



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## *From the Pastor*

In this Sunday's gospel message, I found it difficult to understand. Upon first reading it, I thought Jesus was really 'putting it to us', very harsh words to swallow! But as I pondered over it, looking for hidden meaning between the lines, I remembered what Fr. Floyd has said several times---that Jesus and the Father are One and he was speaking in his role as a Father who loves us and wants us to make it to heaven. I think the message is: that the cost of 'discipleship' can be high. If we aren't willing to suffer persecution or ridicule from others for our strong Christian beliefs, we aren't really following Him.

I personally don't like the word "hate", and when I saw it in the gospel message, it made me try to analyze what Jesus really was saying. As I referenced other sources, I think that he meant 'to hate' in that context meant that we must renew and review our relationships and try to detect what might be the roadblock that's keeping us from Him. One book told me that the 'construction' parable that he speaks of is really about 'building A LIFE, not a Tower.'

The other example was the two kings about to go into battle with disproportionate troop numbers. He might have been talking about who do we go into battle with in this life? I believe that he ties it all up with 'virtue'. What stands between you and God? If we can answer that, we'll be on the way toward Jesus' plan for us to reach heaven.

—Marcel Normand

**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 Sept. 7 - 15

Sept. 7	Saturday	4:00pm	Betty Kapler	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
8	Sunday	8:00am	Ursula Sue Parson	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
9	Monday	NO MASS		
10	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
11	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
12	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
13	Friday	7:00am	Frank Oplotnik	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
14	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Clair Weston	Girard
15	Sunday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
9/14/19	9/15/19
5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	August, Trevor & Peyton Amershek
<u>EMHC:</u>	Sharon Giacometti
<u>Lector:</u>	Linda Moore
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Hank & Carrie Smith family
	Aydin & Marli Sisney
	Jerry Hanson
	Faith Paoni
	Tom & Jessica Stegman family

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## VIRTUS TRAINING

On September the 12th at 7pm in St. Paul, Pat Westhoff will conduct a Virtus Training. Anyone who works with or near teens or children in our parish MUST be Virtus trained. This is a great opportunity for any adults who would like to be a chaperone, driver, teacher or helper for youth events. The training will be held in the St. Paul rectory basement at 7pm.

## ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29 (the day after Girard Homecoming)! You are invited to our St. Michael Feast Day Celebration following 10am Mass. This will be an amazing event and all parishioners are encouraged to come join. You'll have the chance to meet with several church groups like the Knights of Columbus and the Altar Society; visit our PSR classrooms and see crafts made by students; and enjoy a delicious meal. The church will provide the main dish, but please bring an easy side or dessert if you can!

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out a pretty clear path to discipleship: renounce your worldly possessions, plan like an architect, and prepare to battle with king-like strategy. This definition may be clear, but it is certainly daunting! Humans tend to seek a life of ease, and discipleship is anything but easy!! Jesus wants us to understand that discipleship does not lead to worldly fame and glory, and it will likely cost us everything that is dear to us. Being a true missionary disciple is so much more than simply being a follower of Jesus. Most of us will hesitate to leave everything behind in order to pick up our crosses in a true act of discipleship. Stewardship is so much more than writing a check or signing up for a ministry! It requires loyalty, sacrifice, perseverance, and faith in God.

## 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, Donna Little, Herman Masser, John Oplotnik, Jim O'Toole, Rosemary O'Toole, George Stonerock, Edward Luke Walsh, and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers. 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.

## 26th ANNUAL GREENBUSH DAY

The 26th Annual Greenbush Day will be Sunday, September 15. Festivities include a free will donation hog roast, a silent auction, activities from the SEK Education Service Center and much more. Fun for the whole family. We hope to see you there!

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	\$1,767.00	\$22,080.59
Children's Offering	\$35.00	\$120.80
Expenses		\$9,845.88
Over / (Under)		\$12,355.51
Building Fund Contributions	\$20.00	

## CHURCH DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS

Volunteers from St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes will be available before and after this weekend's masses scheduling parishioners for upcoming photo sessions for our new Church Directories. You can also call Carrie Smith to schedule your photo session: 238-0728. St. Joseph photo sessions will be Sept. 23 & 24, and St. Michael's sessions will be Sept. 25 - 28. Monday-Friday sessions will be from 2:00 to 9:00pm, and Saturday sessions will be from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

## INFORMATION FOR CAREGIVERS

If you are a caregiver to someone in your family there is a meeting for you if you are interested. Whether you provide support for a family member, friend, or give family guidance on elder care you will find this meeting helpful. This opportunity is another way WestRidge can provide support and information at no cost. This meeting will be at Westridge this Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 in the evening.

## ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The St. Paul's Group will meet for dinner and bingo on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00pm the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pittsburg. All widows, widowers, and single seniors are welcome. Hostesses will be Margaret Bishop, Frances Merrell, and Edie Hobson.

## PARISH FALL BAZAAR

Please mark your calendars! The St. Michael Fall Bazaar will be Sunday, October 20th. We have placed last year's food and work list in the back of the church for you to review and make any changes you wish to make. Please stop by this weekend. We need everyone's help to make our bazaar a success!

## FOOD PANTRY

There is a basket in the entrance of the Church for any food donations you would like to donate to the Community Food Pantry. This is an ongoing project in conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance. Monetary Donations are accepted as well, by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Food Pantry". Thank you for supporting the need.



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