

# 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**  
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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.

## ALL HIS PATHS MAKE FOR PEACE

[L]et us hear what the Voice of the Word calls to us, so that one day we may progress from the Voice to the Word. "Prepare the way of the Lord," he says, "make straight his paths" [cf. Isa 40:3]. They prepare the way who amend their lives; the narrow way. An amended life is certainly the straight road by which the Lord, who in this very conversion is already there before us, may come to us. . . . For unless he who is the Life, the Truth and the Way anticipates his own advent to us, our way cannot be corrected according to the model of truth, and so cannot be directed to the way of eternity.

By what does one correct her or his way, if not by observing the Lord's words, if not by following in the footsteps of him who made himself the Way by which we might come to him?

O that my ways may be directed to keeping your ways, O Lord, so that because of the words from your lips I may follow even difficult ways. And if they should seem hard to the flesh that is weak they will seem sweet and pleasant to the spirit if it is resolute. "His ways are pleasant ways and all his paths make for peace," says the inspired writer [Prov 3:17]. The ways of Wisdom are not only at peace, they bring peace.

Bd. Gueric of Igny, adapted from a Sermon for Advent  
*Gueric of Igny (ca. 1070-1157) was educated in the humanities and theology. An esteemed and seasoned scholar, he was encouraged to enter monastic life by Bernard of Clairvaux. He was elected abbot of Igny in 1138.*

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 3,482.25	\$ 68,158.68
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 61,769.93
Over/(Under)		\$ 6,388.75
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

## 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!

## 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. "So excited to announce! Amazing spiritual director, Fr. Scott Brossart, SOLT, will be with us!"

**\*\*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)

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Prepare Room in Your Heart

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-16

Today's Gospel introduces us to the mission of John the Baptist who proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in preparation for the way of the Lord. We also see, however, that there were earthly rulers who stood in stark contrast to the establishment of the Kingdom of God which John heralded. From Caesar in Rome, to his governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate, to the tetrarch Herod who would deprive John of his earthly life, we are reminded that although we should "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" we should ultimately strive to seek Him who offers us eternal governance and salvation. As we enter further into this Advent season, let us remember to prepare room in our hearts for Him who is the Giver of all good gifts.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be having a meeting Tuesday at 7 PM in the St. Michael hall. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this meeting.

## PRAYING THE ANGELS' PRAYER

Other than during Advent and Lent, we sing the Gloria every week. But how often do we pause to think of the origins of the opening lines of that prayer? They come, of course, from the message of the angels to the shepherds who were in the fields on the night Jesus was born: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

The Greek word used in Luke's Gospel is eudokia, which means those in whom God is pleased or is satisfied with—or even better—delights in. And God delights in all of us! So we can take comfort in God's message for us all.

But notice that the message of "glad tidings" was first announced to shepherds. At the time of Jesus, shepherds were considered to be low on the social ladder. They were sometimes even characterized as sinners. They were on the outskirts of the city, literally and figuratively. In the fields. Apart.

Yet it is to these people that Jesus' birth is first revealed. It is in keeping with the pattern of the Incarnation. Christ enters the world as a poor child, completely vulnerable and utterly dependent on his poor parents. He will live in small, insignificant town and engage in another occupation with little social standing: a carpenter.

So what poor, seemingly forgotten, and perhaps rejected part of you needs to hear that God delights in you? Can you hear the voice of the angels singing this good news?

*James Martin is a Jesuit priest, editor at America magazine, and author of many books, including the recently published Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone and In All Seasons, For All Reasons, a collection drawn from this column in Give Us This Day.*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for December 4-12

Date	Time	Intention	Parish
Dec 04 Sat	4:00pm	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	5:30pm	Claire Weston	Girard
05 Sun	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
06 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
07 Tues	5:30pm	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	7:00pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
08 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
	5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
	7:00pm	Ted Yoakam	Arma
09 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
10 Fri	7:00am	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
11 Sat	4:00pm	Deceased Schaub Family	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
12 Sun	8:00am	Bill & Linda Harman Family	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (12/11/21)	Sunday (12/12/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Trevor & August Amershek	Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher
E.M.E.: Rachel Ausemus	Marilyn McCracken
Lector: Linda Moore	Beth Wilson
Gifts: Chris & Mary Leritz Family	Butch & Mary Reif Family
**Holy Day Masses—we are asking for volunteers for Mass duties	

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