

St. Joseph 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

Before all Masses, anytime by appointment

RECTORY HOURS
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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.

THE REFINING FIRE OF DOUBT

Many of us entered the world with both an unparallel level of conviction and a crippling lack of curiosity. So ready with answers, we didn't know what the questions were anymore. So prepared to defend the faith, we missed the thrill of discovering it for ourselves. So convinced we had God right, it never occurred to us that we might be wrong.

In short, we never learned to doubt.

Doubt is a difficult animal to master because it requires that we learn the difference between doubting God and doubting what we believe about God. The former has the potential to destroy faith; the latter has the power to enrich and refine it. The former is a vice; the latter is a virtue.

Where would we be if the apostle Peter had not doubted the necessity of food laws, or is Martin Luther had not doubted the notion that salvation can be purchased? What if Galileo had simply accepted church-instituted cosmology paradigms, or William Wilberforce the condition of slavery? We do an injustice to the intricacies and shadings of Christian history when we gloss over struggles, when we read Paul's epistles or Saint Augustine's *Confessions* without acknowledging the difficult questions that these believers asked and the agony with which they often ask them.

If I have learned anything over the . . . years, it's that doubt is the mechanism by which faith evolves. It helps us cast off false fundamentals so that we can recover what has been lost or embrace what is new. It is a refining fire, a hot flame that keeps our faith alive and moving and bubbling about, where certainty would only freeze it on the spot.

Rachel Held Evans, *Faith Unraveled*

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 875.00	\$ 48,213.29
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 44,984.57
Over/(Under)		\$ 3,228.72

MASS INTENTIONS

WHY REQUEST A MASS INTENTION? One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. The Church considers the Mass to be one of the greatest prayers of intercession. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Mass for a particular intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. That intention can be for a living person's health and well-being, or for the eternal rest of a deceased person, or any other prayers you wish to be offered up to Christ for a loved one. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. Requesting Mass Intentions: Mass intentions make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, you need to turn in the information at least a month in advance (Masses are scheduled that much ahead of time). Call the parish office to schedule OR place the information of who or what the Mass is for, and who is offering the Mass, along with a phone number in case we have questions. The suggested stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.00 payable via cash or check, you can donate less or more.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Totus Tuus is scheduled for the week of July 17-22, 2022. More information to come!

Parish Pastoral Council: Pat Westhoff (Chair), Dustin Ashmore, Joe Broyles, Debbie Amershek, Debbie Schaub

Parish Finance Council: Linda Broyles, Dan Cole, Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback

Worship Committee: Chair (looking for a volunteer), Ushers / Greeters (looking for a volunteer), Joan Black (EMEs), Margaret Setina (Altar Society), Linda Broyles (Lectors), Jan Harman (Music)

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jan Harman, Mary Johnson, 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. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

The Fear of Missing Out, or FOMO, has been around longer than Methuselah. FOMO can bring good and/or undesirable consequences. Adam and Eve learned that the hard way. In today's first reading we read there were those that would do anything to get to the apostles, even settling for the shadow of Peter to cast upon them, they did not want to miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime! Then, in today's gospel, there is Thomas, the doubting one. Can you imagine what he felt after hearing Jesus showed up while he was gone? Total FOMO alert. Where was he anyway? Obviously, Jesus being God and all, knew Thomas was not going to be present, and he also knew Thomas was going to be doubtful about his appearance. God's timing is not our timing. God knows we can't be everywhere, doing everything, and as stewards we can't be a part of every event or ministry. Divine Mercy Sunday is a good reminder we needn't be here or there or doing this or that, we just need to be open.

SEK Ulteva:

St. Andrew Parish, in Independence, will be hosting Ultevas for area Cursillistas and those interested in Cursillo. The goal is to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month in the St. Andrew Parish Center. Please bring a snack to share, because when we meet we eat! For those interested in attending a Cursillo: the next Women's Weekend will be April 28th - May 1st and the Men's Weekend is scheduled for June 16th - 19th.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for April 23-May 1			
Apr 23 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma
	8:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
24 Sun	8:00am	Joe Maghe	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
25 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
26 Tues	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
27 Wed	8:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
28 Thurs	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
29 Fri	7:30am	Donna Little	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
30 Sat	4:00pm	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	5:30pm	Mary Ann Lepoglow	Girard
May 01 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Vera Diskin	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend	
Saturday (04/30/22)	Sunday (05/01/22)
4:00pm	8:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME: Sharon Giacometti	Tracey Bogina
Lector: Anna Meyer	Joe Broyles
Gifts: Margaret Setina & Gay Kranker	Scott & Susie Aldrighetti
Ushers: Volunteers	Greg Bogina & Mike Ashbacher

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