



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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(620) 347-4525  
Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## From the Pastor

As I write this on the day before Thanksgiving, I imagine everyone is thinking about what they will be doing tomorrow: what is planned for the meal, what activities will the children be doing, what game or games will be on the screen (maybe not everyone will be watching TV), will everyone be able to be there? The obvious question which some will ask is: What are the many things for which we are thankful? There is no need for me to make a list because each of you have the list in your own mind. I am thankful for this wonderful parish that the Lord has given me to serve, good health, being closer to where my family (at least part of it) has kept roots, a faith strengthened by history going back to our founder and savior Jesus Christ. We as a nation celebrate a national holiday; our leaders have thought the idea of thankfulness should be enough to take time to remember all that we have received. We as children of God know from where all our blessings come; they come from God. It is by coincidence that this public holiday comes at the end of our liturgical year giving us a reminder to be thankful to God for all the good that has happened to us this year. I know we will or can do the same at the end of December, but why not take advantage of another opportunity to give thanks to our creator.

At the end of our liturgical year, we also celebrate Christ our King who is the presence of God here on earth, and honor our King who came to be one like us in all things but sin. He reminds us that in our humanity we will make mistakes, but we have a King who is more than a simple leader. We know that we have an opportunity to approach our King who is willing to forgive the mistakes we make because of our weakness in our humanity. Let us remember to come to Him in our need even as we thank him for blessings received.

**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  
Bookkeeper: Janel Scales  
Bulletin Editor: Nancy Bauer  
bauerbackes@yahoo.com

**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
www.stjosepharma.com

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Nov. 24 - Dec. 2

Nov. 24	Saturday	4:00pm	Barb Doue	Arma
		5:30pm	Stan Thomas	Girard
25	Sunday	8:00am	Linda Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
26	Monday	NO MASS		
27	Tuesday	5:30pm	Francis Buche	Arma
28	Wednesday	6:30pm	Lelia LaForge	Girard
29	Thursday	8:00am	Jack Wilson	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
30	Friday	7:00am	Bob Niggemann	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
Dec. 1	Saturday	4:00pm	Barb Doue	Arma
		5:30pm	Verdan & Mary Davied	Girard
2	Sunday	8:00am	Jack Wilson	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (12/1/18) 4:00pm	Sun. (12/2/18) 8:00am
Lector:	Barry Bedene	Linda Broyles
Usher/ Greeter:	Pat Westhoff & Emil Pronier	Joe Broyles & Joe Polhlopek
EMHC:	Linda Carpino	Joan Black
Gift Bearers:	Louise Jarboe & Georganne Galichia	Scott & Susie Aldrighetti
Altar Servers:	Owen & Gianna Waterman	Tejay Cleland

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	<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	
	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,221.00	\$27,514.26
Expenses		\$22,896.49
Over / (Under)		\$4,617.77

### **FOOD BASKETS**

The Arma Cantata Fund (formerly Community Pantry) is preparing food baskets for needy families to be distributed before Christmas. We welcome donations of canned goods, non-perishable foods and toiletries. Donation box will remain at the entry of St. Joseph's Church until December 2nd, the night of the Cantata. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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.

### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

The next Altar Society meeting will be Wednesday, November 28, at 6:00pm. Final plans for the Cantata that will take place December 2, 6:00pm at St. Joseph Parish.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

High School students are eligible to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC, Jan. 15-20, 2019 with our diocese. If you are interested, please turn in the registration form emailed to all high school parents, along with the \$200 fee. Those participating will also have several fundraisers to help offset travel expenses. Registration paperwork and money needs to be turned in by Wed., Dec 5. If you have questions, please contact Paula Severt or Michelle Puckett.

### **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.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jason Diskin, Lisa Pitts Martin and Alvin Perrin who are ill or in need of prayers.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please note that individuals on our prayer list are left on until a request is made to remove them. Requests to be added or removed can be sent to: bauerbackes@yahoo.com. Thank you.

### **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 -  
Altar Society - Margaret Setina  
Lectors - Linda Broyles  
Music - Jan Harman

#### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:**

Members: Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback, Linda Broyles, Dan Cole

### **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 on the campus of Pittsburg State University. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT**

If you are interested in advertising your business or know someone who might be, please contact Janel Scales at jmscales414@gmail.com. The cost is \$100 for a year and is tax deductible. Thank you!

### **SUPPORT FOR MADISON**

St. Michael's parishioner 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](http://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](http://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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Please put any Mass requests in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Please include your name, the name of the person the mass is for, the dates requested and the stipend. Or you can call the St. Michael parish office, 724-8717.