



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

If you look at the windows of our church you see all the squares or rectangles that 'transform' the white light of the sun into the specific color of that particular square. Each of us has a personality that makes us different from one another. That personality that we are living makes the love of God shine thru us in different ways. The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent so that they radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. Our hope is to radiate the positive that we have received from God.

Once upon a time a father gave his little son some chewing gum, and the son took it but said nothing. "What do you say when you are given something good?" asked the father. "I want more," replied the child. That is an understandable enough reaction of a little child—to be ever asking for good things, and forgetting to give thanks. But for an adult, speaking to God only when we have something to ask for is not the heart and soul of prayer.

To pray is to BE with God, first and foremost, and to know God's loving presence, to be enfolded in God's arms, so to speak, or like the sunlight streaming through a window, to let God illumine our lives completely. To praise God, give thanks to God, intercede for others, ask God for pardon and for grace each day, are all aspects of what we call prayer. It's like a multisided diamond, no individual part better than another, and all the sides together forming one beautiful jewel.

Whether in private or in common, prayer puts us in communion with the source of all life and love, that is, with God. During these days of Lent may we hear God's call to abide or remain in God, who desires to abide in us.

- Adapted from a meditation from Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB, Benedictine Abbey of Christ in the Desert

<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
Saturday	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am	8:00 am

<u>CONFESSION</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
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 Mar. 16 - 24

Mar. 16	Saturday	4:00pm	RoseAnn Azember	Arma
		5:30pm	Marie Pyle	Girard
17	Sunday	8:00am	Joe O'Blak	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
18	Monday	NO MASS		
19	Tuesday	5:30pm	Clem Lakey	Arma
20	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
21	Thursday	8:00am	Joe O'Blak	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
22	Friday	7:00am	Charles Govian	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
23	Saturday	4:00pm	Terry Azember	Arma
		5:30pm	Lelia LaForge	Girard
24	Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
3/23/19	3/24/19
5:30 pm	10:00 am

<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Bailey & Brandon Leritz	Sara Goble & Makenna Smith
<u>EMHC:</u>	Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
<u>Lector:</u>	Teresa Davenport	Michelle Puckett
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Dave & Mary Twarog	Jim & Michelle Puckett family



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HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!

Host families are needed for high school exchange students for the 2019-2020 school year. The students will arrive from Europe, Asia, and South America in mid-August 2019 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They need caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family provides a bed, meals, friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a student from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. Approved families will be able to view online student applications and select the student that best matches their own family. For more information, call Gayle Hanson, Greenheart Exchange, 785-623-6955.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00pm on Fridays during Lent.

PLAY, LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP FOR LITTLE ONES

We would like to invite our littlest parishioners and their families to the Hall following the March 31st mass for a short Sunday School-style activity and some free play. This is for all children from birth through kindergarten age (kind of a Pre-PSR program). Older siblings are welcome to come and can even help teach the little ones some beginning prayers. We will start about 10 minutes after Mass with a small lesson and song and then free play till 11:50 A.M. (or you can leave as needed.) This is not a drop-off activity; at least one parent or caregiver is required to stay in the hall. For any questions, call or text Kristen Graham at 620-875-6133.

ST. JOSEPH'S SPAGHETTI FEED

Mark your calendars for St. Joseph's FABULOUS Spaghetti Feed on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at their parish hall from 5:00-7:30 p.m. You do not want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to have homemade meatballs and spaghetti, fantastic desserts, and fellowship!

"UNPLANNED" MOVIE

The diocesan Office of Respect Life & Social Justice is encouraging everyone to see the movie "Unplanned", due out this spring. The movie is based on the inspiring true story of former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson and her journey to join the Pro-Life movement.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next St. Paul's Group meeting will be Sunday, Mar. 24. The St. Paul's group is for single seniors, widows and widowers. We will be going to the Stone's Throw Dinner Theater in Carthage. Meet at the SMC Field House in Pittsburg at 11:30am. Call Maxine with questions: 231-7802.

KAPAUNS MEN

Kapauns Men have resumed meeting on Fridays at 6am.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$2,293.00	\$102,017.28
Children's Offering	\$21.00	\$479.57
Expenses		\$91,242.47
Over / (Under)		\$11,254.38
Building Fund Contributions	\$70.00	

ST. CHARLOTTE GROUP

St. Charlotte craft group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 8:30 - 1:45. Service projects we work on include hats for newborns, scarves for Special Olympics and teaching aids for children with special needs. Children with special needs is through the interlocal. Please join us and bring your talent or just come and share in fellowship. For more information call Barb Mikrut (620) 249-9505.

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, 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. Thanks.

SUPPORT FOR MADISON

Madison Smith, daughter of parishioners Hank and Carrie Smith, would appreciate your prayers and support while she represents us on mission. To follow her experiences, you can read Madison's blog at www.madisonelaine.home.blog. You can help support her financially by sending donations to Family Missions Co., 12624 Everglade Rd., Abbeville, LA 70510, and can also receive weekly updates and donate 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.

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