



St. Michael 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 & 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. 30 - Apr. 7

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|---------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 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

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| Next Saturday | Next Sunday |
| 4/6/19 | 4/7/19 |
| 5:30 pm | 10:00 am |

Altar Servers:

Volunteers Volunteers

EMHC:

Linda DeGarmo Linda Garrett

Lector:

Ned Sauer Faith Paoni

Gift Bearers:

Wayne & Ruth Leritz Mike & Jonie Benso family



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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 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.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella meeting for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 will be held in the Chapel at Prairie Mission Retirement Village beginning at 6:30 p.m. The celebration will be the Circle's 96th Anniversary honoring the members for their years of service. Oldest member, Lorene VanLeeuwen, will celebrate 70 years as a member, our newest member is Kathie Grosdidier. A special decorated cake and punch will be served for the occasion. Come and enjoy a social evening.

TOTUS TUUS

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

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 this Sunday's 10am 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.

KAPAUNS MEN

Kapauns Men have resumed meeting on Fridays at 6am.

| COLLECTIONS | | |
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| | Last Week | July 2018 to date |
| Contributions | \$1,520.00 | \$106,813.47 |
| Children's Offering | \$15.11 | \$520.68 |
| Expenses | | \$91,242.47 |
| Over / (Under) | | \$16,091.68 |
| Building Fund Contributions | \$40.00 | |

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.

"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. 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.

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.