

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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CONFESSION - Before all Masses or by appointment GIRARD (Saturday 2:00pm-2:30pm) ARMA (Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm)

Parish Pastoral Council: Pat Westhoff (Chair), Dustin Ashmore, Joe Broyles, Debbie Amershek, Debbie Schaub

Parish Finance Council: Linda Broyles, Dan Cole, Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback

Worship Committee: Chair (looking for a volunteer), Ushers /Greeters (looking for a volunteer), Joan Black (EMEs), Margaret Setina (Altar Society), Linda Broyles (Lectors), Jan Harman (Music)

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 53,983.06
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 40,715.50
Over/(Under)		\$ 13,267.56

Mass Schedule & Intentions for April 15-23			
04/15 Sat	4:00pm	Linda Carpino	Arma
	5:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
04/16 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
04/17 Mon		NO MASS	
04/18 Tues	8:00am	Bernard O'Brien	Arma
04/19 Wed	8:00am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
04/20 Thurs	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
04/21 Fri	7:30am	Helen Coomes	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
04/22 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Bernard O'Brien	Girard
04/23 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (04/22) 4:00pm	Sunday (04/23) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Bryce & Brayden Reese
EME	Sharon Giacometti	Tracey Bogina
Lector	Anna Meyer	Carol Cole
Gifts	Joe & Linda Broyles	Scott & Susie Aldrighetti
Ushers	Pat Westhoff & Volunteer	Dan Cole & Greg Bogina

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Liv Anderson, Tyler Edwards, Jan Harman, Bob Lauck, Lisa Pitts Martin, Mary Sayre, Margaret Setina, Randy VanLeeuwen, 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!

PSR SCHEDULE

April 26 is our final PSR class of the year at St. Michael's.

MASS INTENTIONS

WHY REQUEST A MASS INTENTION? One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. The Church considers the Mass to be one of the greatest prayers of intercession. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Mass for a particular intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. That intention can be for a living person's health and well-being, or for the eternal rest of a deceased person, or any other prayers you wish to be offered up to Christ for a loved one. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. Requesting Mass Intentions: Mass intentions make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, you need to turn in the information at least a month in advance (Masses are scheduled that much ahead of time). Call the parish office to schedule OR place the information of who or what the Mass is for, and who is offering the Mass, along with a phone number in case we have questions. The suggested stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.00 payable via cash or check, you can donate less or more.

IS IT A SIN TO DOUBT GOD?

What do Brad Pitt and Hugh Jackman have in common? That is, besides talent, good looks, popularity and wealth. They both grew up in strict Christian families, both went through considerable doubt in their adolescence, and both eventually abandoned the faith. Pitt said his doubts revolved around the question of fairness: Why should people born into another religion not "have the same shot at heaven" as those born into Christian families?

Jackson grew up in church. His friends and later, girl-friends came from church. At age 17, he began to be bothered by the idea that "all those nonbelievers" were "going to hell". He still believes in some kind of God, but he has discarded his parents' faith. Not just the wealthy have these doubts at certain times of life as they are more common than most people realize.

You never hear church leaders bring up the subject of doubt. They may think about it but remain quiet to others. Doubt seems to affect the teen years especially hard, for they already have a lot of information to digest about life and their role in it. So, when grandma passes, the teen can't see how God can be loving and still allow his grandma to die. When their son mentions this to them, they overreact and tell him that he mustn't have doubts--put this out of your mind! Thus, he sees the obvious strain on his parents and the silence of the church leads him to believe that doubting is a sin! Trying to stifle doubts seems to make it worse.

What should happen to alleviate these young minds is for leadership at home or the church to explain to this kid that doubting is not a sin, unless, of course, you're using it to avoid going to church due to laziness. We need to understand that DOUBT and BELIEF exist in an either/or relationship: If we doubt, we do not believe and if we believe we do not doubt. The one who distrusts sees belief as if it were a kind of light switch that is either on or off. The reality is that in this life, belief is most times INCOMPLETE! Even sincere Christians have areas of doubt in their faith. Mother Teresa admitted that she had doubts at times and usually relied on church authority to reassure her. Even unbelievers experience doubt. I read about Oxford Professor Alexander McGrath, an atheist at the time, wrote: "Even in my vigorous denials of faith, a still, small voice within me whispered words of doubt."

When you are suddenly struck with doubt on certain religious issues, you should not "give in", but instead, face your doubts with prayer--then head for the truth whether it be a church official, your camp advisor, or an older friend. With persistence, the doubt fades, your faith will grow stronger, and you'll be more capable of handling doubt the next time it appears. I've done this. It works! --Marcel Normand

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

St. Pius X Catholic Student Center at Pittsburg State University is seeking applications for a Director of Development. This position reports directly to the chaplain and is responsible for stewarding all aspects of the development program including building and maintaining alumni relationships and databases, identifying potential donors, cultivation, solicitation and donor follow up. The director will also manage all committees involved in fund development activities. A detailed job description and qualifications can be found at www.catholicgorillas.org. To apply, send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to Fr. Derek Thome at frderek@catholicgorillas.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions regarding this position or job expectations can be directed to Mike Wescott, Director of Development and planned Giving, Catholic Diocese of Wichita at wescottm@CatholicDioceseofWichita.org.

TOTUS TUUS: JULY 9-14, 2023 SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars for fun & energetic week at St. Michael's parish hall to participate in Totus Tuus - a parish-based summer catechetical program for youth, dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting our faith through evangelization, catechesis, Marian devotion & fun! The program is led by college students and seminarians, teaching and inspiring youth in participating parishes throughout the diocese. Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours," was the motto of St. John Paul II and signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. This is a FREE program, each family is asked to bring a sack lunch daily & a healthy snack like fruit to share the first day of the program. Children in grades 1-6 meet Monday-Friday from 9-3 and youth grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday in the evenings. Enrollment forms will be available in June the back of the church. All are invited to attend the potluck dinner on Wednesday. Parishioners are needed for dinner hosts and provide lunch for the team each day.

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