



# St. Michael 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.

**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  
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Fridays from 8:00 am to 6:00 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

	Next Saturday 11/25/17 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 11/26/17 10:00 am
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Luke Martin, Dawson Stegman	Sara Goble, Seth Wilson, Josh Duling
<b>EMHC:</b>	Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
<b>Lector:</b>	Donna Martin	Beth Wilson
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Helen Brodbeck & Bernadine Shively	Robert & Alice Davied

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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.

## FOOD PANTRY

St. Michael's Church has been by asked by the Girard Ministerial Alliance to have a food drive for the local food pantry. Let's work to fill Father Floyd's little red truck. Items may be left in back of the Church until the end of the month.

## 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.

## ALTAR SOCIETY DINNER

Come join the Altar Society for a covered dish dinner on November 27 at 6:00 in the Hall. It will be a fun time for all.

## 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.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Gerald Azember, Mary Ita Brown (mother of Judy Widner), Audrey Casassa, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Fred and Marjorie Giefer, Ron Lallemand, Mark LaTurner, Donna Little, Herman Masser, Rosemary O'Toole, the family of Rhaysa Velazquez Paoni (in Puerto Rico), Howard Peak, Janice Madl Pennewell (daughter of Alban Madl), Marie Pyle, Carter Roberts, Sarah (last name withheld), Tom Weston, and Judy Widner who are ill or in need of prayers.

## 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.

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,334.00	\$51,600.85
Children's Offering	\$6.00	\$279.41
Expenses		\$44,487.56
Over / (Under)		\$7,392.70
Building Fund Contributions	\$270.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$89,440.40	

## BAKE SALE SUCCESS

Thank you to the parish for the amazing support of the high school youth NCYC bake sale last weekend! Please keep our six youth and three chaperones in your prayers as they gather with 15,000+ youth from around the U.S. at the National Catholic Youth Conference this weekend in Indianapolis, IN.

## 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!

## 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.

## CRAFT DAY

Craft day will be the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month from 8:30am until 1:30pm in the parish hall.

## RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Fiat Ministries is devoted to encouraging young women to answer "yes" to the vocation to which God is calling them. 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](mailto:esavage@stfranciswichita.com).



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