



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

I remember waiting at the window when my younger sister came home from the hospital. I actually don't remember which of my three sisters it was nor do I remember how long I stood by the window watching. It was probably only the amount of time required after having seen the car coming 'up the road' from the main highway.

In today's Gospel account commonly referred to as "the story of the prodigal son," Jesus paints a poignant picture of a God who, like the father in the story, is always watching and waiting for our return home. As I waited those few moments by the window I was anticipating the moment I would see my sister. She was the precious prize being brought home to be part of our family. The father in the parable had been waiting for much longer so his anticipation was at fever pitch. This father was longing to see the son he had not seen for this long time. This son was the treasure that the father was waiting for that day. Then we hear about the other son who because of his pride keeps himself outside, not even wanting to see his long lost brother. He was unable to appreciate the importance of his brother coming home; he could not see the treasure.

As we go thru this season of Lent, we are continuing to prepare our treasure, our very lives, so that we are ready to see our Father in heaven. God knows us and the treasure that we are preparing to offer. God waits patiently as we sometimes do not even know our own value as a treasure growing each day. We pray that we can recognize the greatness of who we are in God's plan. May we value who we are as well as all those around us.

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
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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 Mar. 30 - Apr. 7

Mar. 30	Saturday	4:00pm	Clem Lakey	Arma
		5:30pm	Mary Kathrine Madl	Girard
31	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Ron Breneman	Girard
Apr. 1	Monday	NO MASS		
2	Tuesday	5:30pm	Joe O'Blak	Arma
3	Wednesday	6:30pm	Lelia LaForge	Girard
4	Thursday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
5	Friday	7:00am	Robert Niggemann	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
6	Saturday	4:00pm	Bill Harman	Arma
		5:30pm	Charles Guvion	Girard
7	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (4/6) 4:00pm	Sun. (4/7) 8:00am
Lector:	Barry Bedene	Linda Broyles
Usher/ Greeter	Pat Westhoff & Dave Petrey	Joe Broyles & Mike Ashbacher
EMHC:	Linda Carpino	Terry Cleland
Gift Bearers:	Louise Jarboe & Georganne Galichia	Scott & Susie Aldrighetti
Altar Servers:	Gianna & Owen Waterman	Tejay Cleland



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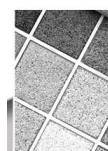
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	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,209.00	\$58,516.44
Expenses		\$41,875.15
Over / (Under)		\$16,641.29

PENANCE OPPORTUNITY

Remember, we have a penance service here at St. Michael in Girard this Sunday, March 31, at 7:00pm. There will be 3 priests hearing confessions after a short preparation. Take advantage of the Mercy that God offers to each of us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Requesting Mass Intentions: Mass intentions are not only for the deceased, but for the living as well. Mass intentions make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, you need to turn in the information at least a month in advance (Masses are scheduled that much ahead of time). Call the parish office (724-8717) to schedule OR place the information of who or what the Mass is for, and who is offering the Mass, along with a phone number in case we have questions. The suggested stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.00 payable via cash or check, you can donate less or more.

BLOOD DRIVE

April is National Volunteer Month. You can give of yourself by donating blood at the upcoming Girard Blood Drive, on Tuesday, April 9 from noon to 5:30pm at the St. Michael's parish hall. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your appointment.

TOTUS TUUS

Save the date! Totus Tuus week is scheduled for July 7-12, 2019!

HELP FOR NEBRASKA & IOWA

Extreme flooding from the Missouri River has devastated towns and farms in several Midwestern states including Nebraska and Iowa. Catholic Charities is working to provide emergency relief to those affected. If you would like to donate to the relief effort and help our neighbors in need, go to catholiccharitiesusa.org.

"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.

KAPAUNS MEN

Kapauns Men have resumed meeting on Friday mornings at 6am at the St. Michael's hall.

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 Wingebach, Linda Broyles, Dan Cole

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be said during Lent following 5:30 Mass on Tuesdays.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jason Diskin, Lisa Pitts Martin, 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.

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!

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

St. Michael's parishioner Madison Smith, daughter of Hank and Carrie Smith, would appreciate your prayers and support while she is on mission in Taiwan. To follow her experiences, read Madison's blog at www.madisonelaine.home.blog. Or go to www.madisonsmith.familymissionscompany.com to receive weekly updates and/or donate online. You can also help support her financially by sending donations to Family Missions Co., 12624 Everglade Rd., Abbeville, LA 70510. Madison is representing our parish family, let us support her as she dedicates herself to serving God's children.

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.