



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

“Are we there yet?” On a long trip you may hear a child ask this question or something similar. I have often thought something similar on long trips, and then quickly realized the answer; there was still road ahead to arrive at the destination.

Our celebration of Advent is almost over; we can think about the true joy that we have prepared to celebrate. The Christ child that the world awaited has come among us and we remember that joy to our world. We celebrate the God who came to us because we needed a savior to heal the wound of original sin. We celebrate the God who sent us a Son ready to be humble from the beginning of eternity and then showing us that humility in earthly life. This Son chose to be born in a stable to show humility.

Sometimes I think in our 'modern world' we have a hard time being humble because we have most everything at our fingertips. Even the child can have a device to let them know if we are there yet. In spite of all the 'conveniences', we still have opportunities to be humble and let the one we celebrate shine forth. We do not have to live in a stable to be aware of all the goodness with which God has blessed us. We can humble ourselves simply by recognizing the greatness of the child that we remember who became our savior. Is he here yet? Yes, he is here still.

MASS SCHEDULE GIRARD ARMA

Saturday 5:30 pm 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am 8:00 am

CONFESSION GIRARD ARMA

Saturday 2:00-2:30 pm 3:15-3:45 pm

Before all Masses, anytime by appointment

RECTORY HOURS

Thursdays 9:00 am - Noon

Rectory: (620) 347-4525

In Case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

STAFF Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney
Secretary: Georganne Galichia & Gay Kranker
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PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stjosepharma.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Dec. 23 - 31

| Date | Day | Time | Intention | Location |
|---------|-----------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Dec. 23 | Saturday | 4:00pm | August & Mary Bogina | Arma |
| | | 5:30pm | Fr. Alex Kennedy | Girard |
| 24 | Sunday | 8:00am | Harry VanLeeuwen | Arma |
| | | 10:00am | Stan Thomas | Girard |
| | | 4:00pm | BJ & Pat Billiard | Arma |
| | | Midnight | For the People | Girard |
| 25 | Monday | 8:00am | Matt & Troy Schmidt | Arma |
| | | 10:00am | Verdan Davied | Girard |
| 26 | Tuesday | 5:30pm | Ed & Gertrude McKinney | Arma |
| 27 | Wednesday | 6:30pm | Pete DeLange | Girard |
| 28 | Thursday | 8:00am | Intention of the Celebrant | Arma |
| 29 | Friday | 7:00am | Lee Sponsel | Girard |
| 30 | Saturday | 4:00pm | Intention of the Celebrant | Arma |
| | | 5:30pm | Ron Breneman | Girard |
| 31 | Sunday | 8:00am | Frank Doue | Arma |
| | | 10:00am | For the People | Girard |
| | | 5:30pm | Verl Diskin | Girard |

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

| | Sat. (12/30) | Sun. (12/31) | Mon. (12/25) |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 4:00pm | 8:00am | 12:00noon |
| Altar Servers: | Owen Waterman | Cody Burns | Owen Waterman |
| EMHC: | Sharon Giacometti | Cindy Ashmore | Lindsay Waterman |
| Lector: | Anna Meyer | Pat Westhoff | Marcel Normand |
| Gift Bearers | Lindsay & Gianna Waterman, Agnes Goodman | Terry & Tejay Cleland | Louise Jarboe & Georganne Galichia |
| Usher/ | Joe Broyles Frank Grano | Dave Ashmore Wally Rons | Emil Pronier Frank Grano |

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| Expenses | | \$33,815.13 |
| Over / (Under) | | \$8,781.59 |

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: St. Joseph at 4:00pm
St. Michael at Midnight

Christmas Day: St. Joseph at 8:00am
St. Michael at 10:00am

New Year's Eve: St. Michael at 5:30pm

New Year's Day: St. Michael at 10:00am
St. Joseph at 12:00pm

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love."

- St Maximilian Kolbe

Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thank you to the following volunteers that helped put up the garland, trees and decorate: Tejay and Terry Cleland, Ron and Joan Black, Pat Westhoff, Barb Esposito, Dave, Cindy and Dustin Ashmore, Emil Pronier, Gay Kranker, Joan Barbieri and a very special thank you to Larry Black who does all the finishing touches after the workers are finished.

CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2018 Catholic calendars are available. We wish to thank Barry Bedene for sponsoring our parish calendars each year.

SPAGHETTI FEED PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Spaghetti Feed Planning Committee will meet with Denise Bertoncino on Tuesday, Jan. 9, following 5:30 Mass (around 6:00 p.m.). Anyone who is interested in helping to plan the Spaghetti Feed is welcomed to come to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to set the date for the event. If you have any questions, call Karen Pryer, 347 4613.

KAPAUNS MEN

The men's group Kapauns Men will resume meeting on Jan. 12 at 6:00am in the St. Michael parish hall.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

OFFICERS:

Pat Westhoff - Chair, Karen Pryer - Secretary, Debbie Amershek, Dustin Ashmore, Joe Broyles, Debbie Shaub

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chair - Karen Pryer
EMEs - Joan Black
Ushers/Greeters - Bill Harman
Altar Society - Margaret Setina
Lectors - Linda Broyles
Music - Jan Harman

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Members: Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback, Linda Broyles

ADORATION

Adoration will take place at both parishes this week at the usual times (8:30am-12:30pm in Arma and 8:00am-6:00pm in Girard). It was only omitted from the Mass Schedule this week because of lack of space.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, following 5:30 Mass.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Our Christmas poinsettias and decorations are made possible by the generous people of St. Joseph parish in remembrance of the following people: Aaron Kreutzer, The Filosa Family, Francis Buche, John and Isabel Beitzinger, Jules and Mary Ginardi, John and Elvina Buche, Johnnie Albertini, Theresa Hartman, Carl Broyles, Charles and Virginia Schaub, Joe and Betty Youvan, Clifford and Sylvia Endicott, Connie Morris, Andy and Beatrice Ashbacher, Steve and Josie Prasniker, Louis and Johanna Chebultz, Stephanie Ashbacher Wilson, Henry Goodman, Larry Shilts, Frank H. Ales, Frank and Mary Ales Family, Jake and Rose Podpechan Family, Bill and Florence Talarico, Beverly Talarico Jenkins, The Martino and Talarico Families, Helen and George Baird, Randy Peak, John and Verna Lee Varsolona, The Arabia and Carpino Families, Norman and Ina Diedrich, Roy and Eva Smith, Oscar and Mary Cleland, Ray Barto, The Black Family, John Barbieri, Mary and Phil Barbieri, Vance and Babe Pistotnik, Evaughn Boswell, Dan and Carol Cole Family, Lay and Anna Rons, Lawrence and Julia Zibert, Marion Rowland, Eugene and Ledia Scassellati, Lawrence and Winnifred Walsh, Eddie L. Walsh, Eugene Scassellati, Jr., The Skibbie and Cizerle Families, Marcel and Mary Normand, The Bogina, Gallagher, Keith and Sweeney Families, Bob Pazzie, Frank and Barbara Doue, Harry VanLeeuwen, Francis and Ann Krusich, Issie Stefani, Emma Marchetti, Borello and Yartz Families, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer, Anna and Jerry Meyer, Ando and Marie Lobile, John and Mary Bertoncino, Alice and Jim Mussat, The Busse and Pronier Families, the health of Father Colin Boor.



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