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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 3,622.20	\$ 160,941.14
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 119,615.81
Over/(Under)		\$ 41,325.33
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 40.00	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 10-18			
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
06/12 Mon		NO MASS	
06/13 Tues	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
06/14 Wed	8:00am	NO MASS	Girard
06/15 Thurs	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
		NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
06/16 Fri	7:30am	NO MASS	Girard
		NO Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
06/17 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Carol Battitori	Girard
06/18 Sun	8:00am	Verle Parsons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (06/17) 5:30pm	Sunday (06/18) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Carly Reif & Charlotte Harrison	Aydin & Quin Sisney & Brinley Weir
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Chris Sponsel
Lector	Butch Reif	Michelle Puckett
Gifts	Mindi Garner Family	Rick & Barb Duling

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.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that there will be NO weekday masses or Eucharistic Adoration this week, June 12th - 16th.

FAITH AND THE BLESSED TRINITY

In earlier columns, we've said that faith is a free gift from God. It is a mystery, known only to God, why He offers faith in different ways to different people. The ordinary way is through Baptism, yet it remains a mystery why some of us receive faith through Baptism in infancy, while others get it only later in life.

We use the word 'convert' for those who come into the Church as adults, as Helen and I did in 1964. Yet, even those who have received faith through Baptism as infants must, in a sense, be 'converted' in later life. Receiving the faith and KNOWING the faith are two different things. The child receives the faith at Baptism, but to know it, he must learn what the faith is about. Each of us has some type of encounter with God before he knows what God wants of him. After the encounter and the individual rebuilds his life, this is his RESPONSE to God. The response can be dramatic like Saul's fall from his horse or perhaps a more subtle declaration like St. Francis of Assisi in the Chapel of St. Mary of the Angels. Often, faith comes from a CRISIS in a person's life---the death of a loved one, a serious illness or a narrow escape from injury or death. Other origins include advice from a priest during Confession or something said in a homily during Mass.

In most cases, this encounter with God comes about unnoticed---God gently draws a soul to a gradual realization of his relationship to God by a series of interior graces. All the person knows is that he now realizes more clearly that his life should be more God-centered. The Holy Spirit will bring him to maturity as a Christian and form Christ in him.

Now comes the time we should explore the POWER of the Holy Spirit in this divine triangle. Most of us laity do not understand it well. Many of the learned clergy find it challenging to explain. Keep in mind, it is NOT a human thing--it is GOD'S PLAN for salvation. Let's start very easy: God became Man in the Person of Christ. In God, there are THREE DIVINE PERSONS. The Old Testament said nothing of this. What were some of the previous thoughts about God? In the pagan world, Greek philosopher Plato (4th century, B.C.) felt that the only reality was God because everything else in the world died. Nothing could survive without Him. He first ventured the thought that if God is God, what was He doing all alone before He made the world? Evidence indicates that He was NOT ALONE. In the Old Testament, God said: "Let US make Man in OUR own image and likeness." Such phrases as 'holy, holy, holy' were used in prayers & psalms which anticipates THREE PERSONS in one God. In the New Testament, the best reference is Christ's own words in Matthew 28:19 "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT." Recall that Christ placed ALL THREE on EQUAL FOOTING. So, the data is there, but the word, 'trinity' is not! This has become a debatable point between Catholics and some Protestants. As Catholics, we may not understand this mystery, yet we believe it as a matter of faith because God revealed it. Next time, we'll look further into the Holy Trinity for a better understanding.

-- 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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