

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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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.

“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	\$ 4,798.02	\$ 72,956.70
Expenses-November	\$ 11,528.28	\$ 73,298.21
Over/(Under)		\$ (341.51)
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, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, Dan Wendt, and David Westhoff 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!

FOOD PANTRY

There is a basket in the entrance of the Church for any food donations you would like to donate to the Community Food Pantry. This is an ongoing project in conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance. Monetary Donations are accepted as well, by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked “Food Pantry”. Thank you for supporting this need.

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

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*
Jan Richardson is an artist, writer, and ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. She serves as director of The Wellspring Studio, LLC, And makes her home in Florida.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for December 11-19

Dec	Day	Time	Intention	Minister
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)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales	Isabella & Elijah Walsh
E.M.E.: Janel Scales	Linda Garrett
Lector: Donna Martin	Doug Lopeman
Gifts: Dave & Mary Twarog	Ryan & Paula Severt

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