

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
Rectory: (620)724-8717
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PARISH WEBSITE:
www.stmichaelgirard.com

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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.

WHAT HOLDS US BACK

In one of my favorite movies, *Sister Act 2*, Sr. Mary Clarence—played by the larger-than-life Whoopi Goldberg—returns to teach music at a run-down Catholic school. In a pivotal scene, she confronts the film’s star songstress, a teenager named Rita. Despite Rita’s love for music and astonishing singing ability, she has recently dropped out of music class. Because Rita’s defiant attitude, Sr. Mary Clarence assumes that her sudden departure is simply a result of the teen’s immaturity.

“I know you want to sing,” Sister insists, having cornered her student on a busy sidewalk, “If you wake up in the morning, and you can’t think of anything but singing first, then you’re supposed to be a singer, girl.” Rita turns away, rolling her eyes.

The well-meaning teacher doesn’t know the many reasons why Rita has withdrawn from class. Rita loves singing, but she doubts her talent. And thanks to a protective mother who condemns her musical pursuits, Rita has resigned to an unhappier but more practical life path.

This scene reminds us that knowing and sharing our gifts is often more complicated than we acknowledge—something to keep in mind when reflecting on St. Paul’s celebration of the diverse talents that comprise the Body of Christ, our Church. While marveling at the wonderful gifts that God bestows among us, we must also contend with the obstacles that accompany our callings.

Sometimes we face structural difficulties. Just as Rita’s mother admonishes that “singing doesn’t pay the bills,” economic and social realities often obstruct our ability to serve, whether in religious or secular settings. Other times, our insecurities inhibit us from owning and sharing our talents. Such

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,848.20	\$ 91,303.78
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 82,815.07
Over/(Under)		\$ 8,488.71
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, Richard Mason, Herman Masser, Ronnie Michael, Bob Moore, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, Anna Snow, 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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Receive One Another As Gifts

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ 1 Cor 12:12-30/ Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus in his element, so to speak. He is in His hometown, among His family and neighbors, and in His home church. These people KNOW Jesus. The people of Nazareth were some of the first to hear the good news — what a beautiful gift. How, do you suppose, did they receive that gift? Was there a sense of entitlement, because of their connection to Jesus? Did they take it for granted, because they had heard Jesus speak many times in the synagogue? And how does this relate to the way we receive the gifts of our fellow parishioners? Consider your reaction to your pastor...to the lector whose voice is too loud...to the musicians who sing everything too slowly. Is your pride and entitlement blocking the evangelizing they are attempting? Is your familiarity making it impossible for them to grow as disciples? Pray today that God will humble your heart and allow you to embrace all you have been given in the people of your parish!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants. Your donation is desperately needed. The next blood drive to be held at St. Michael’s Catholic Hall will be on Tuesday, February 8th from 11:30am to 5:30pm. If you are willing and able to donate, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) today to schedule your appointment.

Is the case with Rita too.

The bold Jesus of today’s Gospel embodies no such inhibition. Assured in his abilities and his calling from God, he courageously proclaims his mission. What would it take for us to inhabit such self-confidence? What holds us back from believing that our gifts are, in fact, essential parts of Christ’s body?

Jessica Coblenz is a theologian on the faculty of Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame, Indiana) and the author of the recently released Dust in the Blood: A Theology of Life with Depression.

FATHER’S SCHEDULE

Father Mike will be on retreat from Sunday, January 30th through Friday, February 4th. There will be no weekday Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at either parish while he is gone.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your 2021 Contribution Statements were mailed to your home this past week. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Janel Scales. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for January 22-30

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
Jan 22 Sat	4:00pm	Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
23 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
24 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
25 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
26 Wed	8:00am	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
27 Thurs	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
28 Fri	7:00am	Verdan Davied	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
29 Sat	4:00pm	Pro Populo	Arma
	5:30pm	Loretta (Butler) Vice	Girard
30 Sun	8:00am	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	10:00am	Regina Butler	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (01/29/22)	Sunday (01/30/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Brandon Leritz & Jaxton Smith	Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher
E.M.E.: Rachel Ausemus	Marilyn McCracken
Lector: Linda Moore	Beth Wilson
Gifts: Blaise & Nancy Bauer	Jeremiah & Jeanene Walsh Family

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