

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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COLLECTIONS		
	Last 2 Weeks	July 2023 to Date
Contributions	\$ 9,074.08	\$ 25,978.11
Expenses - July	\$ 14,679.99	\$ 14,679.99
Over/(Under)		\$ 11,298.12
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

Mass Schedule & Intentions for August 12-20			
08/12 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
08/13 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Doreta Mahy Johnson	Girard
08/14 Mon	5:30pm	Mary Davied	Girard
	7:00pm	Pro Populo	Arma
08/15 Tues	5:30pm	Bryce Reese	Arma
	7:00pm	Carol Battitori	Girard
08/16 Wed	8:00am	David & Ruby Westhoff	Girard
08/17 Thurs	8:00am	Helen Normand	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
08/18 Fri	7:30am	Evelyn Severt	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
08/19 Sat	4:00pm	Judy Smerchek	Arma
	5:30pm	Pro Populo	Girard
08/20 Sun	8:00am	Betty Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Verdan Davied	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (08/19) 5:30pm	Sunday (08/20) 10:00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	August Amershek & Nolan Leonard	Elijah & Isabella Walsh
<b>EME</b>	Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
<b>Lector</b>	Nancy Bauer	Connie Sponsel
<b>Gifts</b>	Butch & Mary Reif Family	Hank & Carrie Smith

## 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!

## HEARING DEVICES

In the gathering space of church is a newly positioned bookcase with books you are welcome to take and read. On top of the bookcase are 3 devices to aid parishioners who have difficulty hearing at Mass. Two of them have ear pieces that fit around the ear while one of them fits in the ear. Please be sure you shut them off after use so the battery lasts longer.

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

August 15th is the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is as follows:  
 August 14th: Girard at 5:30pm and Arma at 7:00pm  
 August 15th: Arma at 5:30pm and Girard at 7:00pm

## 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.

## DESIGNED BY GOD, WE OFTEN FALL SHORT IN FULFILLING HIS WILL

Most of us come to realize sometime during our journey on earth, that we were truly designed by God. He planned for us to be a beautiful reflection of Him, that every small detail that makes us who we are, our body shape, personality and intellect were purposefully woven together by Him. Now that seems like a lot to swallow, yet, trust me, biblical accounts speak of God's thoughts about His creation. He sees us right where we are, in this moment, and He wants to speak to our hearts. God wants to remind us of how incredibly valuable we are to Him. This is why Holy Mother Church constantly reminds us, through various homilies given at each Mass, that we should remember who made us and live up to God's expectations for each of us.

Yet, statistics reveal that church attendance for Catholics and Protestants is at a very low point. We hear a lot today about our young people---how they don't seem to know much, many are shallow thinkers. I read a survey of youth designed to reveal what they wanted in life: lots of money, fast cars, and fame! When I was teaching 20 years ago, I tried to impress upon students that fame is transient or fleeting. It really means nothing unless you're only thinking of money. What you'd do with the money would be far more important. Taylor Swift makes millions, but she can do only so much when it comes to enjoyment. What becomes of the remainder of her efforts? Probably, if she decided to use ALL of her earnings for pleasure, her mortal soul might be endangered! Fame just means that strangers stare at you and think you don't have feelings! I haven't seen where fame has really helped Lindsay Lohan or Justin Bieber. Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain had fame and who were her close friends? her maid? the gentleman who brought her food on a tray? Famous people usually have many 'acquaintances' but few close friends. Ask most young people who they consider famous and they will list entertainment people or athletes. Few would list spiritual leaders or inventors, certainly not most political leaders!!

However, the kids aren't completely to blame. If they worship money, it's because most adults do also. If they crave gadgets and fast cars, again, many adults pay homage to them too. An old maxim can explain this: 'the apple doesn't fall far from the tree!' Of course, fame, money, and power play a big role in our lives and each of them, if used sensibly, can make life worth living. To remain positive, they must be relegated to their proper importance. God has given us all these motivators to help us on our journey to Him and expects us to use them properly and not give them prime importance to our lives.

To sum it up, we've been uniquely formed by Our Creator and given breath by the touch of His hand. He loves us and is delighted when we give Him worship and praise. We are the 'poetry of God', His magnificent design. Our identity is connected to His Grace. We should hear more about our formation, for such understanding could result in more awareness of our purpose here--to serve God. Keep in mind that doing good and living wisely would be serving God.

---Marcel Normand

## 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.

## CARD SHOWER

Angie Carpino will be 98 years old on August 12th! Please send birthday wishes to: Angie Carpino, PO Box 127, Arma, KS 66712.

## ARMA HOMECOMING

St. Joseph Church (Arma) invites all to a free Homecoming Breakfast on August 13th from 9a.m. to 11 a.m. Come and meet old friends, socialize, and eat good food. All are welcome.

## ST. ALOYSIUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

St Aloysius Historical Society meeting Aug 13, 2023 at 7 PM at the Church in Greenbush.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to all the ladies of the parish who provided pies for the Angels Among Us café at the Crawford County Fair last week. Your generosity was greatly appreciated!

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