

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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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.

HEARING BETWEEN THE LINES

Fishing is not my husband's profession, but he's a good fisherman. I can guarantee that "No" or "Not so much" would be the answer to almost anyone—stranger or not, on the lake or not—who asked him whether the fish were biting. You just don't ask such deeply personal questions of a fisherman and expect an honest answer.

Likewise, seven experienced fishermen, empty-netted after being on the lake for hours on end, probably don't want the unsolicited advice of a stranger: "Have you thought about checking out the other side of the boat?" Funny, really. It would be like me asking my husband if a different hook or line might improve his results.

I am somewhat surprised that the Stranger on the Shore didn't have a different question for the fishermen: "Hey, where'd you get the nets? I thought you left them behind a few years ago when you followed that guy from Galilee." Would that question have prompted Peter to the same 100-yard splash?

In either case, as Peter learns after breakfast, the only question that truly matters is the question of love.

"Do you love me?" "Yes." "Do you love me?" "What part of *yes* don't you understand?" "Do you love me?" "Really? Is the pope Catholic?"

Okay, so that is not how the conversation went. It would have been way too early for the pope question! True, this fisherman was the rock on which Jesus would build his Church, but that makes this deeply personal exchange even more resonant.

Regardless of our station or vocation in life, discipleship is our profession. And to profess belief in Jesus Christ is to know that at every moment of every day, we are called to love. The question never, ever goes away. The challenge is to sit in Peter's place on the seashore and hear between the lines of Jesus' love question: Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Follow me.

With tender loving care for one another—that's how we follow. Encounter after encounter. Without such love, the results of our evangelizing will never be more than a lackluster "Not as much."

Mary Stommes is an oblate of St. Benedict and the editor of Give Us This Day.

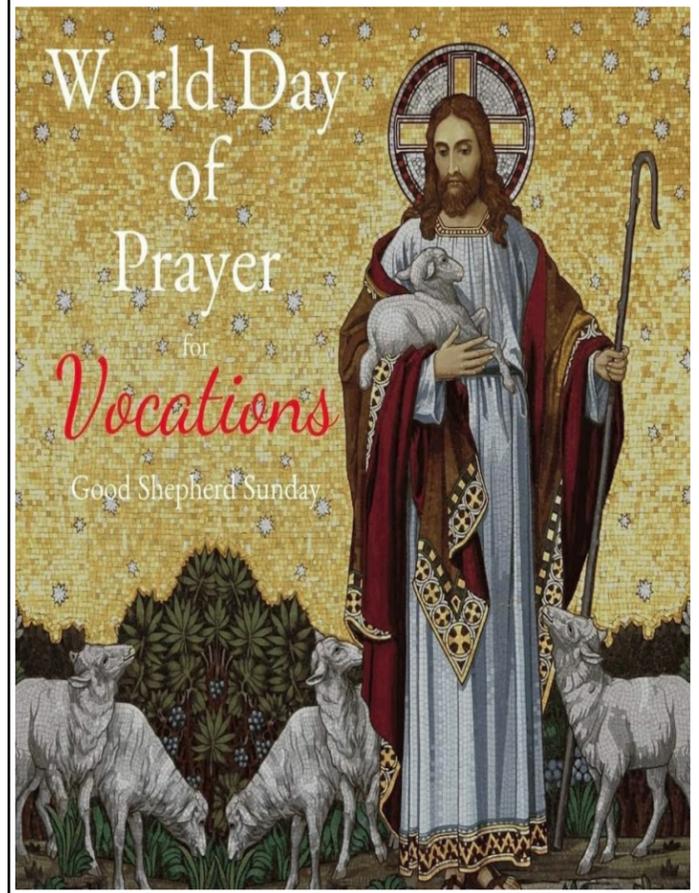
COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	N/A	\$ 136,337.38
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 119,089.82
Over/(Under)		\$ 17,247.56
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next K of C meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm in the St. Michael Parish Hall.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.



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, Josie Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Tina Ruma, Anna Snow, 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. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Follow Me

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 / Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 / Rev 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19

Have you ever been part of a ministry that had run out of steam? No one shows up, no one gives the ministry any support, and you begin to wonder if anyone even knows it exists? You'd like to throw in the towel, but you don't want to give up because you have a glimmer of hope. It might feel like you are sitting out in a boat with St. Peter trying to catch fish all night, and when morning comes, nothing but net. Yes, you can do all things through Christ, but not all things will Christ do through you. Peter and the disciples were called by Jesus to be fishers of men. Then the next thing they know, they are asked to tend sheep. Wow, what a change! From fishing to shepherding, from water to land, from nets to crooks, sounds like a radical shift in lifestyle! Are you being called to make a change? Perhaps, like in today's Psalm, you will shout "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me" from this ministry!

SEK Ultreya:

St. Andrew Parish, in Independence, will be hosting Ultreyas 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 Men's Weekend is scheduled for June 16th - 19th.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

D of I will meet on Tuesday, May 10th at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:30pm. A Trustee meeting will be held at 6:00pm. The International Convention is August 6-10 in Canada. Hostesses are Charlene Stottman, Rosie Harmon, and Cynthia Jones. All ladies from St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parishes are invited.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for April 30-May 8				
Apr 30 Sat	4:00pm	Ted Yoakam	Arma	
	5:30pm	Mary Ann Lepoglow	Girard	
May 01 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma	
	10:00am	Pat Jr. & Vera Diskin	Girard	
02 Mon		NO MASS	Girard	
03 Tues	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma	
04 Wed	8:00am	Gerald Butler	Girard	
05 Thurs	8:00am	No Intention	Arma	
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma	
06 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard	
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard	
07 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma	
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard	
08 Sun	8:00am	Ursula Parsons	Arma	
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard	

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (05/07/22)	Sunday (05/08/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Trevor & August Amershek	Seth Wilson & Jaxton Smith
E.M.E.: Rachel Ausemus	Marilyn McCracken
Lector: Linda Moore	Beth Wilson
Gifts: Tony & Rhonda Stonerock	Kerry & Tammie O'Brien

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