

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 2023 to Date
Contributions	TBA	\$ 1,539.00
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 1,539.00

Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 15-23			
07/15 Sat	4:00pm	Helen Normand	Arma
	5:30pm	Melissa Grant	Girard
07/16 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Carol Battitori	Girard
07/17 Mon		NO MASS	
07/18 Tues	8:00am	Wally Rons	Arma
07/19 Wed	8:00am	Bill O'Toole	Girard
07/20 Thurs	8:00am	Sharon Cizerle	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
07/21 Fri	7:30am	Linda Mills	Girard
	8:00am-5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
07/22 Sat	4:00pm	Bryce Reese	Arma
	5:30pm	Dennis Heidrick, Sr.	Girard
07/23 Sun	8:00am	Verl Parsons	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (07/22) 4:00pm	Sunday (07/23) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Owen & Gianna Waterman	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME	Volunteer	Terry Cleland
Lector	Volunteer	Carol Cole
Gifts	Joe & Linda Broyles	Mary Sayre & Joyce Klinkon
Ushers	Pat Westhoff & Volunteer	Dan Cole & Greg Bogina

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Liv Anderson, Chrissy Carlson, Tyler Edwards, Jan Harman, Bob Lauck, Emily Popejoy, Mary Sayre, Margaret Setina, Ronnie Tims, 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!

ADVERTISING

If you would like to support the parish bulletin expenses through advertising in our weekly bulletin, please email Janel at jmscales414@gmail.com. The cost is \$100/year and is tax deductible.

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!

PART-TIME SECRETARY

Father Vacca is seeking a part-time secretary to work in the St. Michael Parish office. Computer skills preferred or willingness to develop such skills. Pay will be based on experience. For more information and/or set up an interview, please contact Father Vacca by email: fathervacca@gmail.com or call the rectory at 620-724-8717.

TUESDAY MASS TIME

Father Vacca is considering changing the Tuesday Mass back to its previous time of 5:30pm if this would increase attendance. If you have objections to this time, please let him know.

THE CATHOLIC BIBLE: ITS ORIGINS AND DIVISIONS THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Catholic Bible is the story of Man's revelation in history, written by men, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Their messages are contained in the Old and New Testaments. Religious scholars often describe the Old Testament as the part of the Bible written before God sent His Son to live as a man upon the earth. As said, the writers were 'inspired' by God. By a supernatural influence, God enlightened their minds and moved their wills to write. They acted as free instruments of God who directed and preserved them from error. The writers weren't 'passive instruments'--they brought their own personalities into what they wrote. They were like skilled painters who sketched from the same model. The 'products' (writings) are similar, but with differences according to their talents. The principal author of the Bible is God. and the human beings who wrote it were His free rational instruments. Since God is the chief author, there couldn't have been any mistakes in the original texts. This is why the Bible is often called 'the written word of God'. Because it is His written Word, the Bible is treated with great reverence. This is why government officials take their solemn oaths of office on this Book.

The Holy Catholic Bible is made up of 72 Books: 45 known as the Old Testament and 27 that form the New Testament. These books were composed by many different writers in at least three different languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. The time span when all of this writing occurred began in Moses' time when he rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt---all the way until St. John, the Evangelist, the last Apostle who wrote his gospel in the New Testament toward the end of his long life, perhaps 100 A.D. (anno domini, meaning 'In the Year of our Lord').

The word, Testament, means a 'testimonial' or making a formal statement of one's beliefs as Matthew and other gospel writers did in the New Testament. Early church fathers such as Augustine and David, did the same by testifying to a Truth that came to them and writing it on paper or papyrus.

The 45 Books of the Old Testament are divided into three parts: 1) the Historical section has 21 of the 45 Books relating to the earliest ages of the world such as the 5 Books of Moses and the miracles that God performed to prepare Man for the Coming of Christ; 2) the Prophetic part tells the story of holy teachers called the prophets, sent by God to announce His Will to men. 17 of the 45 Books are in this category such as Jeremiah and Isaiah; 3) Doctrinal Books make up the third section and there are 7 of these Books, composed of Maxims (rules of conduct) and prayers such as Proverbs and the Psalms. This group is often referred to as the Books of Wisdom, giving practical ways to understand God and walk in the correct Path. We'll discuss the New Testament next time. ---Marcel Normand

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Heirlooming

Is 55:10-11 / Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23

Ever heard of heirloom seeds? Heirloom seeds are passed down from the previous season's plants—for over 50 years! Typically, the plant and fruit experienced the year before, will be the similar experience in the following years—if you save the seeds, or let them self-propagate. Hybrid seeds on the other hand, might only produce a harvest the first year, and after that, who knows. The Stewardship model in our diocese began in 1985—not quite an heirloom, but it has continued to produce the kind of fruit our Lord described in today's Gospel.

MASS INTENTIONS

WHY REQUEST A MASS INTENTION? One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. The Church considers the Mass to be one of the greatest prayers of intercession. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Mass for a particular intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. That intention can be for a living person's health and well-being, or for the eternal rest of a deceased person, or any other prayers you wish to be offered up to Christ for a loved one. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. Requesting Mass Intentions: Mass intentions make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, you need to turn in the information at least a month in advance (Masses are scheduled that much ahead of time). Call the parish office to schedule OR place the information of who or what the Mass is for, and who is offering the Mass, along with a phone number in case we have questions. The suggested stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.00 payable via cash or check, you can donate less or more.

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