

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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CONFESSION - Before all Masses or by appointment GIRARD (Saturday 2:00pm-2:30pm) ARMA (Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm)

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)

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,461.81	\$ 31,595.06
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 25,764.10
Over/(Under)		\$ 5,830.96

Mass Schedule & Intentions for Dec 24-Jan 1			
12/24 Sat	4:00pm	Wally Rons	Arma
	5:30pm	Rose Ann Azember	Girard
12/25 Sun	8:00am	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	10:00am	George Stonerock	Girard
12/26 Mon		NO MASS	
12/27 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
12/28 Wed	8:00am	Gerald Davied	Girard
12/29 Thurs	8:00am	Donna Little	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration		Arma
12/30 Fri	7:30am	Melissa Grant	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration		Girard
12/31 Sat	4:00pm	Mike Gebhardt	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
01/01 Sun	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (12/31) 4:00pm	Sunday (01/01) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Bryce & Brayden Reese
EME	Volunteer	Tracey Bogina
Lector	Pat Westhoff	Volunteer
Gifts	Lindsay Waterman	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
	Family	
Ushers	Volunteers	Mike Ashbacher & Greg Bogina

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Liv Anderson, Tyler Edwards, Jan Harman, Bob Lauck, Lisa Pitts Martin, Mary Sayre, Margaret Setina, Randy VanLeeuwen, and Grant Wilks 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

Away from the Manger

The Stewardship way of life can be demanding. Finding the right balance for your time, talent and treasure can pose a challenge, especially in a family setting. St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist are good examples of different locations on the Stewardship spectrum. It is hard to imagine St Joseph too far from home. One of his greatest responsibilities as a steward was being present to his family. Contrast that with St John, his calling was extremely different. Both Ss. Joseph and John were 100% all in for service to Christ, but, while Joseph attended to life around the manger, John attended to life away from it. If you are a father or mother or caretaker, look to Ss Joseph and John to find the right balance on the Stewardship spectrum, and have a very joyful Christmas!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

A special thank you to the many people that volunteered to help with the Christmas decorating of our church. Also a friendly reminder that we will again need your help as we take down the decorations after the 8:00am mass on Sunday, January 8th.

POINSETTIAS

St. Michael's will have poinsettias on the altar closer to Christmas, if anyone would like to make a donation in memory of loved one(s). Please use the envelopes marked for Poinsettias located on the religious articles glass case. You can list multiple loved ones on one poinsettia or request multiple poinsettias, with a suggested donation of \$10/poinsettia. As envelopes are turned in, name cards will be placed on the poinsettias. An announcement will be made sometime after Christmas, for anyone who would like to take their poinsettia(s) home.

WHICH WORD WOULD HE BE?

In the beginning was the Word, but what kind? Today the metaphor leaps to life. If we borrowed a page from language textbooks, which Word would Jesus be?

He is a noun: solid and concrete, personal and present.

He is a preposition: expressing relationship and linking everything.

He is a pronoun: close and intimate.

He is a gerund: the verb of eternal action.

He is adjective and adverb: enriching and describing how to live.

This Word is also punctuation, every exclamation mark of joy, every question mark of mystery. He is thought and pre-thought, present to the non-verbal and the pre-verbal. He is in our ears, lips, eyes, and hands—every way language is expressed. He is Alpha and Omega, every letter in every language, even the silence and space between words, where possibility dwells among us.

If Scripture is a library of divine love, then today is the birthday of the Great Book, the Word written across every page.

Today is born to us a savior, the newborn babe who cries and cannot speak, whose first words are yet to come, whose teaching and preaching will change the world. If we are words within the Word, what will we speak in his honor? What will we become in his name?

Laura Kelly Fanucci is a writer, speaker, and retreat leader. She is author of Everyday Sacrament: The Messy Grace of Parenting and To Bless Our Callings: Prayers, Poems, and Hymns to Celebrate Vocation.



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