

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,586.00	\$ 150,217.73
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 119,615.81
Over/(Under)		\$ 30,601.92
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 20-28			
05/20 Sat	4:00pm	Ned Sauer	Arma
	5:30pm	Bernie O'Brien	Girard
05/21 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
05/22 Mon		NO MASS	
05/23 Tues	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Arma
05/24 Wed	8:00am	Bernie O'Brien	Girard
05/25 Thurs	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
05/26 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
05/27 Sat	4:00pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Arma
	5:30pm	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
05/28 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (05/27) 5:30pm	Sunday (05/28) 10:00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Nolan Leonard & Jaxton Smith	Marli & Quin Sisney
<b>EME</b>	Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
<b>Lector</b>	Linda Moore	Doug Lopeman
<b>Gifts</b>	Joseph & Meredith Clark Family	Joe & Kim Curran Family

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Liv Anderson, Carolyn Banning, Rick Bland, Kelli Bradshaw, Audrey Casassa, Maggie Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Gary Dowling, Tyler Edwards, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Peter Graham, Ron Gray, Denny Heidrick, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Richard Mason, Herman Masser, Bob Moore, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, Josie Oplotnik, Mary Sayre, Anna Snow, Carly Twarog-Carnes, 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!

## DROPS OF LIGHT

Have you ever had a "more than coincidence" experience – something you "just knew" was a gift from above, a spiritual intervention, or a sign meant for you when you most needed it? *Drops of Light* is the title of an upcoming book; a collection of true, personal, spiritual, "more than coincidence" stories of God's presence in our lives. Please consider sending your own "more than coincidence" stories to [a.beasley.pittsburg@gmail.com](mailto:a.beasley.pittsburg@gmail.com). Whether short and simple or lengthy and complex, your story should not be dismissed or forgotten. For more information, contact Amber Beasley at the email address above. Thank you!

## 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.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next Daughters of Isabella meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13th at St. Michael's Parish Hall in Girard at 6:30pm. Hostesses will be Mary Gilpin, Anna Fern Snow and Pauline (Pat) Davied. All ladies of St. Joseph and St. Michael are invited.

## THE SEARCH FOR REAL LOVE

Most everyone, if they care to admit it, is searching for real love. You've heard the expression, "In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to love." There's a lot of truth in that statement. Young people do hunger for love: as children, they love their parents and want their parents to love them back. In adolescence, it continues as they pair off with someone. These relationships are usually short-lived because they were formed for social purposes: to gain popularity, a prom date, or just plain curiosity about the opposite sex! Entering our twenties, we become more serious. Just carnal love won't do--this is 'love' where sex is the primary motive. Of course, it can be and often is, abused, but for many, it is the door to serious dating and eventually choosing a marriage partner. Here is where we enter the realm of 'spiritual love'---where the welfare of one's partner becomes most important.

In 2014, Hollywood released a movie entitled "August: Osage County" and it described a love in its most dysfunctional form. Meryl Streep played the matriarch of the family, Violet, who, along with her three daughters, had just returned from burying her husband and the girls' father. The movie explores love in its various forms. Violet is an acid-tongued cancer patient, who radiates unhappiness. Because she has her daughters and their significant others together, she proceeds to deliver the full brunt of her stored-up venom upon them! No part of her tirade has any significance to love! Someone more clever than I once said, "love has been foolishly placed into the hands of human beings---like giving an egg to a gorilla!" Love is delicate and should be handled with care if you hope to hold on to it and/or give it to others whom you care about." This movie has superb acting quality, well-done, but it is not a happy movie, yet it reveals many truths, as Streep's character states.

A priest-friend of mine says he's met many people in his career and an overwhelming number of them appear to be unfulfilled or disappointed with their lives. Yet, we've never had more prosperity or luxuries in our history than we do today. So, the answer must lie elsewhere and I suspect it can only be found in the quality of our faith. We need to add 'meaning' to our faith.' A Christian supports a necessary law that he voted for and now upholds: This is called 'living your faith'. As to civil rights, your Christian mission is to 'see Christ' in others and help them. God gives every individual a chance to acquire faith; but it is up to the individual to work at making it real, which is done by seeing the good in helping others. Thus, we encounter solid Christians who are active in their church and volunteer to help when they see the need. We also have Christians who do the minimum. Some attend church and some do not. It requires more to be a Christian than just praying. We do for people when we LOVE enough. Think of what you do at home for your wife, husband, children, elderly parents--you do it because you LOVE them. Then, why do we have to be coerced or forced to LOVE God enough to 'do it for Him?' Adults make children 'receivers' rather than 'givers' from the time they're babies. We must teach them how to GIVE for they already know how to receive! It has been proven that getting involved in the parish INCREASES OUR FAITH and can produce unbelievable results! Fr. John Reinkemeyer once said that if ALL Catholics LIVED THEIR FAITH, as they should, within five years, the world could be All Catholic! We don't know for we've never tried it. ---Marcel Normand

## A LASTING PROMISE

The Office of Marriage and Family Life presents: A Lasting Promise. It is a Friday and Saturday relationship enhancement course that combines what God has revealed about marriage, along with the latest research on relationships, and clear examples from the lives of other married couples who present the sessions. This course will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, at the SMC Fieldhouse on June 2nd from 6pm-9pm and June 3rd from 7:30am-8:00pm. The cost is \$50 a couple (meals included) and scholarships are available. Register at: [www.ollsmc.org](http://www.ollsmc.org). Couples will learn how to: build on existing strengths and add critical life and relationship skills to create safer, more stable marriages \* implement life skills using the Speaker/Listener Technique \* create fun and exciting milestones together \* address the vulnerabilities couples face and how to overcome them. Contact Information: Lori Ann (620) 704-4366.

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