



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
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  
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Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

There are many references to leprosy in the Bible. But what do we really know about the disease? Wikipedia describes leprosy as a long-term infection due to a bacteria. It goes on to say that initially, the infection is without symptoms and typically remains this way for 5 to 20 years. However, once the symptoms appear, the afflicted individual develops thick nodules on the skin, which lead to numbness in the affected areas, which may result in a lack of ability to feel pain. Often extremities are lost due to unnoticed wounds that develop, which the person never feels.

Disturbing as the physical condition is, perhaps the many Biblical references to this ghastly disease are symbolic of something even more deadly. Jesus certainly knows that he can do something far greater for the leper in today's gospel than to cure his physical condition. He tells the man to tell no one of his healing, but instead to go to the priest and make an offering for his cleansing. The man does the opposite.

Are we sometimes like this leper? Is it possible to contract "spiritual leprosy"? Like physical leprosy, we may not even know we have it for many years. By the time we realize we've got it, our hearts have begun to callous and harden. We become numb to sin and evil, desensitized. We wound ourselves repeatedly, unaware that we are even doing it, numb to the pain that is caused by sin.

Human nature is to seek healing for physical ailments, but often we overlook our spiritual frailties. This week, as we begin the season of Lent, let us look deeply at our spiritual health and well-being. What healing does Jesus want to give us? How can we be cleansed of the spiritual leprosy in our life? What is it that keeps us from developing a more intimate relationship with our Creator, Savior and Sustainer?

Most gracious and compassionate Jesus, show us the ugliness of our own "leprosy" and "if you will it, make us clean."

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Feb. 10 - 18

Feb. 10	Saturday	4:00pm	Aaron Kreutzer	Arma
		5:30pm	Winnie & Lawrence Walsh	Girard
11	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
12	Monday	NO MASS		
13	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
14	Wednesday	6:30pm	Pete DeLange	Girard
15	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
16	Friday	7:00am	Deceased Daughters of Isabella	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
17	Saturday	4:00pm	Vernon Hershberger	Arma
		5:30pm	Thurma Masser	Girard
18	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Ash Wed. (2/14) 12:00 noon	Sat. (2/17) 4:00pm	Sun. (2/18) 8:00am
Altar Servers:	Anna Meyer	Owen Waterman	Tejay Cleland
EMHC:	Joan Black	Lindsay Waterman	Joan Black
Lector:	Barry Bedene	Pat Westhoff	Ron Pommier
Gift Bearers	Louise Jarboe & Georganne Galichia	Margaret Setina & Gay Kranker	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
Usher/ Greeter	Emil Pronier & Frank Grano	Emil Pronier & Frank Grano	Dan Cole & Ron Black

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<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	TBA	\$51,810.58
Expenses - December		\$41,732.29
Over / (Under)		\$10,078.29

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

The mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows: 7:00am and 6:30pm at St. Michael's. Noon at St. Joseph's in Arma.

### **POINSETTIAS**

With the start of Lent this Ash Wednesday, the poinsettias will be removed from the altar. Anyone wishing to take one or more or all of the flowers may do so after the Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass this week.

### **ATTENTION: ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS**

The first meeting for the new year will be Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. Anyone interested in joining Altar Society, please come to the meeting. Dues of \$5 a year will be collected at this time.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next parish council meeting will be Tuesday, February, 20, following 5:30 Mass.

### **ST. BRIDGET'S FISH FRY**

The Knights of Columbus at St. Bridget's in Scammon are once again having their famous fish fry. The dates are Feb. 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16, & 23. For more information see the bulletin board at the back of church.

### **ST. PAUL'S GROUP**

The next meeting of the St. Paul's group will be Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1pm at the Knights of Columbus building, 11th & Joplin in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's Group is for single seniors. Hostesses are: Margie Eichhorn, Rosemary Charters, and Mary Kiel. Hope to see you then!

### **DONATIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT**

The Knights of Columbus #7607 Girard/Arma Council will be collecting baby items for Birthright through the months of January and February. There are tubs in the back of both St. Michael's and St. Joseph's churches that you can place items in. Birthright is a free crisis pregnancy center that promotes the right to life of the unborn, and helps expectant mothers with emotional support and practical assistance.

### **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

### **SOUP & CHILI FEED**

St. Michael's Soup & Chili Feed will be Feb. 24 from 5 to 7pm & Feb. 25 from 10am to 1pm. Come join us for fellowship, as well as delicious soup, chili & pie. Free will donations will be accepted.

### **SPAGHETTI FEED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Spaghetti Feed is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Last year's dinner was a great success because of the tremendous support of the parish community and local businesses. Again, we will need your help to make this year's dinner a success.

1. Tickets for the Spaghetti Feed and prize drawing were passed out before and after Mass on February 3-4, 2018. Please return the tickets and/or money by February 24-25. Place an envelope in the collection basket marked "Spaghetti Feed" or return to Karen Pryer.
2. Desserts - parishioners, please bring a dessert to the hall on Saturday, March 3, before 5:00 p.m. The hall will be open by 10:00 a.m.
3. Donations - if you have supplies for the dinner that you would like to donate or if you have something to donate for prize drawings, please contact Denise Bertoncino as soon as possible. The more donations we have, the less we need to purchase.
4. If you have not volunteered and would like to, please email or call Denise Bertoncino at [dbertoncino@pittstate.edu](mailto:dbertoncino@pittstate.edu) or 417-825-8758. Previous volunteers will be contacted to see if they wish to participate again this year.

### **GIRARD'S SESQUICENTENNIAL**

Girard will be 150 years old on Feb. 28. There will be a community birthday party at 1:00pm that day on the Courthouse lawn. We will have performances by our youth, a mayoral address, birthday cupcakes and more! We hope you will join us! In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the GHS gymnasium. We are celebrating our town's Sesquicentennial throughout 2018 with various events. Learn more at [girard150.com](http://girard150.com) or [facebook.com/girard150](https://www.facebook.com/girard150).



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