

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

## CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

*He placed a child in their midst . . .* And as he did, he embraced that child. Then he spoke these two important words to his disciples. *Become* like children. *Welcome* the children.

Why a child? A child is one who lacks things. Like what? Experience . . . Command of language . . . Knowledge . . . Power . . . Independence . . . Legal rights. As such, every child is at a distinct disadvantage in society. Easily victimized. In order to survive and grow, a child needs to trust in the care and tenderness of others. We adults may think we have little in common with a child. But we do. A sudden illness, a fire or flood, the loss of a steady income, the natural aging process—each can reduce us to the plight of a child. We too need trust to survive—trust in others and in the One who sent Jesus.

*Welcome* the children. Some in our midst do this in exceptional ways: parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, pediatricians, caregivers. But who else in our midst, besides children, are easily preyed upon because they lack experience, command of language, power, independence, legal rights? What about the elderly, the ill, immigrants, the homeless, the lonely, the voiceless, the economically poor, or those victimized because of race, age, gender?

Jesus is placing individuals in our midst today, asking us to emulate and earn their trust, asking us to welcome them with our love.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda, *a Sister of Notre Dame from Chardon, Ohio, Writes and gives talks and retreats. Her latest book is The Grace of Beauty: Its Mystery, Power, and Delight in Daily Life. Visit her blog, "Sunflower Seeds," at www.melanniesvobodasnd.org*

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,873.00	\$ 28,521.84
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 28,218.71
Over/(Under)		\$ 303.13
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Rosemary Gardner, Jessica Goff, Lisa Goff, Waylon Humble, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Herman Masser, Ronnie Michael, Bob Moore, John Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, 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](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## GREENBUSH DAYS

Due to COVID going strong again, we feel it is in the best interest of all concerned to once again cancel our Greenbush Day Pig Roast. While we miss seeing everyone your health and safety, as ours also, is our number one concern. WE plan on being back in 2022. So mark your calendars for the third Sunday in September 2022 and we will see you all again! Stay healthy and safe.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

Constitution Week is September 17-24, please offer a prayer for our Country and our Service men and women during this week and September 17 weekend.

## CONFIRMATION

\*\*Confirmation will be on Sunday, September 19th during the 10:00am Mass.

## ST. MICHAEL'S TURKEY DINNER & BAZAAR

St. Michael's Altar Society has decided to cancel our annual Turkey Dinner & Bazaar again this year, due to the COVID pandemic. We look forward to seeing you next year!

## CURB-SIDE CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

The First Christian Church will be having a Curb-Side Chicken Noodle Dinner on Sunday, September 26, from 11am to 1:30pm. Adults \$8 and Children ages 3-12 \$4. Menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, Italian bread, and dessert (pie: apple, cherry or peach; cake: chocolate or white).

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Selfless Surrender

*Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37*

"If anyone wishes to be first, he must be the last of all and the servant of all." What does this mean in terms of our discipleship? It means that our call to discipleship must not become a source of pridefulness. Jesus set the bar high in terms of selfless surrender — it doesn't just mean that you give yourself over to the beautiful parts of God's will. That path will likely include some undesirable moments as well...for Jesus, that meant persecution, rejection, and crucifixion. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that He will be put to death, and the next thing He knows, they are arguing over who is the greatest among them. Isn't that just like humans?! Authentic discipleship is not described by greatness, privilege, or self-glorification. Instead, it is characterized by humility, meekness, lowliness, and servanthood. John the Baptist tells us that if God is to grow in us, we must diminish (Jn 3:30). This is echoed in Jesus' message today. Allow your discipleship to be great — to glorify God and build up His Kingdom, but do so quietly and by serving those who are most often overlooked.

## ST. PAUL'S GROUP

St. Paul's Group (widows, widowers, and single seniors) will begin meeting again on Sunday, September 19th. Dinner and Bingo \$8.00. Knights of Columbus Hall (11th and Joplin Streets) at 1:00 pm. Come eat, pray, play bingo, and enjoy comforting enjoyable companionship! Hostesses : Margie Eichorn, Midge Barley, and Mary Krouse. Any questions call 231-4594.

## CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Congratulations to August Harlow Amershek, Aiden Michael Ashbacher, Gannon Craig Clark, Benjamin Nyle Cullen, Jenaro Garcia, Maggie Marie Niggemann, Marli Kayte Sisney, Elijah Arnold Walsh, Seth Jones Wilson on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at this Sunday's Mass. May the Holy Spirit fill your heart with faith and love on your Confirmation day and every day.

## PSR

We are excited to announce that this year's Parish School of Religion program will start Wednesday, October 6. Elementary students (1st- 5th) will walk over from the school and have class till 3:30pm. Middle School and High School will have class from 6:30-8pm every Wednesday night. The Family Registration will be emailed out in the coming weeks, but if you know anyone new that would like to join our program (1st grade or older) please have them contact Kristen Graham either at 620-875-6133 or [kristen.j.graham@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.j.graham@gmail.com).

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Sept 18-26

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
Sept 18 Sat	4:00pm	Gerald White	Arma
	5:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
19 Sun	8:00am	Emil Pronier	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
20 Mon		NO MASS	
21 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
22 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
23 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
24 Fri	7:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
	8:00am - 6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
25 Sat	4:00pm	Bill & Linda Harman	Arma
	5:30pm	Charles Snow	Girard
26 Sun	8:00am	Mary Dean Sandler	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (9/25/21)	Sunday (9/26/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Zack Benso & Brandon Leritz	Evan & Quin Sisney
E.M.E.: Linda DeGarmo	Austin Smith
Lector: Mary Twarog	Ryan Severt
Gifts: Dean & Tonya Davied	Brian & Jill Davied Family

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