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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,639.01	\$ 157,318.94
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 119,615.81
Over/(Under)		\$ 37,703.13
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 3-11			
06/03 Sat	4:00pm	Linda Carpino	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
06/04 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
06/05 Mon		NO MASS	
06/06 Tues	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Arma
06/07 Wed	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Girard
06/08 Thurs	8:00am	AJ Cavanaugh	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
06/09 Fri	7:30am	Bernadette Coomes	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
06/10 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Melissa Grant	Girard
06/11 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Verdan Davied	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (06/10) 5:30pm	Sunday (06/11) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Seth Wilson & Harrison Burke	Elijah & Isabella Walsh
EME	Janel Scales	Jerry Hanson
Lector	Donna Martin	Denny Heidrick
Gifts	Steven & Jeanne Davied	Ron & Jeanette Davied

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. Thank you!

GIRARD CLOTHES CLOSET

Looking for people to work at Clothes Closet. The Catholics work on Friday. This is NOT every Friday. Hours are 8:00 until 1:00. The more people we have the less days you would work. In a 6 months time you could work only 4 times. Please contact Barb Mikrut at 620-249-9505.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next K of C meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6th at 7pm in St. Michael's Hall. First priority of the meeting will be election of officers.

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.

**Attention Ladies of Girard and Arma parishes! If you are interested in joining the Daughters of Isabella or would like any information about the circle please contact Linda DeGarmo, Regent at # 620-724-8905 or you are welcome to come to our meeting on June 13th at St. Michael's Hall in Girard at 6:30 pm to see what we are about.

MAN IS FOR GOD

God created the world. He also created you and me. What we have, we received from God. As people, we are basically 'selfish'. Most of our actions are directed toward our benefit--even our charity! A major reason that we participate in charity is to advance our holiness which can bring salvation to us. Why are you sitting in Church today? To learn more about the faith and to become a better Catholic so you might increase your chances of seeing & knowing God. You're doing it for YOURSELF! Why do I write this column each week? I say that I'm doing it because I care about the parish, and I do, but in all honesty, I'm doing it because it gives me pleasure to KNOW that I may be advancing others in the faith. In some way, this should bring me closer to Christ. Since this is my hope, I admit that it is a selfish motivation. For the most part, our lives are directed this way. We go to school & study to learn a skill so we can acquire a diploma, get a good job, and make money to get the things WE WANT! We should feel no shame in these actions. We do this because that's the way God made us. It is our basic nature. The Bible says, "God made man in His image" and God appears to be the most selfish! Think about it. He made the world for Himself and man was placed here to glorify Him. God wants our everlasting gratitude and most of God's followers are, indeed, grateful for all the benefits He has thrust upon them, His children. There is a right kind of selfishness--one that is directed to one's salvation through helping others. By this measure the SAINT is the most selfish of all--devoting his entire life to prayer and fasting so he might reach heaven and know God fully, yet as he follows this sincere motive, he guides many toward God and teaches them who God is and how we should relate to Him.

Fr. John Reinkemeyer used a small chart during our Catholic instruction, to illustrate that MAN IS FOR GOD. Father wrote on the blackboard 5 Steps of God's plan of creation. At the bottom, # 5, he wrote 'physical earth' stones, etc; # 4 was Plants; # 3 was Animals; # 2 was Man; and # 1 was God. He proceeded to explain that each was created in its own time:

God created the physical aspects of earth first--hills, rocks, mountains. Next, came the Plants. They looked to the earth for their food and life. Next, Animals were created and they feed on plants. Then, God created Man in his loneliness and animals are for Man. At the top of the small chart is # 1 God. Man is for God and he should thrive on his Creator. Father R. told us that you could teach the 10 Commandments from this chart. Ex: When you steal, you remove your gaze from God and go down to stones (could be jewelry being stolen) when your aim should be focused on God and His Commandments. When you commit adultery/fornication, you place too great an attachment to another person when you should be aiming toward God. The very definition of SIN is loving created things too much, and out of order. Set up this simple chart on a sheet of paper with God at the top and the rocks at the bottom. Notice the ORDER that God places in each of them. Make this part of your religious thinking and you'll most likely try to remain within God's plan.
 ---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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