

# 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  
Rectory: (620)724-8717  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
www.stmichaelgirard.com

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

## A COMMON PURPOSE

*Whoever is not against us is for us.*

The process of allowing things to coalesce differs fundamentally from coralling or controlling. Coalescence speaks of natural affinities, a movement toward meeting and merging that we recognize when people fall in love, when political groundswells become apparent, when families reconvene around a loss, recognizing a level of relationship that underlies the fissures and divergences of adult life. We gather, but in a deeper sense, we are gathered. Something draws us together for at least the one brief shining moment that reminds us we were put on the planet for a common purpose. And the calling continues.

The ecumenical vision is one of coalescence. If a divided church is to come together after centuries of theological opposition, it will surely be a result not only of the efforts and intentions of those who organize conferences and write books, but of the force that summons us all toward the final unity we proclaim when we sing "We are one in the Spirit," and pray "that our unity may one day be restored."

The movement toward the center is happening as surely as entropy. What has scattered will be gathered, in due time. Maybe not in our lifetimes; we are here only for a short part of a long process. But to see history and our own lives in terms of a deep dynamic of coalescence is to recognize how "centering" godly work is, how "centering prayer" opens us to coalescence, and how much of our best participation may not be paddling madly, but floating on the currents that take us all home.

Marilyn McEntyre, *Word by Word: A Daily Spiritual Practice*

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 6,879.95	\$ 35,401.79
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 28,218.71
Over/(Under)		\$ 7,183.08
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, 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!

## 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).

## ST. MICHAEL'S ANGELS

If anyone is interested in heading up this project this holiday season, please call the office or email Janel for details.

## 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).

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Working Toward a Common Goal

*Num 11:25-29/ Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

"...we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." In today's Gospel, the disciples see a man driving out demons in the name of Jesus, and they ask him to stop because he isn't "one of them." First of all, there is jealousy and rivalry in this comment. As we read last week, there is no room for those traits in the heart of a true disciple. Secondly, they said "he does not follow us." The pronoun *us* (rather than *you*) indicates that in some ways, they have elevated themselves to being equal to Jesus. Clearly, they are still struggling with the lesson of "the first shall be last." Jesus settles this by stating that the man should be allowed to continue his work, and that if he isn't against us, then he is for us. Here is an important lesson for you and I! How often do we grow self-righteous in our own piety or our own faith and come to the conclusion that our own discipleship is stronger than another person's? Our goal is unification with all those who are "not against us," regardless of status or denomination. Missionary discipleship gains momentum when we realize we are all working toward a common goal!

## FORMED.ORG

It is an online media platform that can help all of us, families and individuals, to explore our faith. On this platform, website, are thousands of movies, children's programs, people talking about our Catholic faith and what we believe. You have to sign in but it is free because the parish is paying for this information and you could say entertainment. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)

1. Click on "sign up" button
2. Click on "sign up as a parishioner button"
3. Type in our zip code 66743 (even St Joseph must use this zip code because we are registered with it) St Michael should appear (be sure it is St Michael in Girard)
4. Click on the 'next' button
5. Enter your name and e-mail address
6. that should allow you to enter in to view all that FORMED has for us to grow in faith.

To login after you have registered

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1. Then click 'sign in'
2. If you did not sign out it should show a button that says start watching.
3. If you logged out from your last viewing they may ask that you give your e-mail again... so you type in you e-mail address and they will send you an e-mail ....you look at that e-mail and click on the 'sign in now' button.
4. Enjoy all the information FORMED has to offer.

Our hope is that many of you here at St Michael and St Joseph might take advantage of this online media platform and the variety of useful material for all Catholics. May it help you to enrich your faith.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Sept 25-October 3

Sept 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
27 Mon		NO MASS	
28 Tues	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
29 Wed	8:00am	NO MASS	Girard
30 Thurs	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
		NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
Oct 01 Fri	7:00am	NO MASS	Girard
		NO Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
02 Sat	4:00pm	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
03 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Mary Brees	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (10/2/21)	Sunday (10/3/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Aiden Ashbacher & Jaxton Smith	Sara Goble & Kaila Karhoff
E.M.E.: Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
Lector: Teresa Davenport	Ruth Duling
Gifts: Robert & Alice Davied	Ron & Jeanette Davied

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