

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

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From the Pastor

In today's reading of the Passion, Jesus says, "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken..." I imagine this bothered all of the disciples, but Peter was belligerent about it and insisted that his faith would *not* ever be shaken. He was wrong. I wonder if we have ever been so bold in our own faith? The last few weeks have been a bit scary and it is possible that some people have had their faith shaken. They may wonder, "Where is God in all of this?" These people may be your friends and neighbors, or the people you sit next to at church. These people may even be you. As missionary disciples, we have been Empowered to give reassurance to one another that God is, in fact, at work in all of this. At the time of Jesus' passion, His disciples must have felt a similar fear at the uncertainty of the situation. Jesus gave them these words, which can bring all of us comfort today as well: "...after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Remember, Jesus goes before you ALWAYS. We are an Easter People! Find a way to fill this Holy Week with deep, authentic prayer and discipleship, and your faith will *not* be shaken.

One of the things that I have heard in this 'what is happening' time is I can't believe that we are not having Mass. I have to say I can't believe that I am celebrating Mass without people. The good news, if that is the right words, is the fact that there are many priests, and bishops, who are celebrating with the ability for all others to 'participate' as they watch the Mass on line or on TV and make a spiritual communion. I hope to give you the opportunity for you to watch my Mass on line, stay in touch on our St. Michael facebook page for details. I have also heard in people's voices that they seem to be lost because the normal routine has been broken. I too have sometimes wondered how to organize my day when some of the normal things that I do have been changed, postponed or canceled. I miss going to the rest-homes or homes of the elderly to see you regularly. I miss doing the regular devotions of Lent; but most of all I miss seeing all of you at Mass and celebrating with you in person. One of the saying that I have also heard is the fact that we don't know the value of what we have until we don't have that thing in our life that is missing. It can be something physical like the Mass or it can be something 'emotional' like our friends and family that we are told to stay away from. This will not be a continuing condition but will end and allow us to go back to participating fully in our faith. For the present we can do as has been suggested by many, continue living our faith in the ways with which we are familiar. We can do our daily prayers including participation in the 'virtual' Mass and living the virtues of our faith as we always have done.

Know that I continue to offer prayers for all of you and your intentions.

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!

If you are reading this online and know someone who does not do 'online', let me know or maybe deliver a bulletin to them. Peace, Fr. Floyd

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 47,357.07
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 38,863.39
Over/(Under)		\$ 8,493.68

HOLY WEEK V. THE CORONAVIRUS

Catholics throughout the world will be ushering in the most holy week of the ecclesiastical year. The big difference this year will be that our churches will be empty as we are urged by our bishops to participate in a virtual Mass through social media and the internet. Most all public gatherings have been canceled or postponed and the governors of nearly all of our United States have issued statewide "Stay Home" orders unless you are going to work, the grocery store, or for medicine. Such broad decrees of no more than ten gathered at a time precludes all meetings whether they be work oriented, religious, or recreational such as sports. The entire world is fighting a great Scourge known as the Coronavirus or COVID-19 and the end is nowhere in sight at this time. As Holy Week is upon us, we must increase our prayers, fasting and almsgiving so that God's great compassion and love may be a source of hope and consolation for all.

Look to this weekend of Palm Sunday, a reminder that Christ is our King and that we need His help and protection. We may be viewing the Mass from our living room but we can still be present when the Passion is read and Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphant on a donkey as palm leaves are strewn in His path. Strict attention of Father's homily will enlighten our understanding of this day's events. We can be a part of the Mass as the Great Sacrifice is made present. We will miss receiving Communion, but we can feel a part of celebrating the importance of the day. Speaking of viewing the Mass from afar, I've always wanted to attend the great Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany, (O-ber-ram-megow) located in the Bavarian Alps near the Austrian border. The idea for such a Passion Play originated during the 17th Century when Europe was suffering a Scourge known as the Black Death (or bubonic plague) similar to our COVID-19 except the year was 1633 and people were dying by the thousands with no modern medicine or other medical equipment such as we can muster up in 2020. The townspeople gathered in their churches and promised God that if He spared them from the Black Death, they would re-enact the Passion of Christ every ten years. They were saved and the little village produced this 5 and one-half hour drama of 16 Acts, in 1640 and it has been performed each ten-year period since that time. The last performance of the play was 2010. The play usually opens in late spring and runs through the summer, ending in September, drawing thousands of visitors to the small hamlet in order to view what is considered to be the most extraordinary re-enactment of the Passion of Christ. I am presuming that the play will be performed this year, 2020, although I've heard rumors that it could be canceled. Those who can should make the effort for I've spoken to many who have witnessed the 'miracle play' and their responses have been basically, 'there are just no words to describe it, for you are an eyewitness to Calvary!' Perhaps I've digressed a bit, but feel that this information is so timely since it all occurs again this year!

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The remainder of Holy Week contains many wonderful opportunities to gain grace by watching the various ceremonies such as the Chrism Mass on Tuesday and the three sacred days of Triduum (Trid-u-um) that many of us know as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil). Many of these ceremonies may be available from our own Wichita diocese and others will be shown on TV stations such as EWTN. We don't have the good fortune to be present in our churches for these Holy Week observances, but we can't let the coronavirus win and deprive us of these beautiful, traditional ceremonies afforded to us by Holy Mother Church. Spend time watching the Easter story unfold this week with the climax next Sunday: HE IS RISEN! It is the 'Good News' to make all bad news seem trivial! He opens the gates of life immortal for us. ---Marcel Normand

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!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

There will be no D of I meeting on April 14th. We will see what happens for our May meeting, so everyone stay safe and God Bless.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Some people have been asking how to handle their contributions in this time of social spacing. I appreciate that those who are able to give are still wanting to live their stewardship way of life. You may mail your contribution to the office at 106 N Western or if you desire you can wait till the next time you can come to church and make a 'total' contribution for the allotted time. I do want to express to those who are experiencing a lack of possibilities to donate, even though you want to thank the Lord for all that you have received, if all of us do what we can the parish will be OK. Again, thank you to all who are doing what you can, the Lord is with us. Fr. Floyd

April is National Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon his followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal.

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. As Jesus entrusts to Peter the care of the flock, we are reminded that this responsibility belongs to everyone as a matter of charity and justice. Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and for our communities.

Mass Intentions for April 4-12

Apr 04	Saturday	Audrey VanLeeuwen	Arma
		Ron Breneman	Girard
05	Sunday	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		Frank Oplotnik	Girard
06	Monday	NO MASS	
07	Tuesday	Edwina Waterman	Arma
08	Wednesday	Joe George	Girard
09	Thursday	Audrey VanLeeuwen	Arma
10	Friday	No Intention	Girard
11	Saturday	No Intention	Arma
		Betty Jo Peak	Girard
12	Sunday	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
		Bernadine Shively	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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