

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,164.92	\$ 162,106.06
Expenses-May	\$ 4,834.53	\$ 124,450.34
Over/(Under)		\$ 37,655.72
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 17-25			
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
06/19 Mon		NO MASS	
06/20 Tues	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Arma
06/21 Wed	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Girard
06/22 Thurs	8:00am	Helen Normand	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
06/23 Fri	7:30am	AJ Cavanaugh	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
06/24 Sat	4:00pm	Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Kevin O'Brien	Girard
06/25 Sun	8:00am	Judy Smerchek	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (06/24) 5:30pm	Sunday (06/25) 10:00am
Altar Servers	August Amershek & Nolan Leonard	Volunteers
EME	Carrie Smith	Marilyn McCracken
Lector	Nancy Bauer	Austin Smith
Gifts	David & Linda Garrett	David & Anna Goble 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. Thank you!

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

The parish will be hosting a farewell luncheon for Father Klag after the 10am Mass on Sunday, June 25th. Please join us for fellowship and wishing Father the best in his next pastoral assignment.

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.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Our PSR program is in need of catechists for our Wednesday afternoon & evening programs beginning next fall. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry!

FOOD PANTRY

There is a basket in the entrance of the Church for any food donations you would like to donate to the Community Food Pantry. This is an ongoing project in conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance. Monetary Donations are accepted as well, by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Food Pantry". Thank you for supporting this need.

THE TRINITY AND THE HUMAN SOUL

We closed last week admitting that, as Catholics, we do not fully understand the Trinity, yet, we believe it as a matter of faith because God revealed it. We say we can't comprehend the Trinity; well, we shouldn't get too upset for not grasping this great mystery - -many of us can't even understand our husbands or wives! Even our own extended family who attended reunions cause us to gasp and think, "I didn't know he or she was that bigoted!" We learn new things about family members and we still cannot figure them out! How hard, then, it must be for men and women to know God totally. The answer is: they cannot. We believe as a matter of faith.

In speaking of the Blessed Trinity, we can know the three Persons if we recall that God has assigned each a specific work: The Father (God) creates, the Son redeems, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies (raising above the human to the supernatural order, giving us a share in God's nature). Let's look at God's role. He creates. He expresses Himself in the matter or objects that He makes. Just like an architect reveals himself in the buildings he designs, God does the same. Notice when reading the Bible, God will make statements (which apostles later put into the Bible) in 3's such as when He explains the Trinity, at Mass when we say: 'holy, holy, holy' 3 times. There are many more such moments. Remember: God IS knowledge--He doesn't HAVE it; He IS IT! The rest of humanity and lower life HAVE knowledge. God IS. Knowledge CAUSES action. A farmer knows about irrigation (knowledge), so he works to save his crops. A mother knows how to sew well (knowledge). She can make a shirt for her husband and son; a dress for her daughter. A man gains the skill for building bridges, thus we have the Golden Gate in San Francisco and the George Washington in New York City plus the Royal Gorge Bridge in Colorado.

As we analyze the Human Soul that God gave each of us, there is a lesson which can be likened to the nature of the Trinity. Once again, we see God operating in 3's: Imagine your own soul for a moment -- it is the highest entity (existence) that God has made on earth. It is a spiritual substance (invisible yet alive). The only tangible thing we have in the spiritual world is a 'thought'. I know that I have a thought, but I can't see it, hear, or touch it. If I don't express it (aloud or on paper) it is lost. Where do these thoughts come from? To answer this question will take us to that human soul we spoke of that God created, again using 3's to express Himself to us. Our souls have three parts: consisting of the Memory, the Will, and the Intellect, each with its own powers. I'll discuss these next week. --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.

ADVERTISING

If you would like to support the parish bulletin expenses through advertising in our weekly bulletin, please email Janel at jmscales414@gmail.com. The cost is \$100/year and is tax deductible.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Help Wanted

Ex 19:2-6a / Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 / Rom 5:6-11 / Mt 9:36-10:8

The Diocese of Wichita is blessed with an abundance of priestly vocations. Why? Some say because of our Stewardship way of life, others say because of our Adoration Chapels, and many might say because of our Catholic schools. This year we didn't have a priest ordained for the first time in over 30 years. We shouldn't take our vocations for granted. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Let's ask the Master just that, to continue to supply our Diocese with amazing vocations and a fruitful harvest.

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