

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
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.

CARRIED BY THE STORY

During Easter season the monks of Saint John's Abbey read the Revelation to John at morning prayer. One day another guest, a systematic theologian, muttered, "I hate this book." I whispered, "I love it; it was Emily Dickinson's favorite book of the Bible, and that's good enough for me."

Dickinson loved the "gem chapter" (Revelation 21). A Native American poet I know loves the book's emphasis on the four directions. I love that it was written by a prisoner offering hope to other persecuted people. Revelation's imagery can make us uncomfortable, but if we allow ourselves to be carried by the story of a man beset by vision after vision, we come to appreciate the reminders that God is truly other, beyond all our imaginings.

One of the more disturbing images is in today's text: the multitude who, after great suffering, appear having "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." That makes no sense, unless you consider that this is what God does with our messes, bloody or not. God can take what is ugly and frightening in our sight and make it beautiful and good.

We need the Book of Revelation at Easter because it prepares us for Pentecost. John is certainly envisioning the Pentecost community when he describes a crowd of "every nation, race, people, and tongue" gathered before God's throne. We need both the consolation of knowing we belong to that community and the solace of God's promise to one day greet us all by wiping away every tear from our eyes.

Kathleen Norris

Kathleen Norris is an oblate of St. Benedict and the author of many books, including The Cloister Walk and Acedia and Me.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,336.00	\$ 53,466.29
Expenses-April	\$ 4,715.47	\$ 49,700.04
Over/(Under)		\$ 3,766.25

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner 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!

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.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Loving God, you are both Father and Mother to us. You gave us your own Beloved Child Jesus that we may come to see, from his words and deeds of compassion, how much you care for us. You gave us Mary, our Mother, faithful disciple, who treasured your word in her heart. Like her, may I be ever attentive to your word. Make me sensitive to the needs of my children that they, like Jesus, may grow in wisdom, age and grace. May they be joyous in their living, compassionate in their loving, and generous always in your service. In Jesus' name, I pray.

-Sr. Eleanor Bernstein, CSJ

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)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Good Sheep

Good Shepherd Sunday

Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56

Sheep are funny creatures. They even taste funny. They need to be sheared. Sheep need to be fed. Sheep need their hooves trimmed. Sheep love to eat. They don't like to exercise. They certainly don't like to be alone. Some sheep are friendly, others are timid and standoffish. Most all sheep need a shepherd. Shepherds need to shear their sheep. Shepherds need to feed their sheep. Pope Francis suggested shepherds need to smell like their sheep. Jesus, in today's Gospel, says "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." There are some bad shepherds, some good shepherds, and there is the Good Shepherd. There are so many voices we hear in our day-to-day living—are any of them the Lord's? Many times, we are so busy following Jesus, we forget about our fellow sheep. We might even see our fellow sheep following the wrong shepherd. It's not our job to shepherd for the Shepherd—or is it? Paul and Barnabas in the first reading show us otherwise! We are sheep to shepherd the sheep of our Good Shepherd!

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 May 7-15			
May 07 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard
08 Sun	8:00am	Ursula Parsons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
09 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
10 Tues	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
11 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
12 Thurs	8:00am	Verl Parsons	Arma
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
13 Fri	7:30am	Elaine Sauer	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
14 Sat	4:00pm	Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
15 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	GHS Seniors	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (05/14/22)	Sunday (05/15/22)
4:00pm	8:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME: Linda Carpino	Joan Black
Lector: Pat Westhoff	Ron Pommier
Gifts: Joe & Linda Broyles	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
Ushers: Volunteers	Ron Black & Joe Polhlopek

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