

# 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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**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Fridays from 8:00am to 6:00pm

## From the Pastor

As you can see we are printing a bulletin for you who find, like me, that looking for things on the electronic world of the internet is not so easy. The bulletin will be at the main entrance of the church each weekend as well as on the parish website and our Facebook page. One reason for having a printed page is so that all can have the essentials... Mass intentions being one of those... also the outside of the bulletin always has a good answer to a faith question and a reflection for the weekend.

Just so you know, there are Way of the Cross booklets at the main entrance of the church if you want to come and offer our own crosses with Jesus.

I have been thinking of a lot of things for the bulletin this week. Since you will pick it up with out going to Mass you will feel something missing. The good news, if you can call it that, is we can find Mass on TV or the computer. I even found that Father Roger offers a daily Mass, and there are other places to find the Mass. NO, it is not the same, however the prayer for a spiritual communion will bring consolation for lack of a better word. This is one example: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

It seems that the virus is the only topic of conversation, the only news in the TV media and the only thing that is on all of our minds. It has been suggested that we all pray at the same hour each day or say a certain prayer. One of my ideas about prayer is that God is listening; it does not matter the prayer or the time of day. Of course we feel more like community if we are praying at the same time, so that is a good thing. Some have said "we are all in this together"; we are also part of the communion of saints which means that we can all be together spiritually and let God know our needs.

As we move forward we will find out what the world around us is doing and what we can do in order to help our situation become better. For my part I hope to 'follow the rules' and do what seems to be the way to go forward.

The gospel is from John 9:1-41 The long story of the Man Born Blind is less about the miracle of the Lord restoring the man's eyesight, and more about the man coming to faith despite tremendous opposition.

Consider... ..the story is 41 verses long, but the actual healing of the man takes only two verses at the very beginning of the reading, verses 6 and 7: *When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, Go wash in the Pool of Siloam (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.*

That was all there was to it, miracle-wise, anyway. But look at what follows: the man grows in faith despite the opposition, first from his neighbors who refused to believe that this was the man they had known, then from the Pharisees who argued that Jesus was sinful, then from his parents who were afraid of the Pharisees and the impact their son's sight and faith could have upon them, then again from the Pharisees who declared that Jesus was not from God.

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## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 98,656.80
Children's Offering	\$ 1.00	\$ 400.86
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 95,400.08
Over/(Under)		\$ 3,657.58
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 500.00	

The man responded by refuting their arguments, holding on to his faith in Jesus; more than that, growing in his faith in Jesus, and finally, before Jesus saying, "I do believe, Lord," and worshiped him. Are we willing to grow in faith or do we want to think we have the power to do it all ourselves. Some people have implied that this illness could be a test from God to see if we are willing to surrender ourselves to something greater than are we. Do we have the possibility to "let go and let God". That does not mean we forget doing our part by working for a cure. It does mean that the answers are not always something we can provide. Let us trust in the one we so desire to receive at Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS

WHY REQUEST A MASS INTENTION? One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. The Church considers the Mass to be one of the greatest prayers of intercession. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Mass for a particular intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. That intention can be for a living person's health and well-being, or for the eternal rest of a deceased person, or any other prayers you wish to be offered up to Christ for a loved one. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. Requesting Mass Intentions: Mass intentions make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, you need to turn in the information at least a month in advance (Masses are scheduled that much ahead of time). Call the parish office to schedule OR place the information of who or what the Mass is for, and who is offering the Mass, along with a phone number in case we have questions. The suggested stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.00 payable via cash or check, you can donate less or more.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Karen Davied, Mary Davied, Tom Kovach, Herman Masser, David McGowan, Samuel Bradshaw Morris, John Oplotnik, Bernard Purdon, Tina Ruma, 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 [jmscales414@gmail.com](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## LENTEN NOTES

++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...has been suspended until further notice.  
++Bible Study...has been suspended until further notice.  
++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.

## 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.

## TOTUS TUUS

Mark your calendars for Totus Tuus this summer. It will be held the week of June 22-26. If you are willing to help with housing or providing meals, please contact Beth Wilson at 724-3380. Thank you!

## Mass Intentions for March 21-29

Mar 21 Saturday	Robert Niggemann Wayne Kanute	Arma Girard
22 Sunday	Pro Populo Frank Oplotnik	Arma Girard
23 Monday	NO MASS	
24 Tuesday	No Intention	Arma
25 Wednesday	Geneva McGowan	Girard
26 Thursday	No Intention	Arma
27 Friday	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
28 Saturday	Ursula Sue Parsons Bernadine Shively	Arma Girard
29 Sunday	Dave McGowan Pro Populo	Arma Girard

++Father Floyd & Father Lee will be celebrating Mass privately, but will continue to honor the Mass Intention for that day.

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