



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## THE FALLEN AWAY CATHOLIC

Lent is an excellent season to assess the state of our souls—first our own, and then a focus on fallen-away Catholics. We all know a family member or a good friend who no longer attends Mass regularly. Way back in our catechism days, we learned that we have an obligation to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each weekend and on Holy Days. Yet, we find many who show no concern about this sacred duty. Sometimes they come; sometimes they don't—as though it couldn't possibly make much difference one way or the other. "Would that you were hot or cold", Our Lord once said, "but since you are lukewarm, I will vomit you out of my mouth." Those are strong words and we'd better heed them!

The largest religious group in America today is the non-practicing Catholics, millions of them! They're defined as those baptized Catholics who go to Church maybe once or twice a year, except for family weddings or funerals. For whatever reason, they've concluded that God's love for them and His plan for them should not show up in the life of the Church community. To be involved in some ministry in the name of Christ and the Church is not part of the faith they now have. They've forgotten that God loves them and needs them to build up His Body, the Church. No doubt, those of us who live the faith should be reminding them of His teachings and how fulfilling a life lived for Jesus can be.

Lent is an appropriate time to speak to our fallen-away friends and relatives because we all know who these one or two time-a-year Catholics are. The good reasons for his/her return to the Church aren't difficult to list. Of course, the most obvious one would be to have the chance to receive the Eucharist. There is no better way to meet Jesus in such an intimate way as when we're in union with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in Holy Communion. Another motivator is the realization that the Catholic Church was founded by Jesus (Matt. 16:18) and provides the sacraments needed during our lives to prepare us to live with God for eternity.

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### 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  
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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 Apr. 6 - 14

Apr. 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
8	Monday	NO MASS		
9	Tuesday	5:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Arma
10	Wednesday	6:30pm	Marie Pyle	Girard
11	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
12	Friday	7:00am	Wayne Kanute	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
13	Saturday	4:00pm	John Parolo	Arma
		5:30pm	Robert Butler	Girard
14	Palm Sunday	8:00am	Jim Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (4/13) 4:00pm	Sun. (4/14) 8:00am
Lector:	Anna Meyer & Pat Westhoff	Pat Westhoff & Joe Broyles
Usher/ Greeter:	Emil Pronier & Dave Petrey	Greg Bogina & Joe Polhlopek
EMHC:	Lindsay Waterman	Tracey Bogina
Gift Bearers:	Agnes Goodman & Mary Sayre	Joan & Ron Black
Altar Servers:	Gianna & Owen Waterman	Bryce Reese

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	<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	
	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,440.50	\$59,956.94
Expenses		\$41,875.15
Over / (Under)		\$18,081.79

**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

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A third would be the opportunity for reconciling with God through Confession. The penitent can be sure that his sins are forgiven when the priest prays the words of absolution. The Church will help to put his life in perspective so he'll know his relationship with God, and at death, what eternity will bring. He may begin to think, 'I not only know who I am; I also know where I'm going!'

If you feel so inclined, invite someone who doesn't attend Mass to come to Church with you either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. You don't know what the ripple effect would be. Evangelist Billy Graham summed it up well: "Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil—it has no point!"  
--Marcel Normand

**SPAGHETTI FEED THANK YOU!**

The spaghetti feed was a super success this year! Thanks to everyone that participated in so many ways: sold and bought dinner and drawing tickets, made delicious desserts, and/or helped out before, during, and after the event. We are very fortunate to have great support from our parishioners, local community members, and businesses. There is a group of people that give so much of their time every year to make this a great fundraiser for St. Joseph's. Your effort and selflessness is truly appreciated. Without all of you, this would not have been such a successful event. A special thanks to Linda Broyles who co-chaired the event this year. Your help was invaluable.

We hope everyone had as much fun and fellowship as we did. It is great to get to socialize with members of our parish family. We are truly blessed to be members of the St. Joseph Parish.

As the program coordinator and educator at Pitt State, I do not have the time to continue as organizer of the spaghetti feed, so I am stepping down from that position. I will create the lists of everything that needs to be done, organize the notebook, and give it to Father. Hopefully, someone in the Parish will take on this job. If it is completed as a team, it will not be that much work for each person.

- Thanks, Denise Bertoncino

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 16 following 5:30 Mass and Stations of the Cross.

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

The St. Ann's Altar Society will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00 in the rectory.

**TOTUS TUUS**

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

**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.

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**ST. PAUL MEETING**

The St. Paul's Group meeting for April has been canceled because of Easter. We will resume on May 19 with our covered dish luncheon. Sorry for the inconvenience. See you in May!

**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.

**BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS**

Baskets will be in the back of both churches throughout the month of April to collect donations for Birthright.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are 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.