

# 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

\*\*Bulletins are being posted on the website once again.

\*\*Quarterly Mass Duty schedule is also posted on the website.

## LOOK WELL, AND YOU WILL SEE

[A] gospel like today's is not a gospel of doom. It is a gospel about distress, about pain, about dying.

That distress, however, is not the important thing. That pain is not the end. The dying is not the real sign.

Jesus made this clear in the parable he adds. In that story, he brings us before a tree that lost all its leaves during a drought or during wintertime.

He tells us: Look well, and you will see all over the tree small brown buds. You look at Jesus and you say: "So what?"

He says: "Keep looking, and you will see." And you do see some movement, change, life. The small buds open. The surrounding brown leaves give way. They crack, they bend, they break, they die. To them, this means disaster, the end, distress; yet new life is born, a pale green shoot. The old protecting leaves fall on the earth. They dry up in a sun that is darkening to them, fading away, while bringing new life to the shoot. Life and growth.

You might even use the more salient image in John [16:21], which is not bound to seasons like today's parable. It is the image in which Jesus compares the whole of creation to a woman giving birth. She is in pain, terrible pain. But it would be nonsense to only look at her pain, saying, how horrible, what distress, what drama. That pain is not the important thing. That distress is not the end. The pain is the sign of a new life being born. Once it is born, all that pain will be forgotten because of that new life.

Jesus teaches us how to look at the crumbling of the old world around us, at the falling away of so many things we are accustomed to. Jesus tells us how to interpret conflicts, wars, and starvation. He explains: "Be careful. Don't get confused. Don't let them frighten you! Don't worry! Keep going. In the end, all will be fine!"

Fr. Joseph Donders, *Praying and Preaching the Sunday Gospel Joseph G. Donders (d. 2013) was a member of the Missionaries of Africa and professor of mission studies at Washington Theological Union.*

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,013.20	\$ 59,403.33
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 61,769.93
Over/(Under)		\$ (2,366.60)
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 270.00	

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Be Prepared to Meet Him

*Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32*

Since the day of the Ascension, people have been trying to predict when Jesus would come back. They have watched for signs and tried to warn others that "the time is near!" Today's Gospel suggests that that behavior is futile. Jesus says, "...of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Not even Jesus knows the moment of His return! This leaves us with a few lifestyle choices. We can live in constant fear, always worrying that we will be caught off-guard in our sinfulness. We can live in complete denial, putting off repentance until the very last moment. Or we can live every single day of our lives in preparation to meet the King. As His disciples, let us make every day fit for Him to see and at any moment be prepared to meet Him face to face!

### Jerry Davenport Benefit

There will be a Benefit for Jerry Davenport on November 19th from 3pm to 11pm at the Girard American Legion. Our parish has been asked to furnish pies and cinnamon rolls for the Benefit. You can sign-up or donate money in the back of the church to help provide these needed baked goods. If you would like to donate money, please drop it in the collection basket, in a separate envelope marked "Jerry Davenport Benefit". Please have pies or cinnamon rolls delivered to the hall by noon on Friday, November 19th. Thank you so much for all the help in advance.

### ST. PAUL'S GROUP

St. Paul's Group for widows, widowers, and single seniors will meet on Sunday, November 21st, at 1:00. Knight's of Columbus Hall, 11th and Joplin. Come enjoy dinner, bingo, prayer, and friendly companionship. Cost \$8.00. Hostesses: Dorothy Murphy, Mary Bow, and Mary Cashero.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, 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!

## FARM TOY SHOW

The 31st Annual SE KS Farm Toy Show will be held on Sunday, November 14th from 9am to 3pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Raffle for door prizes every hour...\$2.00 Admission/10 & Under—Free! \*\*Lunch Available\*\* For more information, contact Dave Garrett by phone at 620-724-4888, 620-724-6166, 620-724-2743 or by email at [na-pa\\_dave55@hotmail.com](mailto:na-pa_dave55@hotmail.com).

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark your calendars for December 11th at 6:30pm!** We're having a **Wine and Cheese night at SEAS** *sharing the life-changing grace God's pouring out in Medjugorje!* Testimonies will be given from those who took part in this year's **Apostolate of Priestly Consecration's** pilgrimage, whose mission is to **provide priests free pilgrimages** to Medjugorje, and *for whom Bishop Kemme has prayed and offered 42 masses for its success!* We'll have **hors-d'oeuvres and music to celebrate Mary** on this Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will also be a **Fundraiser for Priests** with a *Silent Auction with items brought back and blessed by Mary in an apparition in Medjugorje as well as other services and items* - with all proceeds going to help the Apostolate bring priests to Medjugorje and Total Consecration. **3 pilgrimages are planned for both priests and laity during this 40th Anniversary year:**

March 16-26, 2022, June 10th - 18th, 2022 and June 20th - 28th, 2022 - with **7 priests already signed up.** So we already have a great need and rely completely on divine providence. All donations are tax deductible.

**Please join us and come find out more about Medjugorje, God's rescue plan for our world, where every day for 40 years Mary has reportedly been appearing and giving messages!**

To find out more, to donate online, or to sign up for a pilgrimage - see [priestlyconsecration.com](http://priestlyconsecration.com) or email Janet at [miraclerosary@gmail.com](mailto:miraclerosary@gmail.com)

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for November 13-21

Date	Time	Intention	Parish
Nov 13 Sat	4:00pm	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Stan Thomas	Girard
14 Sun	8:00am	Bill & Linda Harman Family	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
15 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
16 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
17 Wed	8:00am	Charles Snow	Girard
18 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
19 Fri	7:00am	Karen Davied	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
20 Sat	4:00pm	Gerald White	Arma
	5:30pm	Charles Snow	Girard
21 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Stan Thomas	Girard

### Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (11/20/21)	Sunday (11/21/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Carly Reif & Jaxton Smith	Sara Goble & Kaila Karhoff
E.M.E.: Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
Lector: Teresa Davenport	Ruth Duling
Gifts: Barb & Sarah Mikrut	Kerry & Tammie O'Brien

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