



# St. Michael 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 & 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 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

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	4/13/19	4/14/19
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Abi & Carter Doherty	Marli, Aydin, & Evan Sisney
<b>EMHC:</b>	Sharon Giacometti	Jerry Hanson
<b>Lector:</b>	Mary Twarog	Ryan Severt & Doug Lopeman
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Rachel Ausemus family	Rick & Eileen Bland family

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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

### **PSR BAKE SALE FOR FAMILY IN NEED**

On Monday, April 1, Jocelyn Goff, a fifth grader in St. Michael's PSR program and server in mass, received word that the Farlington home she lived in with her grandmother, Lisa (also a parishioner), was lost to an electrical fire. The home and all of their belongings were damaged beyond repair. On top of sending them lots of prayers, the St. Michael PSR program would like to raise funds for Jocelyn and Lisa through a bake sale in the back of the church after Mass on Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14 (Palm Sunday). We would like every family with a student enrolled in PSR to bake a few items for the sale. It is our hope that the proceeds from this sale will aid the Goff family on the long process of replacing everything they lost. A note with more details will be sent home with PSR students on Wednesday.

### **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!

### **TOTUS TUUS**

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

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

### **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", which is in theaters now. 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.

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$2,015.19	\$108,828.66
Children's Offering	\$17.75	\$538.43
Expenses		\$91,242.47
Over / (Under)		\$18,124.62
Building Fund Contributions	\$30.00	

### **BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS**

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

### **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.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Jason Diskin, Gary Dowling, Lisa & Jocelyn Goff, 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.

### **HOLY WEEK MASS DUTIES**

#### Holy Thursday:

Servers: Broc Scales, Zack Benso, Isabella Walsh, Seth Wilson  
EMHC: Janel Scales

Lector: Michelle Puckett

Gift Bearers: Whoever Travels for the Holy Oils

#### Good Friday:

Servers: Macy & Carly Reif

EMHC: Chris Sponsel

Lector: Butch and Mary Reif

Gift Bearers: None Necessary

#### Holy Saturday:

Servers: Cory Puckett, Volunteer

EMHC: Carrie Smith

Lector: Michelle Puckett and Linda Moore

Gift Bearers: Hank & Carrie Smith family

#### Easter Sunday:

Servers: Volunteers

EMHC: Marilyn McCracken

Lector: Denny Heidrick

Gift Bearers: Chris & Nancy Hofer family

\* Please call Father or Joan Davied if you need a replacement.