



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

We have begun the Lenten Season; Ash Wednesday we received our customary sign to remind us that we are called to look inward, to re-evaluate our spiritual life. We ask to grow in understanding. That's our goal for Lent. We desire to understand the riches hidden in Christ. And, we ask that we might pursue the effects of those riches, by worthy conduct.

Mark tells us "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert." Though Satan tempted Jesus, it was the Spirit who was guiding Jesus into this experience. Jesus came out of the desert, prepared by the Spirit, to encounter and face the temptations that would confront him for the rest of his life - right up to the Garden, the night before he died. It would have been tempting for him to use his power, to bargain with the devil himself. Instead, Jesus understood these "battles" and placed himself in his Father's hands - "Not my will, but yours be done."

The word "temptation" has its roots in a word that means "leaning" or "tending." Our temptations are the attractions, habits, safe havens of escape for us. Going into the desert - stripping ourselves of all the noise and distractions (things that lean us or tend us in the opposite direction) - so that we can see more clearly, understand with greater focus, what we are really like - what we are really about. We can use this time of Lent to open our eyes to the ways that we turn away from our faith. We can recognize the struggles we have day by day. As we discover the way we are 'leaning' toward or away from God, we can then decide to go in the direction that God calls us. Being in the desert of Lent helps us because we are not distracted by the normal routine. May our journey in the desert of Lent bring us closer to God.

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
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STAFF Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney
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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 Feb. 17 - 25

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Location
Feb. 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
19	Monday	NO MASS		
20	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
21	Wednesday	6:30pm	Joyce Elaine Westhoff	Girard
22	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
23	Friday	7:00am	Patty Haderlein	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
24	Saturday	4:00pm	Iside Stefani	Arma
		5:30pm	Joyce Elaine Westhoff	Girard
25	Sunday	8:00am	For the People	Arma
		10:00am	Dave Gall	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (2/24/18) 4:00pm	Sun. (2/25/18) 8:00am
Lector:	Pat Westhoff	Carol Cole
Usher/ Greeter:	Joe Broyles & Dave Petrey	Dave Ashmore & Wally Rons
EMHC:	Linda Carpino	Cindy Ashmore
Gift Bearers:	Donna & Denise Bertoncino	Tracey & Greg Bogina
Altar Servers:	Jack & Eve Bertoncino	Cody Burns

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	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$643.00	\$54,252.58
Expenses - January	\$9,322.38	\$51,054.67
Over / (Under)		\$3,197.91

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross in Arma will be on Tuesday nights following Mass. The Way of the Cross in Girard will be on Friday nights following Benediction at 6PM. I apologize for not having this in last week's bulletin.

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 this 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.

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.

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

SPAGHETTI FEED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get ready for the FABULOUS Spaghetti Feed on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the hall from 5:00-7:30 p.m. You do not want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to have a great dinner, fantastic dessert, and fellowship!

- Desserts – parishioners, please bring a dessert to the hall on Saturday, March 3, before 5:00 p.m. The hall will be open by 12:00 p.m.
- Donations – if you have something to donate for the prize drawings, please contact Denise Bertoncino (dbertoncino@pittstate.edu) as soon as possible. If you know someone who would like to donate 25 lbs. of hamburger for the meatballs, please contact Denise. We have had some changes with the meat donations this year.

GIRARD'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

Girard will be 150 years old on Feb. 28. You're invite to a community birthday party at 1:00pm that day on the Courthouse lawn. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the GHS gymnasium. We are celebrating our Sesquicentennial throughout 2018 with various events. Learn more at girard150.com or [facebook.com/girard150](https://www.facebook.com/girard150).

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Scott Aldrighetti, who is ill or in need or prayers.

MEDJUGORIE SPEAKER

Hear "The firsthand Witness" of Fr. Leon Pereira OP, Chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, who has lived and ministered to hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in Medjugorje. He speaks with wit and insight as he shares Our Lady's Messages and his amazing testimony.

- Monday, March 5th: 7pm - St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, March 6th: 8:30am Talk/Potluck Breakfast
Clare Hall at St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, March 6th: 7pm - St. Peter, Schulte



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