

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	TBA	\$ 44,980.06
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 40,715.50
Over/(Under)		\$ 4,264.56

Mass Schedule & Intentions for March 18-26			
03/18 Sat	4:00pm	Rev Pat Larkin	Arma
	5:30pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
03/19 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Clifford "Bud" Scales	Girard
03/20 Mon		NO MASS	
03/21 Tues	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
03/22 Wed	8:00am	Bernard O'Brien	Girard
03/23 Thurs	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Arma
	8:30am-12:30am	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
03/24 Fri	7:30am	Gerald Davied	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
03/25 Sat	4:00pm	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
03/26 Sun	8:00am	Helen Normand	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (03/25) 4:00pm	Sunday (03/26) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Bryce & Brayden Reese
EME	Lindsay Waterman	Tracey Bogina
Lector	Volunteer	Carol Cole
Gifts	Joe & Linda Broyles	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
Ushers	Pat Westhoff & Volunteer	Dan Cole & Greg Bogina

PSR SCHEDULE

Classes will resume this Wednesday, March 22nd.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays: 5:30pm at St. Joseph's

Fridays: 5:30pm at St. Michael's

EXTRA TIMES FOR CONFESSION

(Confessions have an end time, but will go as long as needed)

Friday, 3/24 St. Michael 6:00-6:30pm

Thursday, 3/30 St. Michael 5:30-6:00pm

Friday, 3/31 St. Michael 6:00-6:30pm

Sunday, 4/2 St. Michael 3:00-3:30pm

Tuesday, 4/4 St. Joseph 6:00-6:30pm

Wednesday, 4/5 St. Michael 12 noon—12:30pm

Friday, 4/7 St. Joseph - After Veneration of the Cross

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 4/4 - St. Joseph NO 8am Mass

Wednesday, 4/5 - St. Michael 8am Mass

Holy Thursday, 4/6

St. Michael 7pm Mass of our Lord's Supper

(NO 8am Mass or Adoration at St. Joseph)

Good Friday, 4/7

12 Noon Veneration of the Cross at St. Joseph

7:00pm Veneration of the Cross at St. Michael

(NO 7:30am Mass or Adoration at St. Michael)

Holy Saturday, 4/8

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at St. Michael

(NO 4pm Mass at St. Joseph or 5:30pm Mass at St. Michael)

Easter Sunday, 4/9

8am Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection at St. Joseph

10am Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection at St. Michael

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!

BEYOND WORDS AND APPEARANCES

We search for ways to speak about what life in Christ means. But it goes beyond words, so we turn to metaphors and stories.

That is why the gospel of John spends so much time with the story of the man born blind. It is, as John often calls Jesus' miracles, a "sign." It is a sign of what Christ brings to the world. Jesus opens up to life in a new way. He brings a new dimension, a new depth. [For us,] it is as radical a change as what this man experiences, seeing the world for the first time. Now we can see, not just as humans see, but as God sees. We see what is most real. We see beyond appearances. We see with the heart.

The light for this kind of seeing is all around us. And it changes the way we see. We see others differently. We stop judging people by the way they look, or what they have. We begin to see others as they are, in their uniqueness. We begin to respect others and learn from them in new ways, appreciating the mystery they carry within. We see ourselves differently, too. We stop judging ourselves according to what others think of us. We begin to see ourselves as God sees us, as we are, as we are loved. And so we become more loving toward ourselves and more free to change.

We see life differently. It's no longer about choosing sides, or using others, or hoarding things. It's not something we have to fight, or something we must endure. We see life as a gift. We savor it. We begin to use it differently. Life becomes an adventure. It offers one opportunity after another.

This way of seeing changes everything. It doesn't mean that life becomes easy. There may still be hardship, pain, and suffering; but because we are different, they will not defeat us. Even there we'll see the seeds of growth. And we'll know that we're not alone. -Fr. Mark Villano, adapted from *Journey to Jerusalem*

WHAT AM I LIVING FOR?

We live in an era where there are few absolutes; everything is relative. Each year, new words are found in newspapers or used on television. such as: "gender dysphoria" (not even in Webster's dictionary--I looked it up!); 'civil unions'; and "puberty blockers". Our courts have played God with abortion; we've re-defined marriage to the point where anyone can marry anyone or anything! Minor children are allowed or encouraged to change their gender if not satisfied. What is next? Shall we normalize pedophilia? The U.S. is not the nation that it used to be. Formerly, the bulk of us lived for God, family, and country. Recent surveys taken on busy street corners of several cities, asking the question, "What are you living for?" Some said to acquire power, others lived for pleasure, and the third most frequent answer was making money!

We know, as Christians, after having listened to God's Word most of our lives, that there must be a better answer than power, pleasure, and money. I'm sure you're familiar with the answer in the Baltimore Catechism to the basic question, "Why did God make you? 'We memorized the answer and still could recite it reasonably well today: The catechism said: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next."

Obviously, many have forgotten that this life was given to us by Almighty God, as a journey toward our eternal life with Him in Heaven. A great tragedy in life would be to live it in such a way that one could NOT become a saint. Isn't that what we're striving for--eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven? Of course, power, pleasure, and money play important roles and we need them, in proper doses, to help make life worth living. God does not expect us to abuse them, just relegate them to their appropriate importance. Hurting others as we seek our goals does disservice to the Lord we worship, as well as to ourselves and our victims.

We are destined for God and our final curtain is NOT THIS LIFE. No, it will be LIFE WITH GOD, HIMSELF! I strongly believe that the answer toward saving souls is best displayed in religion if we're going to understand man's proper relationship to God. Jesus' parables are powerful aides in explaining Christian virtues and the Prodigal Son's lesson on morality ranks high in this category. Using parables to illustrate a point or clarify an example of making the right choice goes far toward providing the wayward Christian a clear path toward a return to the Father. That's why we value good catechism teachers who patiently work to help drifting teens return to appreciating their Catholic heritage. I just hope it isn't too late.

---Marcel Normand

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