

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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Mass Intentions for April 25-May 3

Apr 25 Saturday	Bill Harman & Linda Davied	Arma
	Wayne Kanute	Girard
26 Sunday	Pro Populo	Arma
	Jim O'Toole	Girard
27 Monday	NO MASS	
28 Tuesday	No Intention	Arma
29 Wednesday	Priests	Girard
30 Thursday	No Intention	Arma
May 01 Friday	George Stonerock	Girard
02 Saturday	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
	Pat Jr. & Vera Diskin	Girard
03 Sunday	Audrey VanLeeuwen	Arma
	Pro Populo	Girard

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

From the Pastor

We have to face the facts; because of a different kind of virus, we are not able to live our faith the way that most of us would like, at least temporarily. That means some are between a rock and a hard place when it comes to living their faith. They, of course want to go to Mass, but they are not able to because of the restrictions given to us. There are others who are doing OK, but there is still a void in their life because they do not feel that they are doing what needs to be done. We can talk till we are blue in the face about restrictions and rules but we do need to face head on what is happening in our lives. That is when we invite God to help us to live our faith so others can be strengthened. For most of us the celebration of the Mass is the main liturgy that we know; and it is the summit and plenitude of our faith. So if we are going to help others we can show them that our faith has other ways of reaching out to God, such as our prayer in the home, or even the simple prayer before meals.

This is not to downplay the central importance of the Mass/Divine Liturgy in the liturgical life of the Church. It is central, and even when public masses have been suspended, it remains central. Every priest is still bound to celebrate Mass. The Mass is still the highest prayer the Church offers. Under normal circumstances, we faithful would assist at these Masses, and take part of the church's liturgical life in a very special way. For the foreseeable future, that will be denied to us. It falls to us to recover the little ways we can preserve the liturgical life, and unite these with the Masses/liturgies that are offered privately/without a congregation.

The easiest way to do this is to follow the liturgical calendar of the Church. The liturgical calendar is broken down into different seasons. Right now, we are in the season of Easter. Soon, we will be in the season of Pentecost. These seasons are meant to have different sentiments and virtues magnified and practiced with fervor. As Lent is a time of penance, Easter is a time of celebration.

One should also think of little things they can do during these celebratory times to mark special occasions. Give your kids ice cream. Get them takeout for dinner, or make special dinners. When they ask why, tell them it is a time of great celebration. You can also do this for the various feast days of the saints. Some saints have small celebrations, others have larger ones, with feasts surrounding the Apostles and, most importantly, Our Lady taking the highest prominence.

With the coronavirus pandemic, we Christians face a crisis that has only been felt a few times throughout our history. Many of the ordinary means of sanctification and participation in the life of the Church are denied to us. It is a cross we must bear. Yet in bearing that cross, the Church has offered us tools to bear it profitably. We will worship in public masses again. These are tools we can use to prepare us for that moment, and once they resume, to live them out more fruitfully.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Mary Jo Anderson, Larry Brown, Cheryl Francis Greer (Fr. Greer's mom), 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!

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	\$ 1,388.00	\$ 49,620.07
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 44,153.01
Over/(Under)		\$ 5,467.06

BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION!

Easter isn't just a single day, but a season of seven weeks plus one more day. The Church celebrates Easter for fifty days so we can all concentrate on the mysteries of this holiest season of the Church year. The three mysteries that the Church celebrates during Easter season are the first three Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary---the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Let's look at the Resurrection, Our Lord's great day of triumph! On Good Friday, He conquered sin; on Easter Sunday, He triumphed over death! Orthodox Catholics, as well as many other denominations, believe this miracle to be authentic. New Testament readers aren't given the option of disregarding the miracle of the Resurrection. As the apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians, 15: 14 and 17: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain....And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

On numerous occasions, Our Lord foretold His Resurrection: "Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of Man be risen from the dead.". He told this to the three chosen disciples after His Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor. Other notable facts should not be discounted such as when He conferred the Primacy on Peter and the power to forgive sins upon the Apostles,---both accomplished AFTER He had risen from the dead. Our Lord's Resurrection is the hope of every faithful Christian, for we believe that as Christ rose gloriously on Easter Sunday, we, also, will one day rise and be united for all eternity with Him. The Resurrection is the central issue of our faith. All four Gospels describe Jesus' appearance to the disciples after His crucifixion. No serious historian doubts that Jesus lived, that His life impacted history, and that He was crucified on a Roman cross outside of Jerusalem in A.D. 30. The Christian goes on to say that He was also resurrected. The fact of the empty tomb remains undeniable considering the circumstances of the guards and the large boulder that made entry unlikely. Yet, on the third day, John ran with Peter to the tomb. We also see Jesus' wrappings lying on the ground. These two saw and believed with no sign of Jesus or any word from Him. They simply believed because the tomb was empty. How ironic that on the greatest feast of the Christian year, Christ doesn't even appear in the Gospel passage, nor does He speak a word!

It is important to understand what happened to Jesus' disciples in the days following the crucifixion. At first, they were disillusioned and scattered. Some believed that their

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cause was lost. We see this in today's Gospel as the two disciples travel on the road to Emmaus discussing all of the events that had occurred. Jesus, disguised, joins them and inquires about these 'events' and they recount to Him of how this Jesus was seized by the Chief Priests and rulers, how they crucified Him, and now this being the Third Day, some women went to the tomb and found it empty, 'but Him they did not see.' Jesus continued His guise and reproved them for not having faith to believe without seeing! He continued along and interpreted the Scriptures for them. Only when they stopped to eat did they recognize Him in the 'breaking of the bread'. He was crying out to them in a way, "Believe in the Resurrection!" The great majority of us do. We pray together in the Nicene Creed that we 'look forward to the resurrection of the dead'. We should believe in what we proclaim weekly! ---Marcel Normand

myEoffering

In this time of uncertainty, I feel for those who have less income and pray that we all can continue our journey with the resources that can be procured. That is one 'advantage' of the Stewardship model, we are only asked to return to God with the blessings that he has given us. Here at St Michael and St Joseph, I have decided to help us enter into the new world of electronic giving. Actually, it is not all that new; some of you have already set up ways to have us receive your contributions regularly.

myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient.

We will be explaining in a letter to you and on our Parish Web-site how to log in and set up your offering which can be on your schedule. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or even your mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your donations.

In order to position ourselves to continue doing the work of God in the future and to make it as convenient as possible to be a cheerful giver to God's work, we have decided to offer online giving to you. In addition to easier access to giving and more engagement with young stewards, online offering has many benefits for the church. It allows us to more easily track contributions for budgeting among other things.

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