

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

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Fridays from 8:00am to 6:00pm

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Rosemary Gardner, Lisa Goff, Tom Kovach, Mary Ann Lepoglow, Marita Lopeman, Herman Masser, Bob Moore, Samuel Bradshaw Morris, John Oplotnik, David Peak, Frank Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, Janel Scales, Edward Luke Walsh, and Dan Wendt 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!

From the Pastor,

Those who will admit to it are dating themselves if they can remember Perry Como's hit song, "It's Impossible." The song starts out, "It's impossible, to tell the sun to leave the sky; It's just impossible. It's impossible, to ask a baby not to cry; It's just impossible."

And for the fans of Lewis Carrol and Winne the Pooh there is always the humorous twist on the word when Pooh says, "People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day."

We could all come up with lots of quotes and phrases about the word impossible, but none could better illustrate its meaning than the famous words with which the angel Gabriel comforted a distraught Mary: "For nothing will be impossible with God."

Just close your eyes and imagine the scene of Mary and Gabriel and how powerful those words must have been for Mary and the relief she must have felt knowing that God was in control, and that with God, nothing is impossible.

We, too, need comfort and reassurance in these most troubling of times. The virus continues, and while we are hopeful for the vaccine, its efficacy remains to be seen. So, meditating on Gabriel's words of wisdom can, likewise, give us hope and strengthen our faith to face each day anew, knowing that with our God, nothing is impossible.

As we focus on Gabriel's words, think back to when you were younger and someone you looked up to may have told you, "Well, that is just impossible. You better get that out of your head." But now, with our faith much stronger, we know better. We know that with God at our side, our potential is unlimited, and whatever we focus our attention on can become reality.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for December 19-27

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Location
Dec 19	Saturday	4:00pm	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
		5:30pm	Charlie Snow	Girard
20	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Jim O'Toole	Girard
21	Monday	NO MASS		
22	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
23	Wednesday	6:30pm	Barbara Unrein	Girard
24	Thursday	4:00pm	Nick Busse	Arma
		5:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
		8:00pm	Betty Jo Peak	Girard
25	Friday	8:00am	Jack & Jean McClaskey	Arma
		10:00am	George Stonerock	Girard
26	Saturday	4:00pm	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
		5:30pm	Karen Davied	Girard
27	Sunday	8:00am	Jack & Jean McClaskey	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2020 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 61,274.54
Children's Offering	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 58,889.99
Over/(Under)		\$ 2,384.55
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

That reality is not limited to personal growth or gaining control over our lives, but includes our potential to love others and to serve those in need – two actions which know no bounds. If we really want to do more for others and demonstrate our love and concern for them, we can, "For nothing will be impossible with God."

Today, as we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath and prepare for the joy of Christmas and the birth of our Savior that is soon to be upon us, let us realize the gift we received even before the birth of Jesus through the words of Gabriel: the gift of our unlimited potential as Christians to change the world and make it, and all who dwell in it, better.

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

FIAT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

It is said that God will not be outdone in generosity. When you look at today's first reading, you see all the promises he makes to King David. His only request is that David build a proper house for the Lord to dwell in. Here, we see David's Fiat. In the gospel, that Fiat is mirrored in Mary's words, "May it be done to me according to your word." She has agreed to become the new Ark of the Covenant, and the angel Gabriel has told her of the saving grace that will come through her son. In both cases, God had *giant* plans for His people and relied upon the cooperation of His children to bring those plans to fruition. The same is true today! As stewards of God's gifts, let us open our hearts and let His generosity flow through us!

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 4:00pm Arma 5:30pm & 8:00pm Girard
Christmas Day 8:00am Arma 10:00am Girard
New Year's Eve 4:00pm Arma 5:30pm Girard
New Year's Day 8:00am Arma 10:00am Girard

ADORATION

There will be no Adoration on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

FINDING PEACE AT CHRISTMAS

We're nearing Christmas and many of us find that the season is a busy one—cards, gifts, events, to name a few. We hurry here and there in our efforts to 'get it all done before Christmas'. In our cards and gifts, we often write something about 'have a peaceful holiday' or 'may you be blessed with love and peace on Christmas'. It isn't unusual to think to yourself, 'Where is my peace as I hasten to make time for Mass?' "Should I take the time for Confession?" Right before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He said to his disciples, "Peace I leave you. My peace I give to you, not as the world gives it." When Jesus said these words, He was talking to those who loved and believed in Him and followed His commandments. No doubt, He was also speaking to us who would come to believe in Him in the future. The Bible tells us that Christians should have peace since Jesus gave it to them. The question asked is: Where on earth is it??

Jesus told us that peace was a gift. Remember, He said, "My peace I GIVE to you." If you understand and believe that Christ is within you through the workings of the Holy Spirit, peace can come to you. Without strong belief in Jesus, peace becomes more elusive. The more we learn about truth, faith, hope, and love, which is the knowledge of God, this spiritual thing called peace slowly envelopes you. God is the source of all good things and when you search for Him instead of the world's trivia, a relationship with Him begins. After all, He created us with the ability to communicate with Him IN SPIRIT, but you have to develop it. We all want peace, but many people look for it in the wrong places such as fame and fortune.

To secure peace, begin on the path of God-seeking and turn from self-seeking. What does peace look like? Simply take a hard look at the face of Jesus and He will show you the way. Or to put it another way, 'find Jesus, and you find peace.' God sent Jesus here to give us His peace. Our Lord wants you to follow Him where you'll find the peace He wishes you to have. What better time to start this journey that at Christmastime? May God fill your life with love, joy, and PEACE this Christmas. A good first move could be 'forgiveness'. Merry Christmas! ---Marcel Normand



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