

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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| COLLECTIONS                 |             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                             | Last Week   | July 2022 to Date |
| Contributions               | \$ 1,884.20 | \$ 163,990.26     |
| Expenses                    | \$ -        | \$ 124,450.34     |
| Over/(Under)                |             | \$ 39,539.92      |
| Building Fund Contributions | \$ -        |                   |

| Mass Schedule & Intentions for June 24-July 2 |                |                       |        |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 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 |
| 06/26 Mon                                     |                | NO MASS               |        |
| 06/27 Tues                                    | 8:00am         | Ned Sauer             | Arma   |
| 06/28 Wed                                     | 8:00am         | Ned Sauer             | Girard |
| 06/29 Thurs                                   | 8:00am         | Doloros Yoakum        | Arma   |
|   | 8:30am-12:30pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Arma   |
| 06/30 Fri                                     | 7:30am         | Kevin O'Brien         | Girard |
|   | 8:00am-5:00pm  | Eucharistic Adoration | Girard |
| 07/01 Sat                                     | 4:00pm         | Helen Normand         | Arma   |
|   | 5:30pm         | Verl Diskin           | Girard |
| 07/02 Sun                                     | 8:00am         | Linda Carpino         | Arma   |
|   | 10:00am        | Pro Populo            | Girard |

| Altar Ministers for Next Weekend |                            |                              |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                  | Saturday (07/01)<br>5:30pm | Sunday (07/02)<br>10:00am    |
| Altar Servers                    | Jaxton Smith & AJ Trites   | Marli Sisney & Gabby Graham  |
| EME                              | Janel Scales               | Linda Garrett                |
| Lector                           | Mary Twarog                | Connie Sponsel               |
| Gifts                            | Mark & Katy Karhoff Family | Doug & Kristen Graham 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!

## 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.

## 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!

## ADVERTISING

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



## THE HUMAN MIND IS, IN REALITY, OUR IMMORTAL SOUL

Men and women are human beings created by God and composed of body and soul and made to God's image and likeness. Some scientists believe that Man evolved from a lower form; yet many Christian clerics insist that God created the body as well. We aren't certain what early Man looked like since we haven't really seen Adam, the first man. Assuredly, he didn't look like Brad Pitt! We've all seen pictures of early Man in world history books and he looked and acted differently from today's modern Man. However, the SOUL, being intangible, did NOT evolve since it was created DIRECTLY BY GOD. It is in HIS SOUL that we say that Man was made in the image and likeness of God.

As we stated last week, thoughts aren't created - - they originate from our senses (eyes, ears, nose, etc). Nothing enters the mind but that it has come from the brain, for the brain is a MATERIAL substance and SPIRITUAL things (like thoughts) do not come from the MATERIAL. The brain, itself, cannot think. It is a mass of tissue, nerves, and blood vessels. The brain serves as a great distributor for our thoughts. When we touch a hot stove, we immediately think 'hot' and a message is channeled down the correct nerve path and we lift our hand! The brain just follows orders from the Mind (or as we can say, the soul). In reality, that is what the human mind is - our immortal soul. The mind (soul) is intangible; it cannot be removed by surgery. It is that spark of Divinity that resides within us. It is that small bit of Christ that is in ALL OF US! Remember that: If Christ is in all human beings, then no human being has the right to bring harm against another, for when you reject another, you are rejecting CHRIST, HIMSELF!

Taking a closer look at the SOUL, it has three different powers (parts), once again reminding us how God works in three(s): Memory, Intellect, and Will. Looking at MEMORY first: Everything you have learned so far in your lifetime, is stored there. Memory, because it absorbs, is called a 'passive' power. At your death, the soul will leave your body (some say within 15 to 20 min.), taking with it the knowledge you have given it in your lifetime. Each of us is responsible for the type of knowledge we give our souls through the senses (eyes, ears, nose, etc). This is why it is very important to learn all you can of God's Truths while you live. How? Reading religious books, listening to homilies at Mass, religious films, and the talks that Bishop Kemme writes in the Advance. If you don't receive the Advance, you should. It is free to all Catholics simply by asking Father to place you on the mailing list. Learn all you can about our Creator, God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Fill your Memory Bank with good, Catholic material, memorize your main prayers used at Mass, and read the 'Lives of the Saints'! Fr. Reinkemeyer said, "if you read their lives, you won't be strangers when you get there. You'll recognize them as friends." Keep in mind that ETERNITY is a long time. The power of THINKING remains with you after death.

The second part of the Soul is INTELLECT. The last two powers of the Soul are 'active' parts while the first part, Memory, is passive, meaning that it mainly absorbs. With Intellect, its object is Truth. It often asks, "Is it true?", then comes to an active decision on that basis. With Memory, we absorb; with Intellect, we think. Ultimately, Intellect will decide 'what' is to be remembered. The third part of the Soul is WILL, or some say, FREE WILL, which God gave to each of us. Where the Intellect seeks Truth, the object of the Will asks, "Is it Good?" The voice you hear, or argue with, during difficult moral decisions, is the WILL of your Soul trying to steer you 'to the good'. IT SERVES AS YOUR CONSCIENCE!! This Free Will decides if you will love God or not, if you will promote abortion or not, if you'll choose good over evil.

Dismiss those who tell you the SOUL is not immortal. We have a workable mind within the soul. We can reflect, reason, plan, make judgments and remember. The soul is spiritual, given to us by God at our conception. Don't take it lightly. It will be your companion after death. --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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