

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.

A RECKLESS ADVENT PRAYER

Once, in the midst of a raging storm, I stood on a promontory overlooking the strait through which Lake Huron pours into Georgian Bay. The water below me heaved like a living thing—a gray, writhing serpent, hissing and spitting foam. The rain poured down, the wind ripped my voice away. I was stunned at the power that swirled around me, that in an instant could have swept me away. Terrified, I bolted back to safety.

Today's Gospel, with its description of roaring seas and shifting stars, makes me wonder if I have courage enough to pray for the Kingdom to come. Morning and night the words rise blithely enough to my lips— "thy Kingdom come" - but am I willing to face the terrifying signs in the heavens and howling waves that will herald its coming?

Yet here I stand at the edge of Advent, praying for the resolve to run forth into the wind and raging waves. Praying for the grace to seek out Christ not as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, but as the Son of Man, coming cloaked in power and glory in the midst of chaos and confusion. It is a reckless prayer, one that insists I lift my eyes from my own cares and anxieties. It is a prayer that demands I wade into the rolling seas of the present day, to stand as a beacon of justice for those battered by oppression, to reach out with mercy to those struggling to keep their heads above troubled waters. It's a call not to safety, but to shake the world until that day when God's Kingdom comes in glory.

Michelle Francl-Donnay

Michelle Francl-Donnay is a wife and mother, a professor of Chemistry, and an adjunct scholar at the Vatican Observatory. She is author of Prayer: Biblical Wisdom for Seeking God in the Little Rock Scripture Study Alive in the Word series. Her website is michellefrancldonnay.com.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,956.79	\$ 64,676.43
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 61,769.93
Over/(Under)		\$ 2,906.50
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Be Vigilant!

Jer 33:14-16/ 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Today, the first Sunday in Advent, we begin our watch. Specifically, we are watching and waiting for the nativity of Jesus — His first coming. However, we also live in the end times and should simultaneously be watching for His second coming. Today, as many people worry about shipping times for gifts and scheduling dinner parties, we are challenged to set our sights on the more important signs of the season. Do not let the culture distract you from your discipleship! Luke's Gospel says, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from ... the anxieties of daily life...Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent..." Allow yourself to enter into the joy of the season, but don't lose sight of the reality of the season. Use these weeks to prepare your heart to meet your King!

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

God of hope and love,
we praise you for sending Jesus, your Son,
to save us from our sins
and to be the light in our darkness.
Bless us as we gather in his name,
and bless this wreath as a sign of your unending love
and of Jesus' presence among us.
Keep us watchful in prayer
as we await his return in glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
in eternal glory,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
-Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family

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. Thank you!

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for a **Wine and Cheese night at SEAS on December 11th at 6:30pm**, where we'll share the life-changing grace God is 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'œuvres 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 or email Janet at miraclero-sary@gmail.com



Mass Schedule and Intentions for November 27-December 5

Nov 27 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma
	5:30pm	Charles Snow	Girard
28 Sun	8:00am	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
29 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
30 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
Dec 01 Wed	8:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
02 Thurs	8:00am	Gerald White	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
03 Fri	7:00am	Jim Peak	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
04 Sat	4:00pm	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	5:30pm	Claire Weston	Girard
05 Sun	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (12/4/21)	Sunday (12/5/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Carly Reif & Brandon Leritz	Sara Goble & Kaila Karhoff
E.M.E.: Macy Reif	Chris Sponsel
Lector: Butch Reif	Connie Sponsel
Gifts: Mark & Trish Peak	Cliff & Janel Scales Family

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