



# St. Michael 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.

### 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  
Before all Masses, anytime by appointment

### RECTORY HOURS & INFORMATION

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - Noon  
Rectory: (620) 724-8717  
In case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

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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>
Sept. 25 @ 6pm	1st Tuesday of month
St. Michael's Hall	St. Michael's Hhall
<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 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

	Next Saturday (9/23/17)	Next Sunday (9/24/17)
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Davis Davenport & Dawson Stegman	Carter & Abi Doherty, Seth Wilson
EMHC:	Sharon Giacometti	Joan Davied
Lector:	Teresa Davenport	Doug Lopeman
Gift Bearers	Mary Ann Heidrick & Denny Heidrick	Loren & Patti Martin

## 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 this Sunday, Sept. 17. Festivities include a hog roast, kiddie tractor pull, music, silent auction, horse rides, open fishing, and fun for all. This event is sponsored by the St. Aloysius Historical Society. See you there!

## ADORATION OPENING

Paula Sevart needs someone to share her 10:00am adoration spot on Fridays. Call her at 724-7585 if you can help.

## ST. MICHAEL'S 2017 FALL BAZAAR

Mark your calendar, the Fall Bazaar will be Sunday, Oct. 22. We have placed last year's food and work list in the entrance of the hall. Please stop by ASAP, we need everyone's support to make our Bazaar a success once again. Thank you so much!

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Our next meeting will be at 6pm at St. Michael's hall on Sept. 25 to stuff envelopes for the Bazaar. Come and join us. Thank you for all the support!

## 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.

## 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.

## CRAFT DAY

Craft day will be the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month. It will be from 8:30 until 1:30. If anyone has flannel they would like to donate, bring it to the Hall and put "Barb Mikrut" on it. We are going to make receiving blankets and burp pads.

## ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting is this Sunday, 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.

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2017 to date
	Contributions	\$2,108.00
Children's Offering	\$15.00	\$183.76
Expenses		\$26,731.39
Over / (Under)		\$2,875.07
Building Fund Contributions	\$0	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$93,759.43	

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

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

## 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).

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE TO BEGIN IN WICHITA

From September 27 through November 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, Wichita, KS 67218. Please spread the word about this important community outreach. 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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