



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

The saying is "If it's not broke, don't fix it." We all have an inclination to tell someone about things that have helped us to live better lives. It might be a diet, a book we have read, an exercise that made us healthier, or anything that we see as beneficial. The response we receive can be 'Yeah, that's nice', or it can be an interested 'How's that going?' or we could even have the person ask questions because they are actually wanting to know more about the topic. When someone truly wants to improve their life, they are willing to listen to something that could be of help to them.

One of the biggest barriers to proclaiming our faith is that people think their lives are not broken spiritually so they see no reason to listen to something that will fix their lives. They are content to say a few prayers now and then, but mostly they keep their focus on this world instead of on the next. If they think about the next world at all, they assume they'll end up in "the Good Place" with all their friends and family. In other words, there is no problem, so why should they look for a solution? If someone thinks they are guaranteed heaven, or doesn't think heaven exists, or doesn't care either way, then they won't be a receptive audience; they will see the Faith as nothing more than a nice hobby.

Yet people recognize that something is wrong in the world, that something is wrong within them. They can know, deep down, that they are broken, but they might hide from their brokenness through busyness or entertainment or drugs. Before we say a word about Jesus, our task as evangelists may be to help people uncover their brokenness so that they might truly seek to repair it through Christ. He is the one we prepare to celebrate.

So, yes, we need to talk about hell more. But most people have no concept of hell other than a comic-book idea of fire and a horned man in red pajamas, so just telling people they might be bound for hell is unlikely to be effective in most situations. We can, however, focus on the emptiness of the world's promises, the things that give no lasting happiness or peace. Only in Christ can we find the contentment and joy we all search for. We can help fix the broken.

	COLLECTIONS	
	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,941.00	\$30,536.26
Expenses		\$22,896.49
Over / (Under)		\$7,639.77

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all, so we could not practice our Catholic faith without their life and ministry. You should have received or will soon receive an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing. Your gift will be used to benefit the 37 men now studying for the priesthood in the Wichita Diocese and the 19 priests in retirement. I would ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift at this most holy time of year to support our priests.

COOKIE/CRAFT SALE

The Annual Holiday Cookie & Craft Event sponsored by First Christian Church in Girard will be Friday Dec 14 from 7am till sold out. First Presbyterian Church, 202 N Summit. Delicious Homemade Cookies and Candy, and Delightful Crafts.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS

During Advent, remember that I, or Fr. Lee, will be in the confessional before Saturday evening Mass and after Mass on Sunday morning. Just in case. - Fr. Floyd

HOLY DAY - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, Dec. 8, is the Holy Day for our Blessed Mother, The Immaculate Conception. There will be one Mass for this Holy Day, 6:00pm Friday, Dec. 7, at St. Michael in Girard. Pittsburg has a 5:30pm Mass on Friday, and 8:00am and 11:00am Masses on Saturday.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 8:00am mass on **Sunday, December 16**. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jason Diskin, Lisa Pitts Martin, Alvin Perrin, and George Stonerock 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.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The St. Paul's Group (for widows, widowers, and single seniors) will hold their Christmas Party at 1pm on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the KOC Bldg, 11th & Joplin in Pittsburg. We will have a covered dish luncheon, please bring your favorite dish. We will also do a Secret Santa Exchange. If you want to participate,

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

bring a wrapped \$10 gift. Looking forward to lots of fun and good food, so join us and bring a friend! For more info, call Maxine, 231-7802 or Rosemary, 231-4594.

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. 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.

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.

TRAVELING CATHOLICS

If you or your loved ones will be traveling this 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 listed mass times are correct.

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

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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 Dec. 8 - 16

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Minister
Dec. 8	Saturday	4:00pm		Arma Jack Wilson
		5:30pm		Girard Marie Pyle
9	Sunday	8:00am		Arma Pro Populo
		10:00am		Girard Eugene Scassellati Jr.
10	Monday	NO MASS		
11	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
12	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
13	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
14	Friday	7:00am	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
15	Saturday	4:00pm	Francis Buche	Arma
		5:30pm	Charles Gouvion	Girard
16	Sunday	8:00am	Linda Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (12/15/18)	Sun. (12/16/18)
Lector:	Pat Westhoff	Ron Pommier
Usher/Greeter:	Dave Petrey & Don Zornes	Joyce Klinkon & Joe Polhlopek
EMHC:	Lindsay Waterman	Terry Cleland
Gift Bearers:	Margaret Setina & Gay Kranker	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
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