

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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| COLLECTIONS                 |           |                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                             | Last Week | July 2023 to Date |
| Contributions               | TBA       | \$ 3,547.20       |
| Expenses                    | \$ -      | \$ -              |
| Over/(Under)                |           | \$ 3,547.20       |
| Building Fund Contributions | \$ -      |                   |

| Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 15-23 |                |                       |        |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 07/15 Sat                                 | 4:00pm         | Helen Normand         | Arma   |
|   | 5:30pm         | Melissa Grant         | Girard |
| 07/16 Sun                                 | 8:00am         | Pro Populo            | Arma   |
|   | 10:00am        | Carol Battitori       | Girard |
| 07/17 Mon                                 |                | NO MASS               |        |
| 07/18 Tues                                | 8:00am         | Wally Rons            | Arma   |
| 07/19 Wed                                 | 8:00am         | Bill O'Toole          | Girard |
| 07/20 Thurs                               | 8:00am         | Sharon Cizerle        | Arma   |
|   | 8:30am-12:30pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Arma   |
| 07/21 Fri                                 | 7:30am         | Linda Mills           | Girard |
|   | 8:00am-5:00pm  | Eucharistic Adoration | Girard |
| 07/22 Sat                                 | 4:00pm         | Bryce Reese           | Arma   |
|   | 5:30pm         | Dennis Heidrick, Sr.  | Girard |
| 07/23 Sun                                 | 8:00am         | Verl Parsons          | Arma   |
|   | 10:00am        | Pro Populo            | Girard |

| Altar Ministers for Next Weekend |                                 |                                    |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                  | Saturday (07/22)<br>5:30pm      | Sunday (07/23)<br>10:00am          |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>             | August Amershek & Nolan Leonard | Aydin & Quin Sisney & Brinley Weir |
| <b>EME</b>                       | Carrie Smith                    | Jerry Hanson                       |
| <b>Lector</b>                    | Nancy Bauer                     | Ruth Duling                        |
| <b>Gifts</b>                     | Mike & Donna Martin Family      | Randy & Lisa McAtee                |

## 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!

## 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.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

Calling all ladies of St. Michael Parish! Did you know that by being a member of St. Michael Parish, you are also a member of the Altar Society? The Altar Society will be meeting on Monday, July 17th at 6:30pm in St. Michael Parish Hall. All ladies are invited to attend, learn more about Altar Society, and join in the planning of upcoming parish events.

## PART-TIME SECRETARY

Father Vacca is seeking a part-time secretary to work in the St. Michael Parish office. Computer skills preferred or willingness to develop such skills. Pay will be based on experience. For more information and/or set up an interview, please contact Father Vacca by email: [fathervacca@gmail.com](mailto:fathervacca@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 620-724-8717.

## THE CATHOLIC BIBLE: ITS ORIGINS AND DIVISIONS THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Catholic Bible is the story of Man's revelation in history, written by men, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Their messages are contained in the Old and New Testaments. Religious scholars often describe the Old Testament as the part of the Bible written before God sent His Son to live as a man upon the earth. As said, the writers were 'inspired' by God. By a supernatural influence, God enlightened their minds and moved their wills to write. They acted as free instruments of God who directed and preserved them from error. The writers weren't 'passive instruments'--they brought their own personalities into what they wrote. They were like skilled painters who sketched from the same model. The 'products' (writings) are similar, but with differences according to their talents. The principal author of the Bible is God. and the human beings who wrote it were His free rational instruments. Since God is the chief author, there couldn't have been any mistakes in the original texts. This is why the Bible is often called 'the written word of God'. Because it is His written Word, the Bible is treated with great reverence. This is why government officials take their solemn oaths of office on this Book.

The Holy Catholic Bible is made up of 72 Books: 45 known as the Old Testament and 27 that form the New Testament. These books were composed by many different writers in at least three different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. The time span when all of this writing occurred began in Moses' time when he rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt--all the way until St. John, the Evangelist, the last Apostle who wrote his gospel in the New Testament toward the end of his long life, perhaps 100 A.D. (anno domini, meaning 'In the Year of our Lord').

The word, Testament, means a 'testimonial' or making a formal statement of one's beliefs as Matthew and other gospel writers did in the New Testament. Early church fathers such as Augustine and David, did the same by testifying to a Truth that came to them and writing it on paper or papyrus.

The 45 Books of the Old Testament are divided into three parts: 1) the Historical section has 21 of the 45 Books relating to the earliest ages of the world such as the 5 Books of Moses and the miracles that God performed to prepare Man for the Coming of Christ; 2) the Prophetic part tells the story of holy teachers called the prophets, sent by God to announce His Will to men. 17 of the 45 Books are in this category such as Jeremiah and Isaiah; 3) Doctrinal Books make up the third section and there are 7 of these Books, composed of Maxims (rules of conduct) and prayers such as Proverbs and the Psalms. This group is often referred to as the Books of Wisdom, giving practical ways to understand God and walk in the correct Path. We'll discuss the New Testament next time. ---Marcel Normand

## ST. MICHAEL CRAFT CLUB

Anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, or sewing, please consider joining our craft club at St. Michael's. Attendance on Wednesdays is optional. If you wish to work on projects at home and donate, we will gladly send your items to a charity. We also will accept yarn and fabric that you no longer need. Since 2017 we have donated over 2500 items to many organizations including Special Olympics, Freeman Cancer Center in Pittsburg, Vie, Crawford County Health Dept, DHS, Medical Lodge, Children's Advocacy, Fresinius Dialysis, USD 248, hospitals, Inter-Local, Wesley House. Donated items include hats, scarves, blankets, weighted vests, masks, fidget lap blankets, pillowcases among other items. Call Barb Mikrut 620.249.9505 to donate.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

St. Michael's truly demonstrated hospitality at its finest to the Totus Tuus instruction team sent to our parish this past week. So many wanted to contribute and be a part of creating a meaningful and successful week of fun and religious education for our youth during our Totus Tuus week. Thank you to Dr. Mindi Garner and Kevin Schupbach for hosting the Totus Tuus team at the Madison House. Meals provided by Dr. Mindi Garner, Joan Davied, Connie Sponsel, Jill Ashbacher, Donna Buckle, Chelsea & Austin Smith, Julye Smith, Mary & Butch Reif, Mary Twarog, and Michelle Puckett were delicious and greatly appreciated. Father Vacca, Michelle Puckett, Savanna Ashmore, the St. Michael's Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, and Religious Education, as well as Dave Garrett and student helpers Aydin Sisney, Carly Reif, Marrone Schupbach, and Marli Sisney were also key components in providing anything that was needed to make the week the best experience for the youth of our church and to make the Totus Tuus team visiting our parish feel welcome. We appreciate our parish families who shared their children for a week of faith and fun, and provided snacks for all to enjoy. Thank you all!

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