



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## *From the Pastor*

In case you have not noticed, I am not here this weekend. I am in Wichita at the Spiritual Life Center of the diocese as a team member for Marriage Encounter. Some people have the mistaken idea that the ME weekend is for marriages that are having problems and need a 'boost' to fix something. ME is actually a weekend for good marriages of two people who love each other and want to make their togetherness even more together.

Marriage Encounter Weekends are a special time for a married couple away from all distractions: work, kids, bills, and other pressures and concerns. When was the last time you had a weekend like that? There is a series of presentations made by the Presenting Team, consisting of 3 married couples and 1 priest. Each presentation builds on the last as we examine ourselves, our behaviors and attitudes, our relationship with our spouse and God. Communication tools are taught on the weekend, helping couples connect in healthy, constructive ways on areas that can deepen their intimacy and connectedness. All sharing between spouses is **PRIVATE**, and this is **NOT** a weekend to solve problems! This Weekend will help couples in good marriages communicate even better.

*"I heard that Marriage Encounter is for "troubled" marriages. We've been married for (1 year, 10 years or 35 years) and we don't have "issues." Why should we attend?"*

On the contrary, Marriage Encounter Weekends are for **GOOD** marriages! Think about it, employers may send you to a seminar to gain new skills on the job, why not dedicate a weekend to gain new skills that can benefit your most important relationship-- your marriage! After the ME Weekend, couples often return to their life and families, refreshed, with renewed commitment to each other.

For marriages that are troubled, in crisis, or have deep hurts that need significant healing and forgiveness, please consider our sister program, Retrouvaille.

<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

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### PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stjosepharma.com

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

<u>Finance Council</u>	<u>Parish Council</u>
TBA	Tues., Sept. 19
6:00pm	6:00pm
<u>St. Ann Altar Society</u>	<u>Knights of Columbus</u>
Wed., Sept. 20 @ 6pm	First Tuesday of month
Parish Rectory	St. Michael's hall

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Sept. 9 - 17

Sept. 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
11	Monday	No Mass		
12	Tuesday	5:30pm	Cliff & Sylvia Endicott	Arma
13	Wednesday	6:30pm	Stan Thomas	Girard
14	Thursday	8:00am	Gertrude McKinney	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
15	Friday	7:00am	Vera Diskin	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
16	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Ron Breneman	Girard
17	Sunday	8:00am	For the People	Arma
		10:00am	Cathrine Madl	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday (9/16/17) 4:00pm	Sunday (9/17/17) 8:00am
Altar Servers:	Allie Zornes	Tejay Cleland
EMHC:	Fred Bogina	Terry Cleland
Lector:	Anna Meyer	Carol Cole
Gift Bearers:	Joe & Linda Broyles	Greg & Tracey Bogina
Usher/Greeter:	Don Zornes & Joe Polhlopek	Dan Cole & Ron Black

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$1,127.00	\$15,421.11
Expenses - August	\$9,442.70	\$20,312.32
Over / (Under)		(\$4,891.21)

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

### **ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING**

The St. Ann Altar Society will begin our monthly meetings again starting Wednesday, September 20th. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph rectory. New members welcome anytime.

### **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**

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.

### **PSR NEWS**

Classes have begun for the year! Please turn in your student's registration and payment if you have not yet done so. Classes for elementary school children grades 1-5 are from 2:30 – 3:30 pm each Wednesday and from 6:30 pm – 8:15 pm for middle/high school students. Safe Environment lessons will be taught in September. REMINDER: no PSR on 9/20, as there's no school for USD 248 on that date.

### **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

### **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. Go to the "Listening Session" link under "Find It Here" on the homepage of our diocesan website ([www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org](http://www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org)) to submit your written responses if you are unable to attend in person. To register to attend a session, call the Chancery at 316-269-3900 or e-mail [winslowt@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:winslowt@catholicdioceseofwichita.org).

### **ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING**

Our next meeting is Sept.17 at 1pm at the KOC building in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's Group is for single seniors. Hostesses are Loyola Puckett, Pat David, and Maxine Conrad. New members welcome, call Maxine Conrad 231-7802 for questions.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The Office of Respect Life and Social Justice asks you to please mark your 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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