



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

One of the things we used to do as kids we called 'king on the mountain'. The mountain could be a pile of hay or a mound of dirt but the object of the game was the same, to see who could stay on top. It was usually a short lived game as the one who was 'king' really had no one to rule because all the others scattered. At the end of the church year we celebrate our King, the one who rules over us, not with a 'heavy hand' but with mercy and forgiveness. We do not run away, but come to Him for our needs and to praise Him for the many blessings that we have received.

Jesus is a king like no other. The only crown our king ever wore was made of thorns and brambles. As we conclude the season of Ordinary Time and move into Advent, let each of us make an accounting of our stewardship before the coming of our king. Have we been loyal subjects? In our prayers and daily living, do we treat Christ as a sovereign over us or as a servant who exists only to do our will? We pray with the coming of Advent that Jesus will lead us and guide us in the ways of service, helping us to show our love for God by how we love and serve one another, especially the least among us.

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

STAFF Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney
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PARISH WEBSITE:
www.stmichaelgirard.com

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Nov. 25 - Dec. 3

Nov. 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
27	Monday	No Mass		
28	Tuesday	5:30pm	NO MASS	Arma
29	Wednesday	6:30pm	NO MASS	Girard
30	Thursday	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
Dec. 1	Friday	7:00am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
2	Saturday	4:00pm	Barb Doue	Arma
		5:30pm	Pat Purdon	Girard
3	Sunday	8:00am	For the People	Arma
		10:00am	Eugene Scassellati, Jr.	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday 12/2/17 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 12/3/17 10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Camden Leonard, Bailey & Brandon Leritz	Aydin & Evan Sisney, Gage Born
<u>EMHC:</u>	Rhonda Stonerock	Jerry Hanson
<u>Lector:</u>	Tony Stonerock	Denny Heidrick
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Brian & Jill Davied family	Randy & Lisa McAtee

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FATHER AWAY

Fr. Floyd will be at a priests conference this week, so there will be NO MASSES from Tuesday, Nov. 28 through Thursday, Nov. 30. There will also be NO ADORATION at St. Joseph's on Thursday, but there WILL BE Adoration at St. Michael's on Friday, as Father will be back Thursday evening.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella has scheduled their Christmas Party for December 5, at 12:30pm in St. Ambrose Hall. A reminder for all members, bring finger food dish, your secret pal gift, and something for the prize table. Ladies with no secret pals may also bring a gift for exchange. There will be no formal meeting, but Christmas collection for our sponsored charity "Birthline" will take place along with signing Christmas cards for PMRV residents and Christmas games. Regent Linda Degarmo reminds us there will be NO meeting in January and don't forget about your scholarship applications. Hosting our festivities will be Lois Carlson, Mary Jo Ireland, Katherine Watkins, Juanita Wilkerson and Diana Woldrum.

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

KOC 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. Call Dave Garrett for more info: 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.

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 & 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

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2017 to date
	Contributions	\$2,853.00
Children's Offering	\$11.00	\$290.41
Expenses		\$44,487.56
Over / (Under)		\$10,256.70
Building Fund Contributions	\$5.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$89,440.40	

Madl), Marie Pyle, Carter Roberts, Sarah (last name withheld), Tom Weston, and Judy Widner who are ill or in need of prayers.

PARISH MISSION IN PITTSBURG

Mark your calendars! Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting a parish mission Dec 3rd, 4th, & 5th from 7-8pm entitled "Fully Alive - An Advent Encounter with Grace" presented by Joe Farris. Joe has done many parish missions across the country and is a very dynamic speaker. This will be an amazing opportunity to grow closer to our Lord! Topics for the mission are: Sunday, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray", Monday, "Lord, I Want to See You", and Tuesday, "Fully Alive". Join us for any or all of the presentations, which will be held in the church. The whole family is welcome to attend (child care will be provided).

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. Single women age 18-26 are invited, Dec. 15-17, at the Spiritual Life Center for a weekend of discernment and fellowship. Cost of \$25 includes meals, lodging and materials. For more info, contact Emily Savage, esavage@stfranciswichita.com.



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