



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

I looked up the definition of generosity and found that it means the quality of being kind and generous or the quality or fact of being plentiful or large. The widows in today's readings appear to truly live out all of those qualities. I think we can say they both lived generosity. The first widow Elijah encounters is poor and is in survival mode with her son; famine has control of her country. The second is likewise a widow, the subject of the "widow's mite" in the gospel.

The gospel scene today recounts the story of Jesus observing people putting money into the treasury. Rich people put in large amounts for the treasury, but Jesus noted for his disciples to observe that the poor widow who added a couple of cents gave more than the rich people, because (the rich) gave from their surplus, but the widow gave from "her poverty. . . (from) her livelihood."

The comparison between the two women is astounding. We observe that both gave abundantly from their poverty. For that reason, I think that we can say that they were living the definition of generosity. We too give out of our own poverty of spirit. To give from one's poverty calls us to a leap of faith, hope and love. Elijah and Jesus/his disciples, model for us our response to people in need.

Who are the persons we serve today? To name but a few: those seriously sick among us; those who have lost lifetime jobs; those who, like the widows, lack the necessities of life; the constant stream of people-migrants who wander our earth in search of a home, mercy and peace.

As we think about Stewardship we can remember the definition... a grateful response... As we respond to God with our gifts, we can remember the widows and their generosity. Each one used their gifts to be a cheerful giver to those other than themselves. May God bless us in our generosity.

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 & INFORMATION

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

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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 Nov. 10 - 18

Nov. 10	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	Verdan & Mary Davied	Girard
11	Sunday	8:00am	Francis Buche	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
12	Monday	NO MASS		
13	Tuesday	5:30pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
14	Wednesday	6:30pm	Marie Pyle	Girard
15	Thursday	8:00am	Jack Wilson	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
16	Friday	7:00am	Charles Gouvion	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
17	Saturday	4:00pm	Linda Davied	Arma
		5:30pm	Luke Andrew Walsh	Girard
18	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Ed Walsh	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday 11/17/18 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 11/18/18 10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Kooper & Dawson Stegman	Makenna Smith & Cory Puckett
EMHC:	Carrie Smith	Marilyn McCracken
Lector:	Linda Moore	Faith Paoni
Gift Bearers:	Michael & Joni Benso family	Ronnie & Jeanette Davied

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K OF C TOY SHOW

Girard/Arma Knights of Columbus invite everyone to their 28th Annual KOC Farm Toy Show on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the St. Michael's hall.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Parents of Confirmation students: a reminder that if you were unable to attend the Parent Meeting on Nov. 7, you will need to schedule an individual meeting for you, Fr. Floyd, and your student. Attendance for all Confirmation classes is mandatory. Please make sure students are attending each Wednesday.

ARMA CANTATA

The Arma Community Choir presents "Christmas Presence", a musical performance featuring selections by Pepper Choplin, conducted by Michael Doue. Performance will be Sunday, Dec. 2, at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church. Refreshments will be served afterward.

ADVENT RETREAT

Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Pittsburg is hosting an Advent Retreat for Persons with Disabilities on Saturday, December 8 from 1:30 to 5:00pm, followed by Mass at 5:30.

LATIN MASS

The Traditional Latin Mass is held the first Sunday of each month at 11:00am, at the Newman Center in Pittsburg. All are welcome.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13, in St. Francis Hall. Audit meeting beginning at 5:30pm with pot luck dinner at 6:00pm, followed by the meeting and concluding with the memorial service honoring our deceased members. Our Area Coordinator, Helen Wales will be a special guest. Daughter of the month of October was Mary Jean Zandler. Kathie Grosdidier was welcomed as a new member at the October meeting. Regent, Linda DeGarmo has the Scholarship applications if any lady needs one for her daughter or granddaughter. November committee: Mauricia O'Brien, Rose Harmon, Carolyn Baldwin, and Fidela Godinez. Bring your favorite dish and come enjoy the evening.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Jason Diskin, Gary Dowling, Wayne Kanute, Ron Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), Donna Little, Herman Masser, Jean McClaskey, John Oplotnik, Rosemary O'Toole, Rhaysa Velazquez Paoni, Janice Madl Pennewell (daughter of Alban Madl), Alvin Perrin, Bernardine Shively, and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

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COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$3,204.19	\$49,902.26
Children's Offering	\$0	\$260.55
Expenses - October	\$19,358.11	\$53,466.44
Over / (Under)		(\$3,303.63)
Building Fund Contributions	\$610.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	-	

WESTRIDGE ACTIVITIES

Father leads a 'scripture study and sharing' two times a month at the Westridge facility in Girard, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM. If you would like to join us, feel free. On the other Wednesdays of the month, some of our parishioners are present to lead a rosary or other spiritual activity.

SUPPORT FOR MADISON

Madison Smith, daughter of Hank and Carrie Smith, would appreciate your prayers and support as she prepares for her upcoming mission. To follow her experiences, you can read Madison's blog at www.madisonelaine.home.blog. You can also help support her financially by sending donations to Family Missions Co., 12624 Everglade Rd., Abbeville, LA 70510. You can also receive weekly updates and contribute online at www.madisonsmith.familymissionscompany.com. Madison is going into the world representing our parish family, let us support her as she dedicates herself to serving God's children.

BUILDING FUND

The building fund envelopes will remain in the pews so those who wish to continue to help us be prepared for the future may contribute to the cause. We do not have any immediate plans for building, but our buildings do need to be maintained so having the resources is a benefit and a blessing.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

CHRISTMAS HOMES TOUR

The First Christian Church and the Girard Sesquicentennial Committee are pleased to present a Historic Christmas Homes Tour on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 2 to 5:30pm. Join us for a tour of some of Girard's most historically significant homes! Tickets are \$10 each or 5 for \$45 and can be purchased at the FCC, the Girard Chamber office, or from any FCC member. Sesquicentennial Committee member and St. Michael parishioner, Nancy Bauer also has tickets to sell, 724-8533.

KAPAUNS MEN

Kapauns Men meet Friday mornings at 6am in the parish hall. All men are welcome.