



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

There are several ways that we 'get lost' in life. The most obvious is when we don't know where we are in our spacial world; our electronic devices have helped us in this regard. We can also feel lost if we don't know what decision to make in a given situation. There is no GPS device to help us to make decisions. I suppose another way that we can feel lost or be lost is spiritually. This kind of lost might be when we are having doubts of faith or when we are wondering what direction to take in a faith decision.

At the time 40+ years ago when my employer said I did not need to come to work and my girlfriend told me she would look elsewhere, I suppose you could say I felt a little lost. The good news is I had not strayed away from the church. I don't remember just how faithful I was ,but I do remember going to church and making the church a part of my life even though I was not involved much more than Sunday. The fact that my family, guided by dad and mom, always made Sunday a priority, had given me the foundation that I needed to know that church is the moral support always present in spite of other happenings in life.

In the Gospel, Thomas seems to be lost as he questions Jesus about where He is going; and we read the response of Jesus... "I am the way and the truth and the life." Because we believe Jesus leads the way, we can respond as we did in the Responsorial Psalm... "we place our trust in you." When we trust in the One who gave us life, our savior, we may feel lost at times but we can always know that He is there waiting for us to find Him.

Happy Mothers Day

MASS SCHEDULE GIRARD ARMA

Saturday 5:30 pm 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am 8:00 am

CONFESSION GIRARD ARMA

Saturday 2:00-2:30 pm 3:15-3:45 pm

Weekdays before Mass, anytime by appointment

RECTORY HOURS & INFORMATION

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - Noon

Rectory: (620) 724-8717

In case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

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PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stmichaelgirard.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Finance Council Parish Council

Tony Stonerock, Chair TBA

TBA

Altar Society Knights of Columbus

4th Monday of month 1st Tuesday of month

6:00pm St. Michael's hall

Helping Hands Daughters of Isabella

Carrie Smith Marilyn Bradshaw

724-6684 724-7133

Kapaun's Men: Friday mornings at 6am

Mass Schedule and Intentions for May 13 - 21

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Location
May 13	Saturday	4:00pm	Harold VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Junior Lepoglow	Girard
14	Sunday	8:00am	Jim Davied	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
15	Monday	NO MASS		
16	Tuesday	5:30pm	Gertrude McKinney	Arma
17	Wednesday	6:30pm	Ron Breneman	Girard
18	Thursday	8:00am	Aaron Kreutzer	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
19	Friday	7:00am	Altar Soc. living & deceased	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
20	Saturday	4:00pm	Azember family	Arma
		5:30pm	Junior Lepoglow	Girard
21	Sunday	8:00am	Barbara Born	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday (5/20/17) 5:30 pm	Next Sunday (5/21/17) 10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Dawson Stegman, Trevor & Peyton Amershek	Carter & Abi Doherty Seth Wilson
EMHC:	Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
Lector:	Ned Sauer	Seniors
Gift Bearers	Jim & Margaret O'Toole	Seniors

TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus at St. Michael's will be July 24-28. Please mark your calendars for a fun & energetic week at our parish hall to participate in Totus Tuus - a parish based summer catechetical program for youth, dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting our faith through evangelization, catechesis, Marian devotion & fun! The program is led by college students and seminarians, teaching and inspiring youth in participating parishes throughout the diocese. Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours," was the motto of St. John Paul II and signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. This is a FREE program, each family is asked to bring a bag of cookies the first day of the program. Children in grades 1-6 meet Monday-Friday from 9-3 and youth grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday in the evenings. Enrollment forms will be available in July the back of the church. All are invited to attend the potluck dinner on Wednesday. Parishioners are needed for dinner hosts and provide lunch for the team each day.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

Interested in going to Fatima, Lourdes and other shrines of Spain? Fr. Michael Schemm of our diocese is going Oct 4-15 of this year. The cost is \$3,695, leaving from Wichita. For more information, call Susan Prendergast at (800) 842-4842.

LEARN ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

If you want to learn more about the Catholic faith or are looking for ways to strengthen your faith, check out www.formed.org. A login is required. For a free trial through the month of May with no obligations, enter user name: demo@formed.org and the password: BlessedMother. You will find many interesting video clips and articles.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to work at the Clothes Closet: you only work 3 or 4 times in a 6-month period. Call Barb Mikrut if you are willing to give of your time: 724-4941.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Mary Ita Brown (mother of Judy Widner), Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Gary Dowling, Fred and Marjorie Giefer, Mary Ann Heidrick, Herman Masser, Rosemary O'Toole, Rhaysa Paoni, Howard Peak, Marie Pyle, Carter Roberts, Tom Weston, and Judy Widner who are ill or in need of prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one please call the parish office, 724-8717.

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2016 to date
Contributions	\$2,776.00	\$115,311.99
Children's Offering	\$5.41	\$586.84
Expenses - April	\$9,368.38	\$108,314.71
Over / (Under)		\$7,584.12
Building Fund Contributions	\$50.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$135,271.93	

MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Journey with national Catholic speaker Steve Ray at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 as he uses his vast knowledge of the Holy Land to bring us closer to Christ. Find his influential book, Crossing the Tiber, along with other amazing Catholic materials in our hall with over 75 vendors. Save up to \$30 on early bird registration by July 16th. Register online at catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to midwconf@cox.net.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

High school Juniors and older are invited to participate in TEC, a high energy, Spirit-directed Faith experience. There are 2 retreats this summer: June 3-5 in Hutchinson & July 15-17 in St. Paul. For more information, visit <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith-tec/tec> or call Paula Severt, 724-7585. Parents, please encourage your youth to attend!

ROSARY HOSPITAL

If you have a rosary that needs fixed, place it in the Rosary Hospital box in the back of church. Please include your name and phone number, in case there are questions. If there are beads or metals missing, I will try my best to match them. Only prayer payment accepted. -Paula Severt (620) 724-7585

NFP CLASSES

Family of the Americas Ovulation Method classes are offered by appointment at St. Michael Parish Hall in Girard. For more information, call Faith and Adam Paoni at (620) 724-6990.

*Wishing all of our mothers a
very Happy Mothers Day!*





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