

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	\$ 1,228.00	\$ 57,127.06
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 45,617.48
Over/(Under)		\$ 11,509.58

Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 6-14

Date	Time	Intention	Location
05/06 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
05/07 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
05/08 Mon		NO MASS	
05/09 Tues	8:00am	Bernie O'Brien	Arma
05/10 Wed	8:00am	Bernie O'Brien	Girard
05/11 Thurs	8:00am	Priestly Vocations	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
05/12 Fri	7:30am	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
05/13 Sat	4:00pm	Bernie O'Brien	Arma
	5:30pm	Ned Sauer	Girard
05/14 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Verl Diskin	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday (05/13) 4:00pm	Sunday (05/14) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Owen & Gianna Waterman	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME	Sharon Giacometti	Joan Black
Lector	Pat Westhoff	Linda Broyles
Gifts	Volunteers	Ron & Joan Black
Ushers	Don Zornes & Volunteer	Ron Black & Joyce Klinkon

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 pm in St. Francis Hall, St. Paul. Hostesses for the May meeting are Louise Jarboe, Rosie Harman, Charlene Stottmann, and Cynthia Jones, come and enjoy the meeting and refreshments.

PSR ANNOUNCEMENT

Our last PSR & CYM gathering of the year are complete. We thank all our catechists and youth ministry volunteers for their gracious contribution of time and talent to our Religious Education program. With you, we can fulfill the mission of the church to teach the faith to the children and help support the parents as they hand on the faith to their families. Being a catechist is demanding. The time and energy it takes to be a good catechist is great, but the rewards are many. In some ways, you each take on the role of the Sower from the Parable of the Sower as you share our beliefs planting the seeds of faith, hope and love. Abundant blessings to each of you!

Mary Twarog, 1st grade
Paula Severt, 2nd grade
Trisha Humble, 3rd grade
Savanna Ashmore, 4th grade
Tim Born, 5th & 6th grade (Confirmation)
Jeanene Walsh 7th, 8th grade
Donna Maus, 9th/10th grade
Joe Curran, 11th/12th grade

CYM: Autumn & Nicholas Knedgen, Amanda Blythe
Substitutes: Joan Davied, Butch Reif, Amanda Blythe
Director of Religious Education: Kristen Graham

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Our PSR program is in need of catechists for our Wednesday afternoon & evening programs beginning next fall. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry!

Eternal rest grant unto Bryce, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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!

FAITH; OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Helen and I were received in the Catholic Church at St. Joseph's on Christmas Eve, 1964, after four months of instructions from Father John Reinkemeyer, pastor of the church at the time. Most of what I learned about being a Catholic came from him. Our text for studying the faith was a small book, entitled OUR CATHOLIC FAITH where each lesson was explained. Later, I built upon this by teaching high school catechism here at St. Joseph's and teaching religion fulltime at St. Mary's-Colgan High School. You could say that I acquired my faith through the oral teachings of Fr. Reinkemeyer and then spending years teaching the faith.

One of the first questions people often ask, either to themselves or to their instructor is: "Why am I here?" What is my purpose in life? How will I find my purpose? Questions like these are often asked, perhaps not aloud, but, at least, in our thoughts, especially by young people. They long for answers to this question. You won't find the answer in your math or psychology book. Such profound questions require replies that make sense to the young person. There is a simple answer to the question that should satisfy anyone who asks. The answer was on the first page of my catechism book, OUR CATHOLIC FAITH. It should be familiar to parents and grandparents who learned the faith from the Baltimore Catechism as a child. Why are we here? Answer: We're here because God made us to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him in this life, and to be happy with Him forever in the next life. In the first book of the Bible, Genesis: it says: "God created Man in his own image, in the image of God, He created him; male and female he created them." God is the perfect spirit, without a body; Our likeness to God is in the soul, where intellect and "free will" live.

You see, WE BELONG TO GOD 1) in the natural order, since he made us and gave us life. 2)also in the spiritual order, for through baptism, we begin life in Christ. Because our union with God is SPIRITUAL, there is no limit on how close you can get to Him. There is a limit in the physical order. ex: marriage; When you become a member of the Mystical Body of Christ (the Church), you ARE Christ! So are other members of the Mystical Body. So, how we treat THEM, we treat Christ. Therefore, it becomes a serious sin to separate ourselves from the Mystical Body of Christ, to pick and choose among God's

Laws and the Church which ones we'll accept and which ones we plan to reject. To reject what Christ teaches is to reject HIM! (Unkindness to an Asian-Am; disrespect toward our parents; or missing Mass are examples.) We receive Christ in the Eucharist at Mass. Why should we refuse Him in other people? Yet, we do: (ex: expressing your dislike for one of your child's teachers; cause a member of your own family to lose face;) Recall what we said just a moment ago? WE BELONG TO GOD. We are persons, not things. God is a Person, that is, He has personality. Yet, without a material body, He's not, as we thought as a child, an elderly man with a white beard, sitting on a throne or sitting on a big white cloud. Or maybe, we're thinking of the old man in Michelangelo's "The Creation of Adam" where God is, indeed, portrayed as an old man touching Adam's finger with the gift of life. This isn't who God is. The Church teaches us that God is eternal, all-powerful and all-knowing. He thinks like a person and knows all. He made the world and everything in it. He is present in a flower, in a baby, or the rain outdoors. Back to our Faith: Our faith is useless unless it is used. You can own a Rolls Royce, but if you leave it in the garage, it is of no use to you! It is only when we put our faith to work for us that it can bring out the best in us. A strong faith is very essential in the world we live in today. If a high school graduate has a weak Catholic faith, I doubt if it will survive four years of college because our liberal arts colleges aren't exactly monasteries run by saints! I believe that's why we're here today---to add meaning to our faith.

Remember, our faith is our most useful gift that God has given us. It is a ticket to the sacraments for a lifetime! We'll examine this more next week. ---Marcel Normand

DROPS OF LIGHT

Have you ever had a "more than coincidence" experience - something you "just knew" was a gift from above, a spiritual intervention, or a sign meant for you when you most needed it? *Drops of Light* is the title of an upcoming book; a collection of true, personal, spiritual, "more than coincidence" stories of God's presence in our lives. Please consider sending your own "more than coincidence" stories to a.beasley.pittsburg@gmail.com. Whether short and simple or lengthy and complex, your story should not be dismissed or forgotten. For more information, contact Amber Beasley at the email address above. Thank you!

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