

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2023 to Date
Contributions	\$ 9,472.95	\$ 13,020.15
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 13,020.15
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 22-30			
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
07/24 Mon		NO MASS	
07/25 Tues	5:30pm	Mike Gebhardt	Arma
07/26 Wed	8:00am	AJ Cavanaugh	Girard
07/27 Thurs	8:00am	Judy Smerchek	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
07/28 Fri	7:30am	Charlene Norris	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
07/29 Sat	4:00pm	Sharon Cizerle	Arma
	5:30pm	Bernadette Coomes	Girard
07/30 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Ed Walsh	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (07/29) 5:30pm	Sunday (07/30) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Jaxton Smith & AJ Trites	Volunteers
EME	Janel Scales	Chris Sponsel
Lector	Mary Twarog	Denny Heidrick
Gifts	Bob & Linda Moore	Kerry & Tammie O'Brien

## 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, Charles & Nancy Herranbruck, 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!

## FALL BAZAAR IS BACK!!

The St. Michael Fall Turkey Bazaar is coming back and will be held on Sunday, October 22nd! More information to follow.

## ALTAR SOCIETY

The next Altar Society meeting will be on Monday, August 28th at 6:30pm, location TBD. If anyone is interested in serving as Altar Society Co-President, please contact Linda DeGarmo or Joan Davied and please plan to attend the meeting. Fall Bazaar details will be discussed at this meeting. All ladies of the parish are Altar Society members and are invited to attend the meeting.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The D of I will meet on Tuesday, August 8th at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:30pm. The audit meeting will begin at 6:00pm. All ladies of St. Joseph & St. Michael parishes are invited. The Daughters of Isabella is an International organization of Catholic women. Hostesses will be Judy Fager, Jane Ann Beachner, Alice Beachner, and Loretta Forbes.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT: GUARDIAN OF THE BIBLE

To recap from last week, the Bible is the Word of God in the words of men. The Bible is a 'Library', consisting of many Books: On the 1st floor of the library are the Books produced by Israel (Old Testament), while on the 2nd floor, those Books were produced by the early Church and written on paper in the years following Jesus' Ascension.

The New Testament consists of 27 Books written in the first century. It consists of 3 Basic Parts: 1) the EPISTLES, or letters, most of which were written by St. Paul who explained the New Church and the kind of response that Man should make to it; 2) the GOSPELS, consisting of 4 accounts of what Christ did and said while on earth and written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; and 3) OTHER WORKS, including the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES by Luke, describing the early history of the Church and the APOCALYPSE, written by John, a prophetic (divinely inspired) describing the Heavenly Glory of Christ.

Matthew wrote the life of Christ as HE saw it. He didn't record everything, just the events he thought were significant. He wrote on sheepskin, and as time elapsed, these writings aged and had to be re-copied. Many times, during the re-copying, the cleric would 'add' to what the original writer had recorded. The 'addition' did not necessarily change the gospel drastically, but made it difficult to decide which part was the original. Often, the changes made were due to substitutions, made for words which had become illegible (poor printing) with the passing of time.

As centuries passed, others began writing the 'good news' from what THEY had heard from the apostles and the so-called New Testament grew in size! Around 350 A.D. the Church scholars began to study the Books of the New Testament in order to sift out what they considered AUTHENTIC and discard the remainder. After their study, 42 books were thrown out as not inspired by God. By the year 397 A.D., the Church was prepared to declare that the Bible consisted of a total of 72 Books. This Declaration was made at the Council of Carthage, North Africa.

Earlier, Pope Damasus I directed the brilliant church scholar, Jerome, to begin the translations of the Gospels into Latin, which was the common tongue of the people. His translation was completed and became known as the VULGATE EDITION, meaning 'for the common people'. Jerome was known for his accuracy, not beauty of style. However, his translation is respected by all church scholars. For the next 1000 years, the Catholic Church became the 'Guardian of the Bible' amid all of the handwritten copies made throughout the region of southern Europe and Africa. These so-called 'authentic' copies spread through the region and only the Church had the original words of the early fathers. We'll trace some of the obstacles to accuracy as 'Bibles' continued to appear. --Marcel Normand

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Weeds and Seeds

Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43

If you've ever gardened before, then you know it takes no effort to grow weeds. Somehow, a new weed shows up every year. Most gardeners don't plant weeds on purpose. Weeds don't like to die either. Rain or shine, they grow. Then—they spread! Weeds are tough, persistent and abundant. What, then, is a weed? If it is not what you planted and it is preventing what you planted from growing—it is a weed! What is growing in your garden?

## PIES

Angels Among Us is asking for volunteers to provide pies for their Crawford County Fair chicken dinners. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entrance of the Church.

## SEK SERRA CLUB

SEK Serra Club meeting is a potluck dinner from 6-7pm on August 3rd at St Andrew's Parish Center in Independence. All are invited! We are gathering prayer booklets and rosaries for Fr David Voss, a chaplain in the US Army, to distribute to the men and women that he serves. If you have a donation, please bring them to this meeting. Fr Zach Pinaire will be our speaker.

## GIRARD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Critical need for blood donors! Donate blood at the next drive on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard from 11:30am to 5:30pm. Donors will be entered for a chance to win a New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure! To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

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