prepare for, as some wonder whether it's possible to be completely detached from venial sin! The answer is found in Mark: 10 when Jesus tells his disciples how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God. They ask: How can we be saved? Jesus answered: "For human beings, it is impossible, but not for God." He tells them 'All things are possible for God.' So we should ask Him for the grace to achieve the indulgence. Matthew 7 says: "Ask and it will be given you."

It appears to me that the two essentials for this to happen is Confession and Communion. Remember, Good Friday is next week. See if you can gain a plenary indulgence. It would, no doubt, cancel some of our temporal punishment.

--Marcel Normand



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