

Saint Mary's Church

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First Holy Communion - May 21, 2023



May God Bless You All.

*Let us pray that they will always know Jesus' love for them
and go out and share that love with everyone they meet.*

Clara, Ellerie, Faith, Hunter,
Hyde, Isla, Madeline, Peter, Tucker

*I am the bread of life...whoever eats this bread will live forever.
John 6: 35 -58*

May 28, 2023 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 27

4:30PM † Carmen Dietrich by M/M Jim Harlett **MA**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday May 28

8:30AM † Jamie Thomas by Mark & Val Patterson **MI**
10:30AM † Pat OConnor by M/M Joe Jirous **MA**
4:30PM † Waldon & Nancy Phillips by Mark & Donna Phillips.... **MI**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

Monday May 29 Memorial Day Mass- St Mary Cemetery Altar

8:00AM † All Military Veterans **MA**

Tuesday May 30 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Wednesday May 31 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Thursday June 1 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Friday June 2 No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Saturday June 3

4:30PM † Robert Wetherbee by Janice Beuschel **MA**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday June 4

8:30AM † Jim Drake by Joan Drake **MI**
10:30AM † Bob Bacon by Doug & Sue McKay **MA**
4:30PM † Michael Marz by Joe Hitchings **MI**
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

MA=St. Mary **MI**=St. Michael's



For the Week of May 28, 2023

Sunday Pentecost Sunday
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Or Ez 37:1-4 or Jl 3:1-5;
s 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 20, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Monday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr
Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 10:46-52

Friday Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	June 4 / 8:30 AM	June 4 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Bryson Lindberg Melena Lindberg	Madelyn Jonaitis Molly Jonaitis
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Veneklase Jennifer DeMull Joe Hitchings Kenny Harker Rosemary Weigel Cindy Lindberg Mark Phillips	Ken Schwallier NEED ONE
Lector	Carl Pohlman	Joe LeMieux
Sacristan	Jane Vituskas	NEED ONE
Ushers	Mary Bueche Joe Meerman Jim Ponshair Peter Nielsen	Bob Jonaitis NEED ONE
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	June 3 - 4:30PM	June 4 - 10:30AM
Sacristan	Matt Karr	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	MJ Potts Bryson Potts	Noah Davis Ty Ricord
Host	Butch Schoenborn Rose Mary Schoenborn Mary Kirkwood	Becky Warners Margie Jirous Paul Madura
Cup	Steve Lampe Michelle Lampe Vito Dolci Angie Hanks	Geary Farrell Jim Fritz Janette Ney Need One
Hospitality	Madison Potts Lisa Potts Austin Lampe Matt Potts	Bruck Kamp Marcia Kamp Nettie Leale Anthony Leale
Lector	Nicolette Looks	Jessica Pabst
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

Prayer for Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the first novena. Pentecost, with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event: the completion of the work of redemption, the fullness of grace for the Church and its children, and the gift of faith for all nations.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy Faithful; and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Mother's Day/ Father's Day PREGNANCY HELP Baby Bottle Drive!



Please pick up a Baby Bottle from the Narthex and fill it with your "extra change!" (dollar bills and checks are also welcome) Please return Father's Day Weekend. Thank You!

INTO THE MYSTERY

Saturday, June 10 | 9:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Aquinas College

Just two weeks left until Into The Mystery, a day of revival, fellowship, and the opportunity to grow deeply in your faith! Be sure to sign up for this event which will feature Mass with Bishop Walkowiak, talks from Father Jonathan Kelly and Meg Hunter-Kilmer, and a public Eucharistic procession. Celebrate your faith in a bold and beautiful way as we gather together to worship Christ in the Eucharist! Registration includes a box lunch and is \$10/person or \$40 for a family. Come for all or a portion of the day. All ages are welcome! To learn more, visit grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival



Meal Train for Fr Mike

Fr Mike has been enjoying his weekly homemade meals from our Parish Family. THANK YOU to everyone that has prepared a meal for him. It is very much appreciated. We do have a few open spots. Please take a moment to see if there is a date that would work for you to drop off a meal. It does not have to be fancy, he is very easy to please! If you would like to cook a meal for Fr Mike, please sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8vv97n> (or call the parish office)

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry (6-12 Grade) Summer Activities for Youth

Youth may engage in a Mission Trip, Steubenville Trip, help with Vacation Bible School, Michigan Adventure Trip and engage in Parish service projects and other fun day trips! Some of these options are for High School aged Youth and some are for Middle School Youth and some are for both. Dates and times have been sent out in email. If you're not on the Youth Ministry email and would like to be please contact Rebecca. After May 21, Middle School Youth are those entering 6-8 grade next fall and High School Youth are those entering 9th grade through 12 grade next fall, as well as, those newly graduated. For more information and/or dates please contact Rebecca.

Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



Fr. Mike's Musings



More than once we have sat through the first reading on Pentecost Sunday enduring the struggles of the lector as they try to properly pronounce the various nationalities listed by St. Luke in this passage from the Acts of the Apostles. It always makes for an interesting reading of God's word. Luke is, of course, symbolically telling us that the whole world has gathered to hear the Good News of the coming of the Holy Spirit among them. If we were to make a similar list of nations in the 21st Century, would we know all of the nations and peoples of the world? How many countries on the continent of Africa can we name? What do we know of the lives of the peoples of those countries? Are we able to name all of the nations of North, Central, and South America?

It is of no great importance as the Holy Spirit has come for all people, in every corner of the world. The Spirit does not recognize nations or ethnicities but embraces everyone equally as children of God. Realizing this we should wonder about the potential for lasting peace if all of the world's leaders spoke with conviction about our common brotherhood with a spirit of divine truth, equal justice, and genuine love. We could then effectively make great advances in our efforts to eliminate war, violence, poverty, and ignorance.

The first greeting that Jesus extends to His disciple after the Resurrection is: "Peace be with you." (John 20:19) He is not just simply saying, "Hi, have a nice day." He is sharing the peace of God with them as well as commissioning them to carry that same peace into the world, to all peoples regardless of their nation or heritage. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21) This gives us much to ponder as we meditate on everlasting the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

This year Pentecost coincides with our national observance of Memorial Day. Although Memorial Day is a secular celebration it still points to something that strikes a chord in all of us, uniting us in a common acknowledgement of what others have given us, regardless of ethnicity or heritage. We honor those who have paid the ultimate price, their lives, to protect and support those freedoms that we Americans hold dear. By their sacrifice for the good of all in our country they have earned our deepest and most heartfelt prayers and gratitude. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

Please Note:

Fr Mike will be away from the office Tuesday, May 30- Tuesday, June 13. He will return to the office on Wednesday June 14. Please be sure to make appointment prior to those days if you need to speak with him. During the time he is away, if an emergency arises, please call the emergency line 1.616.745.1409. We do have priests available during that time if needed. Mass Schedule for that time.

Monday, May 29- Memorial Day Mass - 8:00 AM at St Mary Cemetery Altar

May 30 - June 2 - No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Saturday, June 3 - Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - Mass 4:30 - St Mary

Sunday, June 4

Mass - 8:30AM- St Michael

Mass- 10:30AM St Mary

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - Mass 4:30PM - St Michael

June 5 - June 9 - No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

Saturday, June 10 - Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - Mass 4:30 - St Mary

Sunday, June 11

Mass - 8:30AM- St Michael

Mass- 10:30AM St Mary

Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - Mass 4:30PM - St Michael

Monday, June 12 No Mass

Tuesday, June 13 - No Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions

St Mary Parish Office will be closed - June 8, 9, 12

Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Joe Heminger & Laura Wierman.....July 22, 2023 (St Michael)

Wyatt VanDyke & Olivia Killebrew..... July 29, 2023 (St Michael)

Christian Hall & Kayleigh Kutchin August 25, 2023 (St Michael)

Marissa McDonald & Christopher Barczak.....October 7, 2023 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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St. Mary's Parish News

Religious Education

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Communion! Please continue to pray for them. Especially pray that they will receive Jesus in the Eucharist regularly for the rest of their lives.

Donations needed:

Please consider making a donation for Vacation Bible School by donating snacks, gift cards and other items needed. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

There are many ways for teens and adults to serve. Teens entering 6th grade next fall and older are invited to serve on the VBS team. The VBS Team will serve June 10-16. VBS is for children entering K-5th grade aged children and will be held June 12-15.

2023-24 Sacrament Prep: It's time to save your child's spot for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Please contact Rebecca Chicklon to register. Thank you.

Questions or comments:

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at dre@saintmarysmarne.org or 616-677-5065

High School Youth Ministry

See Cluster Page for more information.



Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Learn more at GRdiocese.org/CSA

CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00

Total Pledges Made: \$30,110.00 (58%) Balance: \$21,724.00

Participation: 81 of 292 Active Households (28%)

Totals as of May 22, 2023 **Thank you for your stewardship!**



Knights of Columbus #11581 News

Congratulations to the newly elected 2023/24 K of C Council #11581 Officers

Grand Knight Rob Rander
Deputy Grand Knight Bruce Kamp
Recorder Doug Frantz
Treasurer Joe Lothschutz
Chancellor Gary Karr
Advocate Steve Lampe
Warden Matt Karr
Inside Guard Jim Lown
Outside Guard Jim Kulhawik
Trustee 3 Carl Spence
Trustee 2 Dave Benedetti
Trustee 1 Jim Lothschutz
Financial Secretary Paul Lothschutz



To learn more about the Knights of Columbus' activities and what they do to support our parish community, the surrounding area, please contact Grand Knight: Rob Rander at: roblander82@gmail.com or come to a General Membership Meeting. Meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. For more info please visit: <https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus>

October 8 - Community Breakfast and Blood Drive

Register here: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/149333

Last chance to buy your tickets for the Blackstone Grill Raffle will be after Masses on May 27/28. Drawing will be June 1.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 29 - 8AM -

St Mary Cemetery Altar

Memorial Day Prayer:

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.



Save the Dates

June 12-15	Vacation Bible School
August 4	Mass of Hope, Health and Healing
Sep 10	Parish Picnic
Sept 12-16	Parish Directory Pictures- Watch for Sign Ups and more Info.
October 8	Knights of Columbus Councils Breakfast & Blood Drive

St Mary Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact the parish office or Linda at 677.3269. For evening requests call Darlene 453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com Please continue to pray for all of our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts.

Meal Train for Fr Mike

Fr Mike has been enjoying his weekly homemade meals from our Parish Family. THANK YOU to everyone that has prepared a meal for him. It is very much appreciated. We do have a few open spots. Please take a moment to see if there is a date that would work for you to drop off a meal. It does not have to be fancy, he is very easy to please!

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Giving Back to God

	May 20/21
Regular Contributions	\$4210.00
Capital Improvement	\$30.00
Online Contributions	\$747.00
Children's Contributions	\$31.00
Total	\$5018.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 11 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$66.98.

Save the date —

2023 Vacation Bible School: STELLAR, SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!
July 24-28th, from 6-8:30 pm.
Contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions. 616-384-4026.



CSA 2023 — Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Our parish goal for 2023 is \$59,280.00 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. To date, we have pledged \$37,650 (or 63.51%) toward our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



Congratulations — to all of our 2023 graduates at St. Michael's! Pictured here are the four Coopersville High School graduates who took part in our Graduation Mass last weekend with Fr. Mike:

(From left to right: Marissa Langlois, Lauren Sommers, Caden Polak and Trent Janose). God bless you as you begin a new chapter in your lives!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Our program is now on summer break. CLW will resume in September. Thank you Catechists and helpers for the dedication and talents you share with the children of our parish! Join us for Vacation Bible School July 24-28. Theme is **STELLAR, SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!**

Elementary Faith Formation: Thank you catechists and helpers for your dedication in sharing our Catholic faith with the Faith Formation students! Your generosity of giving your time and talent is greatly appreciated! Thank you! Our program is on summer break and classes will resume in the fall.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 is on Summer Break. Thank you Catechists for helping to catechize the students. Class will resume in September.

St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Brad Boerma, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Payton Patterson, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for + Carmen Dietrich
by Bob & Linda Rogers

St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.



Knights of Columbus News

Supporting our Seminarians — We encourage St. Michael's parishioners to pray for and send cards or letters to the following seminarians: 1) Mr. Casey Kreiner, Mundelein Seminary, 750 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Casey is in the 1st phase of formation, the "Spirituality Year." 2) Mr. Charlie Leidel, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060. Charlie is a First-Year theologian. 3) Mr. Greg Wasinski, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Greg is in his 2nd year of college at St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas.



What is it? The PaperGator® is a fundraiser where St. Michael's is paid to collect paper products for recycling.

What CAN go in the bins?

Newsprint
Catalogs/Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Office/School paper
Hard and soft cover books

What CANNOT go in the bins?

Paperboard
(Grocery Item boxes)
Plastic
Metal
Trash
Glass
Cardboard

Giving Back to God

May 21, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$3,453.00
Loose Cash	\$424.00
Holy Day	\$95.00
Children's Envelopes	\$13.50
Online Giving	\$750.00
Total	\$4,735.50
Financial Assistance	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$120.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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The Promise of Peace

Peace be with you! Peace is the fruit of Christ's Resurrection. "Peace" is his Easter greeting to the disciples. Peace is Paul's greeting in every letter. Peace is the message we announce to the world. And peace is the promise that Pentecost proclaims.

