

# 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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**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.

## WORDS FOR TODAY

In Eastern Europe, in the nations that have recently seen changes [after the fall of communism], we observe people who are overjoyed by their newfound freedom. Beside them, however, others are frightened and disillusioned, depressed at the collapse of their ideals. We read on some faces threats of retaliation, revenge, even hatred.

Let us stop to think: what would Jesus say if he appeared among them? We can be certain: he would still speak today, as he did in his time, of love. He would say: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Only together, in harmony and in forgiveness, can a solid future be built.

Let us move on, as if watching a series of images fading in and out, to other locations, for example, to a country of Latin America. On one side we see skyscrapers, often modern cathedrals erected to the god of consumerism, and on the other we see shantytowns . . . with abject poverty, poverty both moral and physical, and diseases of every kind.

What would Jesus say about this scene of desolation? "I told you to love one another. You did not, and see now the consequences."

And if other pictures, as in a collage, were to flash before our eyes: cities known as the richest in the world, others with the most advanced technology, and panoramas of desert wastes with men, women and children dying of hunger. What would Jesus say if he appeared in the midst of it all? "Love one another."

Or if we were to see scenes of racial strife with massacres and violations of human rights . . . Or unending conflicts like those unfolding in the Middle East? . . . Let us ask ourselves once again: what would Jesus say in the face of such tragedy? "I said that you should love one another. Love one another as I have loved you."

Yes, this is what he would say looking upon these and the gravest situations in the world here and now.

Chiara Lubich, *Address to Youth for a United World, March 1990*

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,870.20	\$ 146,502.00
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 128,524.13
Over/(Under)		\$ 17,977.87
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

## MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Memorial Day Mass at St. Aloysius in Greenbush on May 30, 2022 at 10:am. Legion at 9:am.

### Congratulations to the Students that were Confirmation on March 9, 2022

Natalie Benso, Easton Clark, Regan Oplotnik, Brayden Reese, Jaxton Smith, Carly McAtee, Storm Rieck. Thank you to their teacher Tim Born.

### Congratulations to the students that received their 1st Holy Communion on May 1, 2022

Briggs Beezley, Zen Davied, Easton Dunlap, Andrew Graham, Shelby Humble, Brayden Martin, Dayton Muter, Rhett Muter. Thank you to their teacher, Paula Sevart.

### Thank you to the participating 8th Graders that helped lead May Crowning on May 8, 2022

Aiden Ashbacher and Seth Wilson. Special thanks to Jeanene Walsh, the 7th and 8th Grade PSR teacher.

### Congratulations Class of 2022!

Congratulations to the following parish Seniors on their graduation day: Olivia (Livi) Cullen, Allie Davied, Broc Scales, Evan Sisney, Katelin Bradshaw, Ethan Brokob, Mackenzie Droessler, Makayla Mukwindidza. May God bless you, guide you, and protect you.

## 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](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Alleluia! Love

*Acts 14:21-27 / Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 / Rev 21:1-5a / Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35*

What can be said about love that has not already been said. As missionary disciples, we know God is love. We know Jesus loves us. We know all about how we should love God first. We know the Golden Rule, to love others as we love ourselves. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment: love one another." This is not the same old love. It is unstructured, unplanned, uncomfortable, vulnerable, courageous—it is sacrificial—a Fr. Kapaun kind of love. It is not easy love, but it is not impossible. It is so unexpected and startling, it will not just get your attention, it will bring joy out of mourning, life out of death, order out of chaos and peace out of war. "Behold, I make all things new" John writes in today's second reading. Can you imagine the "new heaven and a new earth" John also mentions? If you are unsure where to begin, start with a smile, even that can be hard, may take practice and can surprise the Alleluia out of others!

### 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.

### 22ND ANNUAL MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Join Dr. Denis McNamara, Fr. Dennis McManus, and Jimmy Mitchell at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 5-7, while they talk about our beautiful Eucharistic traditions! Save up to \$30 with Early Bird Registration by June 28. Register online at [www.catholicfamilyconference.org](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.org) or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to [info@catholicfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@catholicfamilyconference.org).

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for May 14-22

May 14 Sat	4:00pm	Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
15 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	GHS Seniors	Girard
16 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
17 Tues	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
18 Wed	8:00am	Mary Dean Sandler	Girard
19 Thurs	8:00am	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
20 Fri	7:30am	Regina Butler	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
21 Sat	4:00pm	Seniors	Arma
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard
22 Sun	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

### Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (05/21/22)	Sunday (05/22/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Brandon Leritz & Carly Reif	Isabella & Elijah Walsh
E.M.E.: Carrie Smith	Austin Smith
Lector: Teresa Davenport	Ryan Sevart
Gifts: Josh & Julye Smith Family	Missy Sisney Family



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