



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

As we come to the end of another liturgical year, our readings seem serious, challenging us to reflect on our possessions and how we have lived. What have we done to improve our little corner of the world? The Gospel tells of three investors and how we might identify with one of them; two who risked, and gained, and one who was afraid so made sure he did not lose the little he had. We might think that is the better way to go instead of risking and losing, especially when we are talking about another's money. Maybe we need to see it, not as money, but as the talent and time that God has given us. Looking around us in our world today we see so much happening that is contrary to the values and morals that we profess. Maybe the question we should ask is if I am willing to risk living my faith and letting others see the values that I hope to live. Some scholars suggest the parable is really an accusation against the Pharisees for their spiritual shyness. They knew the promise of the Good News, and yet chose to bury it with a bunch of rules and regulations. Jesus tells his disciples, and us, to take risks – to invest our whole life in the truth of the Gospel and if necessary, to risk all for the glory of God.

<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
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PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stjosepharma.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Nov. 18 - 26

Nov. 18	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Jarboe	Arma
		5:30pm	Ed Walsh	Girard
19	Sunday	8:00am	Jim Davied	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
20	Monday	No Mass		
21	Tuesday	5:30pm	Intention of the Celebrant	Arma
22	Wednesday	6:30pm	Jim Davied	Girard
23	Thursday	8:00am	Mass of Thanksgiving	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
24	Friday	7:00am	Frank Johnson	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	NO Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
25	Saturday	4:00pm	Mike & Francis Gallagher	Arma
		5:30pm	Stan Thomas	Girard
26	Sunday	8:00am	Barb Doue	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday (11/25/17) 4:00pm	Sunday (11/26/17) 8:00am
Altar Servers:	Joe Broyles	Tejay Cleland
EMHC:	Marcel Normand	Terry Cleland
Lector:	Pat Westhoff	Ron Pommier
Gift Bearers:	Agnes Goodman & Louise Jarboe	Susan Polhlopek & Joyce Klinkon
Usher/Greeter:	Emil Pronier & Dave Petrey	Mike Ashbacher & Joe Polhlopek

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THANKSGIVING DAY SCHEDULE

There will be Mass on Thanksgiving Day in Arma at the normal 8:00am time. There will also be mass at 7:00am in Girard on Friday, BUT NO ADORATION on either day due to the holiday.

CANTATA

The Arma Community Choir will be holding their annual Christmas Cantata at the Arma United Methodist Church at 6:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tues., Nov. 21, following 5:30 Mass.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

The monthly Altar Society Meeting was held Wednesday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. in the church rectory. Because Judy Smerchek has moved to Pittsburg, she resigned as president. Margaret Setina, vice president, accepted the position as president, and Gay Kranker accepted the position of vice-president. Christmas meeting was discussed, and a dinner party was voted on. The ladies decided to have their Christmas Dinner Meeting at the Blue Moon Casino in Arma. The menu was planned, and the time and date was set. It will take place Monday, December 11 at 6:00. There will not be a meeting in January; therefore, the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21. At that meeting \$5.00 dues will be collected. We send our best wishes to Judy, and thanks for being our president for the past 5 years. We will all miss you.— K. Pryer, reporter.

RETROUVAILLE SCHEDULED

A Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled in our diocese Dec. 8 - 10. **Retrouvaille** helps married couples who are: struggling to communicate, struggling to stay together, cold & distant from each other, separated or divorced, but want to try again. Although the **Retrouvaille** program is based on Christian values, it is primarily a practical program about marriage. It is open to all married couples, regardless of their religious affiliation. For more information, go to <http://helpourmarriage.org>, or call 1-800-470-2230.

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 - Margaret Setina
Lectors - Linda Broyles
Music - Jan Harman

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Members: Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback, Linda Broyles

THANK YOU, YOUTH!

Thank you to all the middle and high school youth who attended the Brooks Gibbs talk this past Wednesday evening! This was a special session for all Girard church youth groups. We are blessed to be a part of a community that can come together to bring in talented speakers like this!

NO PSR NOV. 22

Please note that there will be no PSR classes on Nov 22; we will be on break for Thanksgiving. Classes resume Nov. 29.

KNIGHTS NEWS

Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets for their Charities Aid Foundation Religious Fund. We receive part of this money back from the KOC State Council to fund our CCD programs. Tickets are \$100 each, or multiple parties can share the cost of a ticket. There will be one \$25,000 winner, one \$6,000 winner, three \$4,000 winners, six \$2,000 winners, and twenty-one \$1,000 winners. Contact Dave Garrett for more information: 724-2743.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Fiat Ministries is devoted to encouraging young women to answer "yes" to the vocation to which God is calling them. This retreat is an opportunity for young women to ask questions, pray, listen, and open their hearts to the Lord's will. Throughout this weekend of discernment, participants will receive wisdom through prayer, presentations by religious sisters, recreation, and fellowship. Single women, age 18-26 are invited. Dec 15-17, at the Spiritual Life Center. Cost, \$25, includes meals, lodging and materials. For more info, contact Emily Savage, esavage@stfranciswichita.com.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting is this Sunday, Nov. 19 at 1pm at the KOC building in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's Group is for single seniors. Hostesses are Sharon Starr, Angie Patterson, and Delores Vulgamore. New members welcome. Call Maxine Conrad 231-7802 for more information or with questions.



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