

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2023 to Date
Contributions	\$ 3,883.88	\$ 16,904.03
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 16,904.03
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 29-August 6			
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
07/31 Mon		NO MASS	
08/01 Tues	5:30pm	Judy Smerchek	Arma
08/02 Wed	8:00am	Evelyn Severt	Girard
08/03 Thurs	8:00am	Sharon Cizerle	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
08/04 Fri	7:30am	Carol Battitori	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
08/05 Sat	4:00pm	Wally Rons	Arma
	5:30pm	Pro Populo	Girard
08/06 Sun	8:00am	Danny Black	Arma
	10:00am	Kevin O'Brien	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (08/05) 5:30pm	Sunday (08/06) 10:00am
Altar Servers	Aiden Ashbacher & Easton Clark	Marli Sisney & Gabby Graham
EME	Linda DeGarmo	Volunteer
Lector	Donna Martin	Michelle Puckett
Gifts	Leon & Theresa Obenhaus	Adam & Faith Paoni

## 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, Jacquelyn Miller, 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. We will also be collecting school supplies, if you would like to donate. 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.

## 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.

## CPR CLASS

Girard Medical Center will be hosting a CPR class in St. Michael's hall on September 19th at 6:00pm. The parish will cover the cost for parishioners. Please sign up in the entrance of the church, so GMC can plan accordingly.

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH; GUARDIAN OF THE BIBLE

The Catholic Church teaches that when the Pope & his Bishops are in Council, like Carthage or Vatican II, they are guided by the Holy Spirit. Our faith is in the Council at work and that these clerics make no errors. The word for such a belief is 'Infallible'. The term, when used in context with the Catholic Church, means by special assistance of the Holy Spirit, it CANNOT error when it teaches or believes a doctrine of faith or morals. Christ promised, "I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." If Christ is with the Church all days, it cannot err in teaching: it cannot lead the people away from God. No Christian denies that the Apostles were infallible. In fact, in the first century, they were the only authority in the Church. The Bible was not completed until the end of that century, nor was it within reach of all people. An infallible Bible is of no use without an infallible interpreter. History has proved this when we note how many Christian denominations have risen that deny the infallibility of the Catholic Church. By infallibility, the faithful know exactly what to believe and what to do in order that they may be pleasing to God and save their souls.

All Christian revelation comes to us from two sources: 1) God's Eternal Word in the Bible; and 2) the oral teachings of the apostles and their successors, known as TRADITION. Tradition means the handing down of revealed Truths, by word of mouth. This, the Apostles did, for the Gospel was PREACHED before there were any written Gospels. The written records of Tradition can be found in the Decrees of Popes, Councils, and the writings of Church Fathers. A good example of 'Council' would be the Vatican Council II, convened by St. John XXIII which lasted for 4 sessions from 1962 to 1965. It produced a series of documents to direct the life of the Church in the 20th century and beyond.

Returning to our main theme of a written Bible, once the Church had established an 'Official' Bible, the problem was that of duplicating it for use by the clergy. Copies were so difficult to obtain that many clerics had to share; therefore, it was rare for the faithful to have copies in their homes. You would hear the Word of God at the celebration of Mass. There were many monks who were intelligent enough to make EXACT copies of the Bible through the difficult process of longhand. Some of these monks literally lost their eyesight by spending most of their lives copying the Bible. Monks often enriched their work with pictures and comments. Often, it took as much as twelve years to make one copy!

All through the Middle Ages, the Church guarded the Holy Bible and made as many duplications of it as they could. Empires rose and fell during this period. Wars devastated Europe. Sacred buildings, public libraries, centers of knowledge & documents were destroyed. But, the Church and the Holy Bible remained intact. Christ had told Peter, the lead Apostle and first Pope: "...upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt 16:18-19. Big changes occurred in the 15th Century when the printing press was invented. We'll continue there. --Marcel Normand

## 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).

## ST. PAUL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Critical need for blood donors! Donate blood at the next drive on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul from 1:00pm to 6:30pm. 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).

## TOTUS TUUS THANK YOU TO BETH WILSON

Beth has been the Totus Tuus parish coordinator for many summers and has announced that this was her final summer to coordinate at St. Michael's. We thank Beth for her many years of coordinating and executing our successful parish program each summer for our children. Savana Ashmore will be taking over next summer, so please send her your prayers and wish her the best with her new responsibilities! And if you'd like to help in any way, reach out to Savanna to find out how you can help.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, August 1st at 7:00pm in St. Michael's Hall.

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