



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

“Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.” These words from the Book of Sirach remind us that forgiveness is a deep and necessary part of our spiritual tradition, handed down to us from our Jewish ancestors in faith. Jesus echoes this teaching when He gives us the “Our Father,” which tells us to pray, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

The Gospel from Matthew today is very strong. Jesus is so clear in His teaching to us: forgive everything from your heart! We are not allowed to hold on to anything against anybody. Rather, as Jesus teaches, we must go even further and help those who harm us and give to those who rob us. To follow Jesus is not easy and asks us to give ourselves completely to Him and to following Him. Christianity will never be a life of comfort, even though we may have comforts from time to time.

We can also ask ourselves today how we relate to those around us? Are we people who forgive others? Are we people who really seek to love and serve others? Do we seek to see Christ in others? Do we look for God’s will in our lives and in the lives others?

At the heart of the teachings of Jesus, at the heart of His own life, is this deep awareness of God’s presence in all creation and in all peoples. Even in the agony of Jesus and in the Cross, Jesus keeps His heart with love for others.

Today, we are invited to forgive and to follow Jesus once more in a way that gives witness to the glory of God. Let us walk the way of the Lord.

<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:

<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. 16 - 24

Sept. 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
18	Monday	No Mass		
19	Tuesday	5:30pm	N/A	Arma
20	Wednesday	6:30pm	N/A	Girard
21	Thursday	8:00am	N/A	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
22	Friday	7:00am	N/A	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
23	Saturday	4:00pm	Annett Petrey	Arma
		5:30pm	For the People	Girard
24	Sunday	8:00am	Charles & Virginia Schaub	Arma
		10:00am	Jim Davied	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday (9/23/17) 4:00pm	Sunday (9/24/17) 8:00am
Altar Servers:	Jack & Eve Bertoncino	Cody Burns
EMHC:	Linda Carpino	Tracey Bogina
Lector:	Barry Bedene	Ron Pommier
Gift Bearers:	Donna & Denise Bertoncino	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
Usher/Greeter:	Emil Pronier & Frank Grano	Joe Polhlopek & Greg Bogina

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	TBA	\$15,421.11
Expenses		\$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

Please turn in your student's registration and payment if you have not yet done so. REMINDER: no PSR on 9/20, as there's no school for USD 248 on that date.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting is this Sunday, Sept.17 at 1pm at the Knights of Columbus 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.

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) 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.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE TO BEGIN IN WICHITA

From Sept. 27 through Nov. 5, you're invited to join other Parishes and Churches for 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., in Wichita. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Respect Life Social Justice Office (316)269-3935 or to sign up go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/Wichita>.

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