



St. Michael 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.

<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
Before all Masses, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Fridays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Dec. 23 - 31

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

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
12/30/17	12/31/17
5:30 pm	10:00 am

Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales, Sara Goble, Isabella Dawson Stegman, Walsh, Josh Duling

EMHC: Janel Scales Anna Goble

Lector: Donna Martin Faith Paoni

Gift Bearers: Joan Davied & Ron & Jeanette Davied
Jeannie Herod

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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.

THANK YOU

The St. Michael's Angels would like to extend a Thank You to the church family and Altar Society for their generous donations to this year's holiday assistance program. This year, we were able to provide a merry Christmas for 16 children, ages 6 months to 18. Without you, this would not be possible. Thank you for your generosity and have a very blessed Christmas.

KAPAUNS MEN

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Gerald Azember, Mary Ita Brown (mother of Judy Widner), Audrey Casassa, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Ron Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), Donna Little, Herman Masser, Rosemary O'Toole, the family of Rhaysa Velazquez Paoni (in Puerto Rico), Howard Peak, Janice Madl Pennewell (daughter of Alban Madl), Marie Pyle, Carter Roberts, Sarah (last name withheld), Tom Weston, and Judy Widner who are ill or in need of prayers.

TRAVELING CATHOLICS

If you or your loved ones will be traveling during the holiday season, you can always find a Catholic Church near you at masstimes.org. You are advised to call the parish in advance and confirm that listed mass times are correct.

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2017 to date
	Contributions	\$3,345.00
Children's Offering	\$5.00	\$329.88
Expenses		\$55,919.42
Over / (Under)		\$9,153.31
Building Fund Contributions	\$20.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$87,275.26	

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.

CRAFT DAY

Craft day will be the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month from 8:30am until 1:30pm in the parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one please call the parish office, 724-8717.

ROSARY HOSPITAL

If you have a rosary that needs fixed, place it in the Rosary Hospital box in the back of church. Please include your name and phone number, in case there are questions. If there are beads or metals missing, I will try my best to match them. Only prayer payment accepted. -Paula Severt (620) 724-7585

PSR CANCELLATION POLICY

Reminder: Any time school is not in session (weather, school holiday) for USD 248, PSR classes are not held. The cancellation will also be posted on the St. Michael Parish website (find us at stjosepharma.com) and the St. Michael's Facebook page.



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