



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

Sometimes we want to know the future; we even dream of a time machine to take us forward so we can see what might happen to us. In the final analysis, we know that knowing the future would not be good for us, even if it were possible. We cannot make our present 'better' by knowing about what will happen in some future time. How many times did Jesus talk to the disciples and tell them of his future, where He was going and what would happen to Him. Than we hear that little phrase in the gospel about the eleven disciples...they doubted. Even if we could 'know' the future, I think we too would have doubts as to how to handle that information. Yes, we do look back on what has happened in our lives and we might even make the remark, 'if only I would have known'; yet even knowing what we know today at some previous time may have not changed our options at that time.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord we are, in a sense, celebrating our own future if we are living our faith to the full. Many times, Jesus spoke of where He was going and that He would be with the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who would be with us. If we are going to think about the future, our goal is to remember what the Lord has prepared for us so we do not lose sight of that goal. In the first reading, the two men dressed in white asked, 'why are you looking at the sky?' or we could say 'why are you trying to see where He has gone?' We live in the present knowing that God is with us. That is why we set our sights, not on the future so much, but in living the commandments here and now. By living our faith now we are working towards that future that God has prepared for us.

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
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PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stmichaelgirard.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Finance Council</u>	<u>Parish Council</u>
Tony Stonerock, Chair	TBA
TBA	
<u>Altar Society</u>	<u>Knights of Columbus</u>
4th Monday of month	1st Tuesday of month
6:00pm	St. Michael's hall
<u>Helping Hands</u>	<u>Daughters of Isabella</u>
Carrie Smith	Marilyn Bradshaw
724-6684	724-7133
<u>Kapaun's Men:</u> Friday mornings at 6am	

Mass Schedule and Intentions for May 27 - June 4

May 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
29	Monday	NO MASS		
30	Tuesday	5:30pm	Aaron Kreutzer	Arma
31	Wednesday	6:30pm	Vera Diskin	Girard
June 1	Thursday	8:00am	Gertrude McKinney	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
2	Friday	7:00am	Altar Soc., living & deceased	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
3	Saturday	4:00pm	Frank & Barb Doue	Arma
		5:30pm	Stan Thomas	Girard
4	Sunday	8:00am	For the People	Arma
		10:00am	Ron Breneman	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday (6/3/17)	Next Sunday (6/4/17)
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Camden Leonard & Luke Martin	Aydin & Evan Sisney, Isabella Walsh
EMHC:	Rhonda Stonerock	Jerry Hanson
Lector:	Tony Stonerock	Denny Heidrick
Gift Bearers	Chris & Mary Leritz family	Dave & Anna Goble family

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

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

HALL NOTICE

The Hall will be closed on June 2-4 so the floor can be cleaned and waxed.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Congratulations to our graduating seniors as they begin their life's journeys. Best luck to all of you in all of your future endeavors. May you find happiness and success in whatever you choose to do. My apologies that this is a week late!

Quintin Ausemus	Isaiah Fisher
Jake Bennett	Olivia Hanson
Kelli Cuthbertson	Layne Karhoff
Trenton Diskin	Austin Lallemand
Ethan Doherty	Eric Wilson

TOTUS TUUS, JULY 24-28

Please mark your calendars for a fun & energetic week at St. Michael's 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 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.

HELP WANTED

Are you being called? Our PSR program is in need of catechists for our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening programs beginning next fall. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Mary Ita Brown (mother of Judy Widner), 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	\$2,028.90	\$119,688.89
Children's Offering	\$3.00	\$597.09
Expenses		\$108,314.71
Over / (Under)		\$11,971.27
Building Fund Contributions	\$70.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$135,271.93	

PSR NEWS

Our last PSR & CYM gatherings of the year are complete. We thank all our catechists and youth ministry volunteers for their awesome contribution of time and talent to our Religious Education program. With you, we can fulfill the mission of the church to teach the faith to the children and help support the parents as they hand on the faith to their families. Being a catechist is demanding. The time and energy it takes to be a good catechist is great, but the rewards are many. In some ways, you each take on the role of the Sower from the Parable of the Sower as you share our beliefs planting the seeds of faith, hope and love. Abundant blessings to each of you!

Kandell Amershek, 1st grade
 Paula Severt, 2nd grade
 Sam Stoltz, 3rd grade
 Jerry Hanson, 4th grade
 Kristen Graham, 5th grade
 Tim Born, 6th grade
 Butch Reif, 7th / 8th grade
 Patrick Westhoff, 9th / 10th grade
 Robbie Grabendike, 11th / 12th grade
 CYM: Pat Westhoff, Robbie Grabendike, Michelle Puckett

CELIAC DISEASE

If you or someone you know is unable to receive communion because of this autoimmune response to gluten, you can talk to Fr. Floyd about another option.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

We are hosting a Parish Mission: July 8-10. More info soon!


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