



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

Last weekend, we celebrated the great mystery of our faith—the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. This miracle validated all of His teachings, proving that Jesus wasn't just a 'Good Man' or a 'Wise Teacher'—He was the Son of God! But wait, Easter isn't over; it isn't just one day, but a season of 50 days to allow us to meditate on all of the mysteries of this holiest season of the Church year. The greatest mystery is, of course, the Resurrection. Recall how John ran with Peter to the tomb? They entered and stooped down and saw the linen cloths lying there. And they believed—just like that! They didn't see Him or hear Him, but they believed because the tomb was empty. John admonishes us to use these 50 days in preparation for the Great Gift that God has ready for us—the Gift of the Holy Spirit. In these Sundays that follow, we will hear a great deal from the Acts of the Apostles as they describe the Church at work through the Power of the Holy Spirit. The highlight of the Easter season will be the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. That day is considered the Birthday of the Church. Some theologians rank it along with Easter in significance to our faith! For now, we should exult in the Resurrection—the real mystery of Easter. After all, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is an historical fact.

I conclude with a few words which I've taken from Fr. John Reinkemeyer's journal: "The Resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the grave to baffle His opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified Him that He was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved Him and followed Him that God's Divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who committed themselves to Him, He revealed that His mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared His ministry, He gave the sacred task to call all people into the New Life with Him. Without Easter, there is no Resurrection for you and for me. Christ outlasted the empire that crucified him over nineteen centuries ago. He will outlast the dictators who defy Him today."

<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

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 Apr. 27 - May 5

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Location
Apr. 27	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
28	Sunday	8:00am	Betty Rons	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
29	Monday	NO MASS		
30	Tuesday	5:30pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
May 1	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
2	Thursday	8:00am	John Parolo	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
3	Friday	7:00am	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
4	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
		5:30pm	Charles Govion	Girard
5	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Ben Bradshaw	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (5/4) 4:00pm	Sun. (5/5) 8:00am
Lector:	Anna Meyer	Joe Broyles
Usher/ Greeter	Pat Westhoff & Dave Petrey	Greg Bogina & Joe Polhlopek
EMHC:	Linda Carpino	Tracey Bogina
Gift Bearers:	Louise Jarboe & Georganne Galichia	Scott & Susie Aldrighetti
Altar Servers:	Gianna & Owen Waterman	Cody Burns



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	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$766.00	\$63,473.94
Expenses		\$44,844.75
Over / (Under)		\$18,629.19

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Tyler McAtee and Marrone Schupbach of St. Michael parish on their reception of the sacrament of First Communion this weekend! What a special day it is not only for each of them but also for their families. Pray that God will continue to bless and watch over these special young people and help them to understand the importance of the Eucharist in their lives. A special word of thanks to all those who helped prepare the children for this special day. May God reward them for their ministry to our parish community! And thanks to the Altar Society for hosting the reception for the families!

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

If you have not yet turned in your rice bowl, please place it in the weekend collection at Mass. Thank you for your support this year!

PSR YEAR COMING TO END

Our final PSR class is next Wednesday, May 1!

SAVE THE DATE: TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus week is scheduled for July 7-12, 2019, at St. Michael, Girard. Mark your calendars now! This fun-filled faith experience is open to all incoming 1st grade students thru high school graduates. Grades 1-6 attend during the day and middle/high school students meet in the evening.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Our PSR program is in need of catechists for our Wednesday afternoon & evening programs beginning next fall. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry!

PARISH COUNCIL

The next St. Joseph Parish Council will be Tuesday, May 21, following 5:30 Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The next Altar Society meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. If anyone would like to join, please attend the meeting. The dues are \$5.00 a year. If you would like more information, please contact Margaret Setina at 347-8530.

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!

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

BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS

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

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 CONTACT INFO

Please note that my email address is changing. If you have information for the bulletin(s), please email me at bauerbackes@yahoo.com. Thanks, Nancy Bauer

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PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Do you pray for, or think about praying for our parish priest as our Bishop suggested? If you do, or are wanting to begin praying for our priest, Fr. Floyd McKinney, on a regular basis, please sign-up on the sheet in the church entryway! A short meeting, if needed, may be announced later in the bulletin. Fr. McKinney said that he would appreciate and love our prayers! We are blessed to have our Catholic faith, our local parish churches in Girard and in Arma, AND a priest that serves us! "In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church...Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church." Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P. "Seven Sisters Apostolate", is a lay Apostolate prayer group, already established for this prayerful purpose! To learn more about it; the history, structure, etc.: sevensistersapostolate.org.