



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## *From the Pastor*

The county fair is soon coming to town. There will be showing of cattle, rides for children, and food of all kinds, among other things. I remember one time at a fair there was a 'trick' to win a prize and the trick was to ride a bicycle that had reverse steering; steer left and you go right, steer right and you go left. Even though I am pretty good at riding a bicycle, I did not try this one because as you may know the technique of the bicycle when it comes to steering is pretty much ingrained in our minds. Without a lot of practice this was a losing proposition.

That is how the evil one works with us; he knows the weak spots in our humanity and so uses those to trick us into thinking we can do the impossible. So we continue to work with our weak spots and trust in God to give us strength. We cannot get rid of our weaknesses because that would destroy our humanity, just as in the Gospel pulling the weeds before harvest might destroy the crop. So we have to work with our weaknesses in order to be stronger against the temptations that would sometimes seem impossible to resist.

Like offering sugar to a diabetic, the devil comes to us trying to make us think that we will not be harmed by what we know will separate us from our love for God. Our task is to resist the fall when the temptations come. Remember that the temptation does not harm us just as the weeds do not harm the wheat, if we follow the parable of Jesus. Unlike the parable, we need to throw out the temptation as soon as possible and not let it grow, which allows us to grow stronger in faith.

<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
Saturday	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am	8:00 am

<u>CONFESSION</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
Saturday	2:00-2:30 pm	3:15-3:45 pm
Weekdays before Mass, anytime by appointment		

### RECTORY HOURS & INFORMATION

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - Noon  
Rectory: (620) 724-8717  
In case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

**STAFF** Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney  
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### PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stmichaelgirard.com

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Finance Council</u>	<u>Parish Council</u>
Tony Stonerock, Chair TBA	TBA
<u>Altar Society</u>	<u>Knights of Columbus</u>
4th Monday of month 6:00pm	1st Tuesday of month St. Michael's hall
<u>Helping Hands</u>	<u>Daughters of Isabella</u>
Carrie Smith 724-6684	Marilyn Bradshaw 724-7133
<u>Kapaun's Men:</u> Friday mornings at 6am	

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for July 22 - 30

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Minister
July 22	Saturday	4:00pm	Harold VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Thurma Masser	Girard
23	Sunday	8:00am	Jim Davied	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
24	Monday	11:30am	No Intention	Girard
25	Tuesday	11:30am	No Intention	Girard
26	Wednesday	11:30am	Fr. Donald O'Hare	Girard
27	Thursday	11:30am	Gertrude McKinney	Girard
		8:30am-12:30pm	NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
28	Friday	11:30am	Wayne Coomes	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	NO Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
29	Saturday	4:00pm	Beverly Talarico Jenkins	Arma
		5:30pm	Cynthia Hayden	Girard
30	Sunday	8:00am	For the People	Arma
		10:00am	Jim Davied	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Next Saturday (7/29/17)</u>	<u>Next Sunday (7/30/17)</u>
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Carly & Macy Reif, Dawson Stegman	Josh Duling, Gage Born, Seth Wilson
<u>EMHC:</u>	Savanna Ashmore	Joan Davied
<u>Lector:</u>	Mary Twarog	Doug Lopeman
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	Ryan & Paula Severt family	Cliff & Janel Scales family

## TOTUS TUUS: JULY 23-28

Our summer youth program will be starting on July 23 (7:30pm-9:45pm) for 7-12 grade students and July 24 (9am-3pm) for 1-6 grade students at St. Michael's Hall. This is a free program for all children in our parish and the area. If you would like to send your child, please pick up a form in the back of the church. Forms will also be available at the event. Every family that attends is asked to bring a healthy snack to donate to share with the group. Children grades 1-6 are also asked to bring a sack lunch every day but Friday.

Totus Tuus was created in 1987 by Father Bernie Gorges here in Girard. The program is designed to share the gospel and promote the Catholic faith. This summer, it is estimated that in America about 70,000 youth will participate in a Totus Tuus program across the country. Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours," signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary.

## TOTUS TUUS POTLUCK

Everyone in the parish is invited to a potluck on Wednesday, July 26 at 5:30pm. Chicken will be provided. It will be a great time to get together as a parish and meet the Totus Tuus team.

## MASS & ADORATION CHANGES

Because we have Totus Tuus this week, ALL MASSES will be at St. Michael at 11:30, that includes a Mass on Monday. This also means that there will be no adoration this week at either church. Feel free to come and adore Jesus in the tabernacle.

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Before each 10:00am Sunday Mass, beginning at 9:15, there will be an opportunity to pray together as warriors to Jesus through The Immaculate Heart of Mary for God's Mercy for our sins and the whole world. We will pray "The Most Holy Rosary" (Fatima) and "The Divine Mercy" (as Jesus directed St. Faustina). If time is limited to complete the devotion, we may begin earlier. If you feel called to share in leading, please contact Deanne VanLeeuwen, 620-238-0504.

## BUILDING FUND UPDATE

I wanted to give you another update on how we are doing with the Parish Loan. You will notice that our balance on the loan after our next payment will be below the \$100,000.00 mark. That means you who are donating over and above your normal stewardship are helping the cause. Your donations to the building fund from January to June have been over \$7,000. Some other ways that we are using to pay off the loan are with interest from our endowment account at the diocese; that amount is \$20,000. We also were able to use a little over \$4,000 from memorials from people who remember the parish through

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2017 to date
	Contributions	\$2,141.5
Children's Offering	\$14.10	\$38.85
Expenses		-
Over / (Under)		\$8,198.90
Building Fund Contributions	\$280.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$97,983.46	

their loved ones. When visitors make comments to me about our church, they are always positive about how lovely our church is... Thank you for making it possible.

## THANK YOU

Gerald & Mary Davied would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, letters and well wishes while in the hospitals and rehab. We have proof positive that prayers do get answered. The doctors were quite surprised and amazed that an elderly person's skin grafts could heal so fast and so well. Please keep me in your prayers as I still have some other healing left yet.

## PIES NEEDED

We need pies for the Angels Among Us restaurant at the Fairgrounds. We need these Friday, August 4th. You can bring them to the Hall by 9:00am or take them to Fairgrounds. There will be a sign sheet in the back of the church. The proceeds from Angels Among Us help cancer patients in our area. If you need pies made, call Barb Siebert, 724-6448.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Reminder, Daughters of Isabella ladies, there will be NO meeting in July. Our next meeting will be our August 8. Trustee meeting will start at 7:00pm, monthly meeting at 7:30.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Mary Ita Brown (mother of Judy Widner), Audrey Casassa, Gerald Davied, Joan Davied, Gary Dowling, Fred and Marjorie Giefer, Herman Masser, Rosemary O'Toole, Howard Peak, Marie Pyle, Carter Roberts, Tom Weston, and Judy Widner who are ill or in need of prayers.

## ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The St. Paul's Group will begin meeting again on Sun. Aug.20 at 1:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Building in Pittsburg. The St. Paul Group is for single seniors. Hostess are Alberta Westhoff, Joan Davied, and Margie Eichorn. Bring a friend.

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