

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

100 South 8th Street  
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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

Before all Masses, anytime by appointment

**RECTORY HOURS**  
Thursdays 9:00am-Noon  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
www.stjosepharma.com

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Thursdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm

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

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

## “WHAT SHOULD WE DO?”

Well, in the end, it always comes down to this question, doesn't it? John, a key player in our Advent readings, had preached repentance and offered a washing ritual to ratify that repentance. For those who had submitted to this ritual, presumably their question was sincere: “Okay, we regret our sinful past; we were willing to have you plunge us into the river as a sign of our repentance, weren't we? But what do we do now?” Later Jesus will provide more radical responses to this kind of question, but John, ever practical, tells his audience to start with what's right in front of them. It's as if he were saying, “Look, the time may come when something bigger, something more dramatic, may be demanded of you. But for right now, as you go about your daily routine, do you come across people in need? Well, respond to that need. So, you're a tax collector? It's simple: Don't cheat people. You're a soldier or in law enforcement? Don't abuse your authority.”

These answers seem so obvious, so straightforward. Indeed, they were in complete accord with Jewish law. John wasn't suggesting these simple answers exhausted the moral obligations of the crowds; he was just telling them to start with basic acts of compassion and integrity and see where they lead. Living virtuously rarely begins with heroic deeds; more often it's a matter of responding to the simple moral demands that are right before us. So let's start there and see where God leads us.

Richard R. Gaillardetz

*Richard R. Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College and the author of By What Authority? Foundations for Understanding Authority in the Church.*

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 5,273.03	\$ 27,593.29
Expenses-November	\$ 4,608.88	\$ 23,381.03
Over/(Under)		\$ 4,212.26

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jan Harman, Mary Johnson, Aaron Kranker, Bob Lauck, Lisa Pitts Martin, Margaret Setina, and Randy VanLeeuwen 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!

## HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th**

5:30pm—Arma  
8:00pm—Girard

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th**

8:00am—Arma  
10:00am—Girard

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Saturday, December 25th  
No 4:00pm Mass—Arma  
5:30pm—Girard  
Sunday, December 26th  
8:00am—Arma  
10:00am—Girard

**The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

Saturday, January 1st  
9:00am—Girard

## myEoffering

Just a friendly reminder...myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient. If you are interested, you can find instructions on how to get set up on the parish website.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Giving Has No Season

*Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18*

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us to be good stewards of what we've been GIVEN, and to share the abundance of God's blessings! “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none.” This time of year, we are bombarded with opportunities to give to those in need, but this timely reminder suggests that we should do so all the time, not just because it's the season for giving. Giving has no “season.” John also points out that we are to be good stewards of our work. If you are a tax collector, be a good one! If you are a soldier, be a good one! Wherever God has placed you in this world, use that position to serve and glorify God! As we reflect on today's scripture, may we remember that we have been GIVEN much and should respond in gratitude!

### BLESS THE PATH

*I, the Lord, your God . . . lead you on the way you should go.*

I can hear my pen scratch across the surface of the paper. My windows are open on this Advent evening: rain falls, as it has for much of the day. One lamp in the corner lends a glow to the cabin. I am alone in these woods, writing my way toward my real life. These days, time is measured in books read, in words written, in pieces of colored paper laid across a white page.

Once through the opening, how far is it to the back of the cave of the heart? Tools for measuring the distance don't apply here. Perhaps a new word flung into the darkness periodically to get a sounding, an echo coming back to help me know where I am.

How far? That's not the point. Being here means I have already come a distance. Pondering it is another journey. I begin here.

Thou my source  
and my returning,  
my beginning  
and welcome home,  
bless the path  
on which I journey;  
be the way  
that leads me on.

Jan Richardson, *In Wisdom's Path*  
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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for December 11-19

Date	Time	Intention	Parish
Dec 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
13 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
14 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
15 Wed	8:00am	Charles Snow	Girard
16 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
17 Fri	7:00am	Deceased Members of D of I	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
18 Sat	4:00pm	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	5:30pm	Pat Jr. & Vera Diskin	Girard
19 Sun	8:00am	Dan Black	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (12/18/21)	Sunday (12/19/21)
4:00pm	8:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Bryce & Brayden Reese
EME: Linda Carpino	Joan Black
Lector: Pat Westhoff	Ron Pommier
Gifts: Joe & Linda Broyles	Ron & Joan Black
Ushers: Joe Broyles & Joe Polhlopek	Ron Black & Mike Ashbacher

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