



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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## From the Pastor

Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the Holy Family. Family life, in general and under the best circumstances, is a challenge, even for those living within the family. This Holy Family received messages from the Angel, experienced a virgin birth, left home and traveled to Egypt (and returned), responded to dreams, and was the custodian of the living God, Jesus. What is striking about the Holy Family is how cohesive it was, each member understanding his or her role and giving their all to fulfill it. They were willing participants in God's divine plan. All three were moved by trust in God the Father to welcome the salvation of the world.

The First Book of Samuel gives us another most unusual family, that of Hannah, Elkanah, and Samuel. How can we imagine a mother, who has longed for a child all her life, giving that child away to the service of the temple? Hannah is a protagonist in an exemplary story of faith. Our modern cynicism and incredulity impede our receptiveness to such stories; but they are given to us to show how faith can impact our lives. A true family, in the Scriptural sense, aspires to build family relationships in faith for the building of the kingdom of God.

For all of us this day, the deepest and most loving way of celebrating the Holy Family is to live as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did: doing the will of the Father with love. This does not come without bumps in the road, some seemingly insurmountable. Despite our weaknesses and failures as family members, let us with hope and joy strive ardently to be the Holy Family of Jesus here on earth. After all, parenting can be a great source of joy and an expression of holiness. Pope St. John Paul II loved skiing, theater, and camping, especially with his youth groups, and showed the world that living holiness doesn't mean you can't have fun too. Let us celebrate the Holy Family and earthly families who enjoy one another, persevere through the bumps, and love, laugh, and, ultimately, let go as family members follow the Lord's will.

**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

**STAFF**    Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney  
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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 Dec. 29 - Jan. 6

Dec. 29	Saturday	4:00pm	Mary Katherine Madl	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
30	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Jim Davied	Girard
31	Monday	4:00pm	Frank Doue	Arma
		5:30pm	Leila LaForge	Girard
Jan. 1	Tuesday	8:00pm	Linda Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Edward Luke Walsh	Girard
2	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
3	Thursday	8:00am	Msgr. Robert Hemberger	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
4	Friday	7:00am	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
5	Saturday	4:00pm	Bill Harmon	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
6	Sunday	8:00am	Jim Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

### Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
1/5/19	1/6/19
5:30 pm	10:00 am

**Altar Servers:** August, Trevor & Peyton Amershek    Abi & Carter Doherty

**EMHC:** Rhonda Stonerock    Linda Garrett

**Lector:** Tony Stonerock    Faith Paoni

**Gift Bearers:** Volunteers    Volunteers



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### **ST. MICHAEL'S ANGELS**

St. Michael's Angels would like to express their thanks to all who donated to their mission. Together, we were able to provide Christmas for 14 children this year.

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass schedule for the Holy Day is as follows:

Monday, Dec. 31: 4:00pm at St. Joseph, Arma  
5:30pm at St. Michael, Girard  
Tuesday, Jan. 1: 8:00am at St. Joseph, Arma  
10:00am at St. Michael, Girard

Volunteers for Altar Minister duties would be appreciated. Please show up early enough to let Father know you are willing to help. Thank you.

### **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

All confirmation class participants are required to attend the Confirmation retreat scheduled for Feb 9, 2019. It will be held at the St. Pius X Student Center at PSU from 9-5 pm. There will be no alternate retreat available.

### **PSR CLASSES**

No PSR classes on Jan 2. Classes resume Jan 9.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Jason Diskin, Gary Dowling, Ron Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), Donna Little, Herman Masser, John Oplotnik, Rosemary O'Toole, Janice Madl Pennewell (daughter of Alban Madl), Alvin Perrin, Bernardine Shively, George Stonerock, Edward Luke Walsh, and Tom Weston 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.

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$2,927.00	\$67,066.89
Children's Offering	\$16.08	\$356.18
Expenses		\$64,485.02
Over / (Under)		\$2,938.05
Building Fund Contributions	\$260.00	

### **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](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.

### **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.

### **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.

*Wishing you a  
Happy New Year!*

### **St. Michael Parish Mission Statement**

*The faith-filled parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel, through leadership and strong traditions are faithful disciples of the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church. We commit ourselves to be generous stewards of our faith, our parish, and our community. We strive to involve all members to be united in one parish family for the salvation of all.*

