

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	\$ 932.00	\$ 2,471.00
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 2,471.00

Mass Schedule & Intentions for July 22-30			
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
07/24 Mon		NO MASS	
07/25 Tues	5:30pm	Mike Gebhardt	Arma
07/26 Wed	8:00am	AJ Cavanaugh	Girard
07/27 Thurs	8:00am	Judy Smerchek	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
07/28 Fri	7:30am	Charlene Norris	Girard
		8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
07/29 Sat	4:00pm	Sharon Cizerle	Arma
	5:30pm	Bernadette Coomes	Girard
07/30 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Ed Walsh	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (07/29) 4:00pm	Sunday (07/30) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
EME	Lindsey Waterman	Cindy Ashmore
Lector	Pat Westhoff	Volunteer
Gifts	Volunteers	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
Ushers	Don Zornes & Volunteer	Mike Ashbacher & Joe Polhlopek

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!

ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. Joseph Altar Society will be meeting on July 25th at 10am. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

SEK SERRA CLUB

SEK Serra Club meeting is a potluck dinner from 6-7pm on August 3rd at St Andrew's Parish Center in Independence. All are invited! We are gathering prayer booklets and rosaries for Fr David Voss, a chaplain in the US Army, to distribute to the men and women that he serves. If you have a donation, please bring them to this meeting. Fr Zach Pinaire will be our speaker.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The D of I will meet on Tuesday, August 8th at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:30pm. The audit meeting will begin at 6:00pm. All ladies of St. Joseph & St. Michael parishes are invited. The Daughters of Isabella is an International organization of Catholic women. Hostesses will be Judy Fager, Jane Ann Beachner, Alice Beachner, and Loretta Forbes.

THE NEW TESTAMENT: GUARDIAN OF THE BIBLE

To recap from last week, the Bible is the Word of God in the words of men. The Bible is a 'Library', consisting of many Books: On the 1st floor of the library are the Books produced by Israel (Old Testament), while on the 2nd floor, those Books were produced by the early Church and written on paper in the years following Jesus' Ascension.

The New Testament consists of 27 Books written in the first century. It consists of 3 Basic Parts: 1) the EPISTLES, or letters, most of which were written by St. Paul who explained the New Church and the kind of response that Man should make to it; 2) the GOSPELS, consisting of 4 accounts of what Christ did and said while on earth and written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; and 3) OTHER WORKS, including the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES by Luke, describing the early history of the Church and the APOCALYPSE, written by John, a prophetic (divinely inspired) describing the Heavenly Glory of Christ.

Matthew wrote the life of Christ as HE saw it. He didn't record everything, just the events he thought were significant. He wrote on sheepskin, and as time elapsed, these writings aged and had to be re-copied. Many times, during the re-copying, the cleric would 'add' to what the original writer had recorded. The 'addition' did not necessarily change the gospel drastically, but made it difficult to decide which part was the original. Often, the changes made were due to substitutions, made for words which had become illegible (poor printing) with the passing of time.

As centuries passed, others began writing the 'good news' from what THEY had heard from the apostles and the so-called New Testament grew in size! Around 350 A.D. the Church scholars began to study the Books of the New Testament in order to sift out what they considered AUTHENTIC and discard the remainder. After their study, 42 books were thrown out as not inspired by God. By the year 397 A.D., the Church was prepared to declare that the Bible consisted of a total of 72 Books. This Declaration was made at the Council of Carthage, North Africa.

Earlier, Pope Damascus I directed the brilliant church scholar, Jerome, to begin the translations of the Gospels into Latin, which was the common tongue of the people. His translation was completed and became known as the VULGATE EDITION, meaning 'for the common people'. Jerome was known for his accuracy, not beauty of style. However, his translation is respected by all church scholars. For the next 1000 years, the Catholic Church became the 'Guardian of the Bible' amid all of the handwritten copies made throughout the region of southern Europe and Africa. These so-called 'authentic' copies spread through the region and only the Church had the original words of the early fathers. We'll trace some of the obstacles to accuracy as 'Bibles' continued to appear. --Marcel Normand

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Weeds and Seeds

Wis 12:13, 16-19 / Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 / Rom 8:26-27 / Mt 13:24-43

If you've ever gardened before, then you know it takes no effort to grow weeds. Somehow, a new weed shows up every year. Most gardeners don't plant weeds on purpose. Weeds don't like to die either. Rain or shine, they grow. Then—they spread! Weeds are tough, persistent and abundant. What, then, is a weed? If it is not what you planted and it is preventing what you planted from growing—it is a weed! What is growing in your garden?

GIRARD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Critical need for blood donors! Donate blood at the next drive on August 8th at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard from 11:30am to 5:30pm. Donors will be entered for a chance to win a New York getaway for two with a private shark dive adventure! To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

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