Peace is not simply the absence of conflict. There is not true peace in the home just because spouses are not actually fighting. There is not true peace in the city just because no riots have broken out. True peace between nations means more than not going to war. There is not true peace in schools or worksites just because no one is actively undermining someone else. Peace is unity of mind, heart and will. True peace is what Jesus came to establish on earth.

Christ's peace is a peace that nothing in this world can give. It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit's uniting all peoples of the world in truth and in love, in mutual understanding and acceptance, in a common commitment to the good of all without exception, just as God is committed to the good of all. The peace of Christ is the peace we strive to establish in family and social life, in business and politics, between ourselves and others. It can only be established as Christ established it: through our dying and rising again. Promoting peace means dying to all that divides us from one another; answering selfishness with self-sacrificing love; acknowledging and moving beyond past hurts through forgiveness; overcoming prejudice with openness; reconsidering our personal opinions through humility; facing our preferences and familiar customs with a willingness to change; breaking out of any ethnic exclusivity through a new vision of the human race.

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Following Jesus along the way of peace means that we must be willing to "turn our back on father and mother," renouncing any loyalty which obstructs our loyalty to God and to the whole human family. We are one people now—not "one nation under God" but one people, one family under a God who embraces all nations, all peoples, all cultures. We can accept no dividing lines; we have died to everything that divides us.

This peace is not just a gift; it is a process, something to work at, a goal to which we dedicate ourselves. To establish this peace, we have all been given the gift of ministry through the Holy Spirit poured out in our hearts. When Jesus says, "Peace be with you," that peace is the presence of the Spirit within us. The Spirit of Jesus is an active Spirit, an empowering, impelling Spirit who overflows with gifts of ministry to make us not merely the beneficiaries of peace but its bearers to the world. We do not simply receive peace as a gift; we accept it as a mission.

There are different gifts but the same Spirit; different ministries that serve the same Lord, working to es-

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Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13;
John 20:19-23



establish his Kingdom. There are different achievements, but they come from the same God working through us. Even in the diversity of our gifts and ministries, we are united through the one purpose, the one power, the one presence in us all.

The miracle of tongues at Pentecost reversed the Tower of Babel, where pride caused such conflicts that the false peace of separation became the only means of survival. Separation breeds mistrust; it distorts communication and destroys peace. Surrender to the Spirit restores communication by making us sharers in a common history “in Christ” and providing us with a common vision, purpose and language. It empowers us to unite the world in love, to proclaim peace with tongues of fire.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Eighth Week of the Year

***Pray daily:** Lord, you overcame sin and death that we might be free. You have told us not to worry about anything on earth because our Father in heaven knows what we need. Teach us to trust in the Father and be free. Amen.*

Monday: Mark 10:17-27. “Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’” What do you fear most about poverty? What did Jesus say about this fear?

Tuesday: Mark 10:28-31. “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house...or children or fields, for my sake...who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age...and in the age to come eternal life.” Do you believe this? How do you show it?

Wednesday: Mark 10:32-45. “...whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” How important is recog-

nition or status for you? What in your life shows Jesus’ attitude toward these?

Thursday: Mark 10:46-52. “Jesus said..., ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’” Would this be your answer? In what ways are you blind?

Friday: Mark 11:11-26. “My house shall be called a house of prayer...But you have made it a den of robbers.” What in your life keeps you from praying? What takes up your time? What can you do about it?

Saturday: Mark 11:27-33. Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.” If you really ask, “Who is Jesus Christ for me?” how might the answer change your priorities?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: List in descending order how much money you spend on shelter, insurance, education, the offertory collection at Mass, charity to others, food, drink, clothes, entertainment and other expenses.

As Disciple: Divide the expenses above into categories such as: “necessary or unavoidable,” “bears witness to proper care for myself,” “shows love for others,” “irrelevant to the Kingdom of God.”

As Prophet: Ask which expenses show explicit faith or hope in God. Which are explicit expressions of your love for God? (The emphasis here is on “explicit.” All expenses should be this implicitly, at least.)

As Priest: Decide how much you can spend specifically on helping the poor or ministering to others in need.

As King: Explicitly, formally, prayerfully give all your possessions to God. Write out a deed! Then accept responsibility for managing them according to God’s desires.

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