



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

As I was reading one of my normal 'informational' magazines, I came across an article about the patron saint of our Girard neighbors, Saint Michael. Actually it was a question about why the three Archangels that we celebrate at the end of this month have a special celebration among the millions of angels. Each of these three angels appears in Sacred Scripture. They have interactions with people, but we should pay more attention to what they do as more important than their names. They offer us an inside look at the mystery of God because they are doing the work of God as messengers.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "The whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God...Moreover, in the 'Cherubic Hymn' of the Byzantine Liturgy, the Church celebrates the memory of certain angels more particularly (Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, Saint Raphael, and the guardian angels). From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession". (CCC 334-336)

Michael is the great protector of the Jewish people in the Book of Daniel and of the Church in the Book of Revelation, particularly in their community encounters with evil. We can be confident that we, too, have God's personal protection with the help of the angels, even amid the terrifying darkness of our personal and community lives. There may be many personal reasons for each of us to pray 'defend us in battle', but we can also remember how Michael and the other angels are intercessors in helping us turn away from the evil one. May we continue to be faithful in our prayers to God with the multitude of intercessors in heaven.

<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
Saturday	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am	8:00 am

<u>CONFESSION</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
Saturday	2:00-2:30 pm	3:15-3:45 pm
Before all Masses, anytime by appointment		

RECTORY HOURS

Thursdays 9:00 am - Noon
Rectory: (620) 347-4525
In Case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

STAFF Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney
Secretary: Georganne Galichia & Gay Kranker
Bookkeeper: Janel Scales
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PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stjosepharma.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Finance Council	Parish Council
TBA	Tues., Sept. 19
6:00pm	6:00pm
St. Ann Altar Society	Knights of Columbus
TBA	First Tuesday of month
Parish Rectory	St. Michael's hall

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Sept. 2 - 10

Sept. 2	Saturday	4:00pm	BJ & Pat Billiard	Arma
		5:30pm	Ron Breneman	Girard
3	Sunday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
4	Monday	No Mass		
5	Tuesday	5:30pm	Connie Morris	Arma
6	Wednesday	6:30pm	Robert Haderlein	Girard
7	Thursday	8:00am	Gertrude McKinney	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
8	Friday	7:00am	Gertrude McKinney	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
9	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Jarboe	Arma
		5:30pm	Thurma Masser	Girard
10	Sunday	8:00am	Joe & Betty Youvan	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday (9/9/17) 4:00pm	Sunday (9/10/17) 8:00am
Altar Servers:	Owen Waterman	Cody Burns
EMHC:	Sharon Giacometti	Cindy Ashmore
Lector:	Pat Westhoff	Linda Broyles
Gift Bearers:	Louise Jarboe & Georganne Galichia	Scott & Susie Aldrighetti
Usher/Greeter:	Emil Pronier & Frank Grano	Dave Ashmore & Wally Rons

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$1,476.00	\$14,294.11
Expenses		\$10,869.62
Over / (Under)		\$3,424.49

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next parish council meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 19 following the 5:30pm mass.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

I will be hearing confessions before all Masses; that means I will be in the confessional until 10 Minutes before each Mass, daily and weekend. At the present time I will continue the 2:00pm time in Girard except for Sept 16, Sept 30, and Oct 14 which have weddings at 2:00. - Fr. Floyd

GREENBUSH DAY

The 24th Annual Greenbush Day is Sunday, September 17. Festivities include a hog roast, kiddie tractor pull, music, silent auction, horse rides, open fishing, and fun for all. Hope to see you there! This event is sponsored by the St. Aloysius Historical Society.

EMHC TRAINING

Pat Westhoff is offering a Virtus Training Session on Thursday Sept. 7 from 6-9 pm at St. Francis Rectory in St. Paul.

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.

ELEMENTARY PSR CHANGE

After much prayerful consideration, we plan to return to Wed. afternoon PSR for grades 1-5 this fall. In order to do this, we need volunteers to help serve as catechists, subs and snack helpers. An email was sent to all previously registered elementary PSR families detailing the changes. PSR will begin on Sept 6. Classes will be held until 3:30 pm on Wednesdays. Each family will need to have turned in registration papers prior to Sept. 6 or we will not be able to escort your student from RVH to PSR. Registration forms available in the church and parish hall.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PSR

The first session of PSR for middle and high school students will be Sept. 6, beginning at 6:30 pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

OFFICERS:

Pat Westhoff - Chair, Karen Pryer - Secretary, Debbie Amershek, Dustin Ashmore, Joe Broyles, Debbie Shaub

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chair - Karen Pryer
EMEs - Joan Black
Ushers/Greeters - Bill Harman
Altar Society - Judy Smerchek
Lectors - Linda Broyles
Music - Jan Harman

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Fred Bogina, Chair
Members: Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback, Linda Broyles

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Our PSR programs are looking for musicians willing to share their talents with our parish youth during our PSR/CYM program time. If interested, please contact Fr. McKinney or Michelle Puckett at 620.238.0428.

DIOCESAN LISTENING SESSION

Bishop Kemme would like to hear your responses to the following three questions that will be posed at diocesan listening sessions:

- 1) As a diocese, what do we do well?
- 2) As a diocese, what could we be doing better?
- 3) As a diocese, what should our pastoral priorities be for the next three to five years?

The sessions close to us will be Sunday Oct 29 at 1:00pm at St. Patrick in Parsons and Saturday Nov. 18 at 10:00am at Our Lady of Lourdes in Pittsburg. For a full listing of dates and places for the sessions, go to the "Listening Session" link under "Find It Here" on the homepage of our diocesan website (www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org). On that page, you may also submit your written responses if you are unable to attend a listening session in person. To register to attend a session, please call the Chancery at 316-269-3900 or e-mail winslowt@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Office of Respect Life and Social Justice asks you to please mark you calendars for the following dates: Oct. 28 the diocesan office will hold a Respect Life Conference. Additionally, the diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage will be Jan. 16-21, 2018. Prayerfully consider participating in these events which promote the sanctity of life. If you cannot attend the events, they would appreciate your prayers for their efforts and the safe travel of other participants.

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