

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	\$ 855.00	\$ 59,111.06
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 45,617.48
Over/(Under)		\$ 13,493.58

Mass Schedule & Intentions for May 20-28			
05/20 Sat	4:00pm	Ned Sauer	Arma
	5:30pm	Bernie O'Brien	Girard
05/21 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
05/22 Mon		NO MASS	
05/23 Tues	8:00am	Ned Sauer	Arma
05/24 Wed	8:00am	Bernie O'Brien	Girard
05/25 Thurs	8:00am	Virginia Buche	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
05/26 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
05/27 Sat	4:00pm	Rosemary O'Toole	Arma
	5:30pm	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
05/28 Sun	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (05/27) 4:00pm	Sunday (05/28) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Owen & Gianna Waterman	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME	Lindsay Waterman	Terry Cleland
Lector	Barry Bedene	Carol Cole
Gifts	Joe & Linda Broyles	Dave & Cindy Ashmore
Ushers	Joe Broyles & Volunteer	Volunteers

Congratulations to Eleanor Rieck on your High School Graduation, Sunday, May 14th!

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

Eternal God, in your will we find purpose, and in your wisdom we find our joy.

Bless these graduates who have completed a course of study and now begin a new part of their lives. Let them not be troubled about yesterday, nor anxious about tomorrow, but let them live fully this day which you have made.

Let them use the gifts they have received in their studies that they may become a source of inspiration and blessing for the world. And when each day is ended, give them delight in knowing that the good work you have begun in them shall come to completion in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Diana Macalintal, adapted from *The Work of Your Hands*

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next Daughters of Isabella meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13th at St. Michael's Parish Hall in Girard at 6:30pm. Hostesses will be Mary Gilpin, Anna Fern Snow and Pauline (Pat) Davied. All ladies of St. Joseph and St. Michael are invited.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Liv Anderson, Chrissy Carlson, Tyler Edwards, Jan Harman, Bob Lauck, 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!

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!

THE SEARCH FOR REAL LOVE

Most everyone, if they care to admit it, is searching for real love. You've heard the expression, "In the spring, a young man's fancy turns to love." There's a lot of truth in that statement. Young people do hunger for love: as children, they love their parents and want their parents to love them back. In adolescence, it continues as they pair off with someone. These relationships are usually short-lived because they were formed for social purposes: to gain popularity, a prom date, or just plain curiosity about the opposite sex! Entering our twenties, we become more serious. Just carnal love won't do---this is 'love' where sex is the primary motive. Of course, it can be and often is, abused, but for many, it is the door to serious dating and eventually choosing a marriage partner. Here is where we enter the realm of 'spiritual love'---where the welfare of one's partner becomes most important.

In 2014, Hollywood released a movie entitled "August: Osage County" and it described a love in its most dysfunctional form. Meryl Streep played the matriarch of the family, Violet, who, along with her three daughters, had just returned from burying her husband and the girls' father. The movie explores love in its various forms. Violet is an acid-tongued cancer patient, who radiates unhappiness. Because she has her daughters and their significant others together, she proceeds to deliver the full brunt of her stored-up venom upon them! No part of her tirade has any significance to love! Someone more clever than I once said, "love has been foolishly placed into the hands of human beings---like giving an egg to a gorilla!" Love is delicate and should be handled with care if you hope to hold on to it and/or give it to others whom you care about." This movie has superb acting quality, well-done, but it is not a happy movie, yet it reveals many truths, as Streep's character states.

A priest-friend of mine says he's met many people in his career and an overwhelming number of them appear to be unfulfilled or disappointed with their lives. Yet, we've never had more prosperity or luxuries in our history than we do today. So, the answer must lie elsewhere and I suspect it can only be found in the quality of our faith. We need to add 'meaning' to our faith.' A Christian supports a necessary law that he voted for and now upholds: This is called 'living your faith'. As to civil rights, your Christian mission is to 'see Christ' in others and help them. God gives every individual a chance to acquire faith; but it is up to the individual to work at making it real, which is done by seeing the good in helping others. Thus, we encounter solid Christians who are active in their church and volunteer to help when they see the need. We also have Christians who do the minimum. Some attend church and some do not. It requires more to be a Christian than just praying. We do for people when we LOVE enough. Think of what you do at home for your wife, husband, children, elderly parents--you do it because you LOVE them. Then, why do we have to be coerced or forced to LOVE God enough to 'do it for Him?' Adults make children 'receivers' rather than 'givers' from the time they're babies. We must teach them how to GIVE for they already know how to receive! It has been proven that getting involved in the parish INCREASES OUR FAITH and can produce unbelievable results! Fr. John Reinkemeyer once said that if ALL Catholics LIVED THEIR FAITH, as they should, within five years, the world could be All Catholic! We don't know for we've never tried it. ---Marcel Normand

A LASTING PROMISE

The Office of Marriage and Family Life presents: A Lasting Promise. It is a Friday and Saturday relationship enhancement course that combines what God has revealed about marriage, along with the latest research on relationships, and clear examples from the lives of other married couples who present the sessions. This course will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, at the SMC Fieldhouse on June 2nd from 6pm-9pm and June 3rd from 7:30am-8:00pm. The cost is \$50 a couple (meals included) and scholarships are available. Register at: www.ollsmc.org. Couples will learn how to: build on existing strengths and add critical life and relationship skills to create safer, more stable marriages * implement life skills using the Speaker/Listener Technique * create fun and exciting milestones together * address the vulnerabilities couples face and how to overcome them. Contact Information: Lori Ann (620) 704-4366.

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