

St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 166,710.26
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 124,450.34
Over/(Under)		\$ 42,259.92
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 1-9			
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
07/03 Mon		NO MASS	
07/04 Tues	8:00am	Josephine Baucom	Arma
07/05 Wed	8:00am	Kevin O'Brien	Girard
07/06 Thurs	8:00am	Bryce Reese	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
07/07 Fri	7:30am	Mary Jane Cavanaugh	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
07/08 Sat	4:00pm	Francis Buche	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
07/09 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (07/08) 5:30pm	Sunday (07/09) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Aiden Ashbacher & Easton Clark	Seth Wilson & Harrison Burke
EME	Janel Scales	Anna Goble
Lector	Donna Martin	Beth Wilson
Gifts	Chris & Mary Leritz Family	Jerry & Diane Hanson

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!

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. The cost is \$100/year and is tax deductible.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00pm in St. Michael's Parish Hall.

MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY PRACTICE

"Behold your Mother". Start a new family tradition by coming to the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6, in Wichita, KS. Listen to great speakers and take advantage of daily mass, adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic procession. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by June 30. Register online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787.

Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org

WELCOME FATHER VACCA

Please welcome Father Vacca to our parish. He has moved in and is fulfilling the regular pastor schedule.

ORIGINS OF THE BIBLE

There are people who say they found the Catholic Church in the Bible; others state that the Catholic Church is not true BECAUSE OF THE BIBLE! However, the Catholic Church doesn't care one way or the other because the Church was here BEFORE THE BIBLE! The Church would be here today if the Bible had never been written. The Catholic Church had been formed 45 years before Matthew had ever written the first Gospel of the New Testament! The Church was here 400 years before St. Jerome began to put the Bible into book form after the Council of Carthage in 397 A.D. The Church was already spreading around the world; the Holy Father was running the infant Church in those early centuries, appointing bishops where needed, and receiving dignitaries from various nations. The Church is not dependent on the Bible for its origins. The Bible BELONGS to the Church; in fact, the Church is its chief interpreter! When Catholics don't understand a Biblical passage, we turn to the Church ---we seek advice from a priest or a bishop who helps us with its meaning.

This is NOT what has happened to Protestantism--it is the reason why they have so many denominations. If a group disagrees over a Biblical passage(s), they often will organize and proclaim a new denomination that will affirm their beliefs. To date, there are over 300 such religious bodies in the world. The Bible is helpful to learning, to guidance, and to understanding when viewed and explained within the context of the Church, its guardian. Who could ever have foreseen that the Bible would be appropriated from the Church and re-interpreted many times throughout the centuries? Most of us know that many professions such as law, medicine, and the ministry require a period of training and learning prior to leading new recruits toward becoming qualified. But when it comes to interpreting the word of God, so-called experts spring from the woodwork to expound on what God really means! We know there are quacks in the medical world as well as shysters in the legal world therefore, we shouldn't be surprised to find both in the religious world! But, it does get tiresome to hear someone say, "The Bible says..." which usually means "the Bible says and it means what I want it to mean!" God didn't intend for His Word to be manipulated that way.

And so the question often brought up by skeptics or atheists when arguing the merits of the Bible is: "Just how authentic is the Bible?" We all know people who voice doubts as to whether the Bible is a true account or whether we can believe all that it describes. NO ONE can give an absolute, positive, answer on all that is in the Bible. Even the Church has had difficulty with some passages. It's no wonder that whenever individuals attempt interpretation, they usually fall into uncertainty. This is the main reason why Catholics leave this calling to the Church.

Therefore, how do we know that the Bible is true? How do we know that George Washington was our nation's first president? The answer is, "We really don't." We walk by FAITH in nearly everything. We "take the word of others." We believe that our mother is really our mother, yet we weren't really aware of it at our birth. We believe she was married to our dad, yet we weren't present at the ceremony. What I'm attempting to point out is that much of what we believe today is based on the TRUTHFULNESS of others, like parents, teachers, priests, and Christ, Himself. The written document, such as the marriage certificate, the history book, or the Bible, serves as the visible fact which can be passed on from generation to generation.

Leave skepticism behind and continue to grow in the knowledge of Jesus. Get your Bible out for it is a textbook for life. It has a positive effect in teaching us and reproaching (to fault or censure) us. This is where we come to know God. You can't love what you don't know. Make a commitment to read a few pages or paragraphs daily. Then respond in prayer to what you read. God has spoken to you. --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 (gr 1-6 who meet during the day) & a healthy snack like fruit to share the first day of the program. Students in grades 1-6 meet Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm and youth grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday in the evenings. Enrollment forms are available at the back of the church, bring them the first day of Totus Tuus. You do not need to be a parishioner to participate, but all participants must have signed enrollment forms. Contact Beth Wilson if you can help be a dinner host or provide lunch for the team one day.

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