

St. Joseph 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 |

Before all Masses, anytime by appointment

RECTORY HOURS
Thursdays 9:00am-Noon
Rectory: (620)347-4525
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www.stjosepharma.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Thursdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm

From the Pastor

One summer day we, the family, were at the pond swimming. Of course we were having fun with the 'raft', a bunch of boards nailed together that made a floating surface. The part I remember is that I was below water and did not know the difference between up and down. One of my older brothers noticed that I was floundering and came to my assistance. * * * * Water and thirst are in the readings for today. Water can give life as it quenches our thirst and it also can take life if we are not living safely. Today we want to focus on the life-giving quality of water. When we are thirsty, our body is telling us that we need to partake of the liquid that our body needs. * * * * It is easy for us to find water, whether in a plastic bottle or out of the faucet. The Israelites in the first reading did not have it so easy; they cried to God that they were not being satisfied and God responded. God was patient with them. He did not smite them, but instead provided another miraculous sign of His love and care.

How different is the reaction of the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel! She likely had a hard-knock life. She was getting her water alone rather than with friends, a sign of alienation within her community. This alienation led her to a unique encounter with Jesus. Jesus put some uncomfortable truths before her. Instead of making excuses or blaming others, she responded with openness. In doing so, she allowed the living water to enter and change her life.

In this Lenten season, let us open our hearts to life-giving water. When uncomfortable truths emerge, let us respond with repentance, not excuses. And if we doubt God's love, let us pause and recall the many signs that God has placed in our lives, the greatest of which is the gift of his Son to bring us life with Him forever. Thanks be to God.

COLLECTIONS

| | Last Week | July 2019 to Date |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 1,690.00 | \$ 46,360.99 |
| Expenses | \$ - | \$ 38,863.39 |
| Over/(Under) | | \$ 7,497.60 |

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 18th at 2:00pm in the rectory. The 2020 dues will be collected.

K of C BENEFIT FISH FRY

On Friday, March 20, St. Paul Council 760 will host a benefit fish fry for one of our own Knights. Paul has been fighting Stage 4 Liver & Pancreatic Cancer Since September, and travel and uninsured expenses are mounting. Our menu includes delicious deep-fried fish, a variety of adult and child-friendly side dishes, drinks and desserts. We will serve from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the St. Francis Parish Hall, 1st and Lafayette, St. Paul. Cost is a free-will donation that will assist Paul and Mary Jo with expenses.

MAN FULLY ALIVE MEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's MAN FULLY ALIVE will be held at Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School on March 28th. The conference will feature Catholic speaker, author, evangelist, and television host, Chris Stefanick of Real Life Catholic. Also featured are the stars of the hit documentary I'll Push You, Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray, two Christian men who deepened their faith and friendship with Jesus Christ and one another while on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Bishop Kemme will also be present for the entire day, celebrating Mass and leading men to continue to become fully alive as missionary disciples. For more information and to register, go to <https://manfullyalive.eventbrite.com>.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Save the date... of April 2 at 7PM for a Reconciliation service at St. Michael in Girard. God's mercy is awaiting your presence.

SIGN OF PEACE

The bishop has let us know that because of the Virus season and more so because of Coronavirus, we should not do the sign of peace have communion with the Precious Blood. Since we normally do not distribute the Precious Blood that is not a problem for us. Please be aware at the sign of peace that we will simply continue with the Lamb of God. Thank you for your understanding. Fr. Floyd

Parish Pastoral Council Officers:

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Lectors: Linda Broyles
Music: Jan Harman

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Mary Jo Anderson, Larry Brown, and Lisa Pitts Martin 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 jmscales414@gmail.com. Thank you!

LENTEN NOTES

++Good Friday is an obligatory day 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.

++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.

++Bible Study...There will be a bible study during Lent on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the St. Michael's Hall. The theme will be the Mercy of God.

++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.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The St. Paul's Group will meet on Sunday, March 15th at 1:00pm, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall. Chicken dinner, brief business meeting, and bingo. All widows, widowers, and single seniors are welcomed. Hostesses will be Mary Cashero, Mary Bow, and Eldora Dundee.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for March 14-22

| Mar | Day | Time | Intention | Location |
|-----|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 14 | Saturday | 4:00pm | Azember Family | Arma |
| | | 5:30pm | Special Intention | Girard |
| 15 | Sunday | 8:00am | Bill Harman & Linda Davied | Arma |
| | | 10:00am | Pro Populo | Girard |
| 16 | Monday | NO MASS | | |
| 17 | Tuesday | 5:30pm | No Intention | Arma |
| 18 | Wednesday | 6:30pm | Bernadine Shively | Girard |
| 19 | Thursday | 8:00am | No Intention | Arma |
| | | 8:30am-12:30pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Arma |
| 20 | Friday | 7:00am | Joe George | Girard |
| | | 8:00am-6:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Girard |
| 21 | Saturday | 4:00pm | Robert Niggemann | Arma |
| | | 5:30pm | Wayne Kanute | Girard |
| 22 | Sunday | 8:00am | Pro Populo | Arma |
| | | 10:00am | Frank Oplotnik | Girard |

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

| Saturday (3/21/20) | Sunday (3/22/20) |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 4:00pm | 8:00am |
| Altar Servers: Volunteers | Storm Rieck & Brayden Reese |
| EME: Sharon Giacometti | Joan Black |
| Lector: Bev Presley | Volunteer |
| Gift Bearers: Joe & Linda Broyles | Mike & Janet Ashbacher |
| Usher/Greeter: Emil Pronier & Don Zornes | Volunteers |

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