



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## *From the Pastor*

**Q:** I seldom ask my parish priest to offer up Masses for a particular need such as a sick person or someone that has just died. Usually I offer up myself the Masses I attend for these needs, but a friend told me this was not valid. My friend said that for the graces to be received by the person in need, a priest had to offer up the Mass. So my question is, may we offer up our Masses for departed souls or those in need without specifically asking the priest to say these Masses? — A.K., Sacramento, California

**A:** Actually it is not a question of either/or but and/and. Any Catholic may offer up the Mass in which he or she participates for any good intention. Certainly, graces will accrue in accordance with the intensity of that person's participation and sincerity. This is a genuine exercise of the royal or common priesthood of the faithful. However, the custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. This is because the Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting "in persona Christi" when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention. The faithful generally make an offering, called a stipend, to the priest in order to apply the Mass to a specific intention. By making this offering, the faithful, by parting with something that is their own, associate themselves more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the sacred Host, and obtain thereby more abundant fruits. This sacrifice has an infinite value and indeed there is no objective limitation to the number of intentions that can be offered at any Mass. The Church regulates the practice of offering and receiving stipends in canons 945-958 of the Code of Canon Law and in some later decrees on specific applications of the code. Thus, in normal circumstances, a priest may only accept one stipend for any one Mass even though he may offer up the Mass for several intentions. To be continued....

### 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

### STAFF Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney

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### 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 Aug. 12 - 20

Aug. 12	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Jarboe	Arma
		5:30pm	For the People	Girard
13	Sunday	8:00am	Danny Black	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
14	Monday	6:30pm	Intention of Celebrant	Girard
15	Tuesday	7:00am	Intention of Celebrant	Girard
		5:30pm	Gertrude McKinney	Arma
16	Wednesday	6:30pm	Anonymous intention	Girard
17	Thursday	8:00am	Fr. John Reinkemeyer	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
18	Friday	7:00am	Barbara Born	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
19	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Jarboe	Arma
		5:30pm	Mary Davied	Girard
20	Sunday	8:00am	For the People	Arma
		10:00am	Eugene & Lydia Scassellati	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday (8/19/17) 5:30 pm  
Next Sunday (8/20/17) 10:00 am

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Altar Servers:	Luke Martin, Trevor & Peyton Amershek	Josh Duling, Aydin & Evan Sisney
EMHC:	Sharon Giacometti	Eileen Bland
Lector:	Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
Gift Bearers	Tony & Rhonda Stonerock	Tom & Jessica Stegman family

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are Monday at 6:30pm at Girard, Tuesday at 7:00am at Girard, and Tuesday at 5:30pm at Arma.

## MUSICIAN RECEPTION

All parish liturgical musicians are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, August 20, at 5 p.m. to celebrate solemn vespers with Bishop Kemme. During vespers, Bishop will give a special blessing to all the music directors, choir members, cantors, and instrumentalists who serve in our parishes for the glory of God and to help the people of our diocese enter into worship through the gift of music. A light reception in the Gathering Space will follow.

## CRAFT DAY

The next Parish Craft Day will be August 16th from 10:00am until 2:00pm in the parish hall. Everyone is invited. Please bring a dish to share.

## GIRARD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross has issued an emergency call for blood and platelet donations to overcome a critical blood shortage. Donations are urgently needed now to help save the lives of hospital patients in the coming days and weeks. Book your appointment to help save lives now. Drive is Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 12:00 pm – 5:30 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church Hall, 106 S. Western. All presenting donors will be emailed a \$5 Target eGiftCard™. To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## EMHC TRAINING UPDATE

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Save the date... there will be a training "update" on Wed., Oct. 25 from 6:30-8:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Pittsburg.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

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

## ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The St. Paul's Group will begin meeting again on Sun. Aug. 20 at 1:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Building in Pittsburg. The St. Paul Group is for single seniors. Hostess are Alberta Westhoff, Joan Davied, and Margie Eichorn. Bring a friend.

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,848.00	\$16,439.70
Children's Offering	\$3.00	\$68.51
Expenses		-
Over / (Under)		\$16,508.21
Building Fund Contributions	\$350.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$97,983.46	

## ELEMENTARY PSR MEETING

Please plan on joining us on Thursday, August 17 at 6:30pm at St. Michael's hall for a discussion regarding elementary PSR and the most feasible time to hold weekly classes. We will discuss moving classes back to Wednesday afternoons. This will require new catechist and volunteer support. If you're willing to volunteer as a 1st-5th grade catechist or to assist with the program, please come to the meeting.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE TO BEGIN IN WICHITA

From Sept. 27 to Nov. 5, you're invited to join in 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside South Wind Women's Center - 5107 E Kellogg Dr, Wichita, KS 67218. For more info: Respect Life Social Justice Office (316)269-3935 or to sign up go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/Wichita>.

## Homecoming Breakfast St. Joseph Church Hall Arma, Kansas

Sunday, August 13, 2017  
9:00am - 11:30am

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