

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,585.20	\$ 137,913.07
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 96,615.60
Over/(Under)		\$ 41,297.47
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

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) 5:30pm	Sunday (04/23) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Brandon Leritz & Jaxton Smith	Carly Reif & Charlotte Burke
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Eileen Bland
Lector	Linda Moore	First Communicants
Gifts	Jeremiah & Jeanene Walsh Family	First Communicants

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Carolyn Banning, Rick Bland, 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!

FIRST COMMUNION

We will be celebrating the sacrament of First Communion next weekend, April 23 at the 10 am mass at St. Michael.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Please turn in your rice bowl to PSR next week. Thank you for your support this year!

PSR SCHEDULE

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

MAY CROWNING

We will have May Crowning on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The 8th grade class will lead our Marian procession at the 10 am mass.

ST. MICHAEL CRAFT CLUB

Anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, or sewing, please consider joining our craft club at St. Michael's. Attendance on Wednesdays is optional. If you wish to work on projects at home and donate, we will gladly send your items to a charity. We also will accept yarn and fabric that you no longer need. Since 2017 we have donated over 2500 items to many organizations including Special Olympics, Freeman Cancer Center in Pittsburg, Vie, Crawford County Health Dept, DHS, Medical Lodge, Children's Advocacy, Fresinius Dialysis, USD 248, hospitals, Inter-Local, Wesley House. Donated items include hats, scarves, blankets, weighted vests, masks, fidget lap blankets, pillowcases among other items. Call Barb Mikrut 620.249.9505 to donate.

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.

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

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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