

St. Michael Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE GIRARD ARMA
Saturday 5:30pm 4:00pm
Sunday 10:00am 8:00am

CONFESSION GIRARD ARMA
Saturday 2:00-2:30pm 3:15-3:45pm
Weekdays before Mass, anytime by appointment

RECTORY HOURS
Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-Noon
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Fridays from 8:00am to 6:00pm

From the Pastor,

In case you have not noticed, we are beginning another 'year' of preparing for an election of our president. There is much debate about who should be the right candidate for the position. In the conversations and deliberations, people express their opinions and ideas on what is right and wrong, or what is positive and negative. This will continue up until the day of the elections at the end of the year. At some point in the process we need to decide for whom we are voting. In the meantime we will be charged with the responsibility to pay attention to what the candidates are saying. I have to admit that I am not a good 'listener of the news'; I need to pay more attention in order to be better informed of what is being proposed by each of those 'running for office'. I like to think that I am not a one criteria voter; I try to see the person who is a candidate and what they are proposing for our future. Even though we have the good part of a year to prepare, now is a good time to start. St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians gives us something to think about. We want leaders who can show us the wisdom with which they are leading. The ultimate wisdom comes from God so if we are trying to live the life that uses that wisdom then we are moving in the right direction. To paraphrase what Paul says: If our leaders of today know God's wisdom, they will not want to 'crucify' the lives of the people they serve and of whom they are looking for votes. Then Paul mentions that we cannot imagine what God has prepared for us. I pray that our candidates may know the Spirit in which we who live Christianity are following. May they too feel the need to listen to that Spirit.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,534.00	\$ 84,464.65
Children's Offering	\$ 10.00	\$ 379.76
Expenses-January	\$ 8,224.45	\$ 84,183.41
Over/(Under)		\$ 661.00
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 50.00	

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Teresa Davenport, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Karen Davied, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Nathan Leadstrom, Herman Masser, David McGowan, Samuel Bradshaw Morris, John Oplotnik, Tina Ruma, Edward Luke Walsh and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG LADIES

Fiat: High School is an event for freshman through senior women to encounter the beauty of religious life. There is a growing need to help and encourage young ladies discern their vocation. We can't become what we don't see. It is hard to discern a religious vocation without ever meeting religious sisters or witnessing the beauty and freedom of consecrated life. Fiat: High School allows young ladies to meet various religious sisters from various religious orders. The evening includes dinner, guest speakers, games, and prayer. Fiat Ministries wants to foster prayer and holiness in the hearts and lives of these young ladies. We are excited to offer this event because religious life is such a beautiful vocation in our Church. We invite and encourage all high school women to consider attending one of our Fiat: High School evenings. Please pass this invitation along to young women in your parish.

Our event will be at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Saturday, March 7 from 5:00-8:00pm. The religious orders assisting this year include: The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Marian Sisters from Lincoln, Nebraska; The School Sisters of Christ the King from Lincoln, Nebraska; and the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ from Prayer Town, Texas. Registration is open online at <https://fiatministries.org/fiat-high-school-registration/> There is no cost to attend. For any questions please contact Emily Savage at fiatministriesinc@gmail.com.

LENTEN NOTES

++Ash Wednesday is only 1½ weeks away so it is time to remind ourselves of the Lenten regulations which help us to live Lent as a sacrificial and spiritual time.

++Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

++FASTING... For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

++ABSTINENCE or abstaining from... The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

++After consulting the US Naval Observatory for the median time of sunset in our diocese, the additional time to be considered "nightfall", and taking into account other pastoral considerations: on April 12, 2019, because it better reveals the reality of the Light who is Christ coming into our darkness, the Easter Vigil is to begin at or after 8:30 p.m. ... So our Easter Vigil will be at 8:30PM this year THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AT 4PM IN ARMA ON APRIL 12.

WAY OF THE CROSS

As we have done in the past... the Way of the Cross will be at 6PM on Fridays at Girard, come early at 5:50 for Benediction. In Arma, the Way of the Cross will be at 5:50 following 5:30 Mass, come early and worship with us at Mass.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A marriage may be made in Heaven, but the maintenance must be done on earth. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 21 to 23 at the Spiritual Life Center. For more information call Leon and Loretta Britton at 719-387-9842. Since I help with the Marriage Encounter team, I may be a bit "one sided" but this weekend is a good thing for marriage to help you be a team in your goals for life.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

St. Paul's Group will meet on Sunday, February 16, 1:00, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall. Chili/soup dinner, brief business meeting, and bingo. The hostesses will be Loyola Puckett, Kay Malcolm, and Rosemary Patterson. All widows, widowers, and single seniors are welcome.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Feb. 15-23

Feb 15	Saturday	4:00pm	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
		5:30pm	Geneva McGowan	Girard
16	Sunday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
17	Monday	NO MASS		
18	Tuesday	5:30pm	Bernadine Shively	Arma
19	Wednesday	6:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
20	Thursday	8:00am	Special Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
21	Friday	7:00am	Frank Oplotnik	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
22	Saturday	4:00pm	Bud Azember	Arma
		5:30pm	Dave Gall	Girard
23	Sunday	8:00am	Andy Gesslein	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (2/22/20)	Sunday (2/23/20)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: August, Trevor, Peyton Amershek	Aydin & Marli Sisney
E.M.E.: Sharon Giacometti	Joan Davied
Lector: Linda Moore	Doug Lopeman
Gift Bearers: Butch & Mary Reif Family	Mark & Trish Peak

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