



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

I don't remember exactly how he said it, but one day dad let us know that we did not **HAVE TO** do everything he told us or the way I remember it is "I would never ask you to do something that I would not do myself". I suppose me or one of my brothers was complaining about doing some menial, or disgusting, job on the farm.

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." We modern people often do not like the idea of commandments! We are so caught up in freedom that we resist any sense of having to do anything because it is commanded! On the other hand, married couples know that they must listen to one another and that their response to one another is a sort of obedience to one another. That obedience is mixed with the idea that there is love of one for the other. This is very similar to the process of our faith in relationship to the Lord Jesus. If we truly love Him, then we not only pray to Him but also must listen to Him. This is what it means to love Him and to observe His commandments.

To love another person always means that we must sacrifice ourselves for the good of the other person. One of the great definitions of love is that ability to choose the good of the other person and give up our own good for the sake of the other person. That definition sounds easy until we try to live it!

In time, just as we also hear in the Acts of the Apostles, our humanity reasserts itself and we Christians must learn to live with conflicts, differences and even rejection. The only way to overcome the negativities of community life is for each of us, personally, to commit our lives to the Lord and to strive to make our personal decisions based on our faith and not on our feelings, emotions or even thinking.

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 20 - 28

May 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
22	Monday	NO MASS		
23	Tuesday	5:30pm	Francis Buche	Arma
24	Wednesday	6:30pm	Patty Haderlein	Girard
25	Thursday	8:00am	Harold VanLeeuwen	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
26	Friday	7:00am	Thurma Masser	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
27	Saturday	4:00pm	Kathleen Davied Ewan	Arma
		5:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
28	Sunday	8:00am	Harold VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday (5/27/17)	Next Sunday (5/28/17)
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Broc & Kaleb Scales	Kaylee Davied, Carson Severt, Gage Born
EMHC:	Janel Scales	Chris Sponsel
Lector:	Linda Moore	Ruth Duling
Gift Bearers	Joe & Rose Murnane	Bob & Alice Davied

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Memorial Day Mass will be at St. Aloysius, in Greenbush, at 10:00am.

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, Lamar Nick, Rosemary O'Toole, Rhaysa Paoni, Howard Peak, Marie Pyle, Carter Roberts, Tom Weston, and Judy Widner who are ill or in need of prayers.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2016 to date
Contributions	\$2,348.00	\$117,659.99
Children's Offering	\$7.25	\$594.09
Expenses		\$108,314.71
Over / (Under)		\$9,939.37
Building Fund Contributions	\$0	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$135,271.93	

KAPAUNS MEN

Kapauns Men are done meeting for the year. They will resume in the fall.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Come hear PJ Anderson, one of the top Catholic musicians, live on Friday night at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 4-6 in Wichita, KS. Hear songs from his most recent album *Mercy, Mercy* as well as his top ranked previous album *Rise*. Save up to \$30 with 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.

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