



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

Happy New Year! Here we are, eleven months into the calendar year, five months into the fiscal year, about twelve weeks into the academic year — and our church has chosen this Sunday, about four weeks before our actual New Year, to be the start of our liturgical year. Would it have been a better idea to begin the church year with the calendar year? I think not. It is really a great idea that our liturgical year transcends and invades all those other cycles. That interruption reminds us — sharply — that the Christian community lives out time in a wholly different framework. Just as we have taught the whole world to mark all planetary history with Christ at the center, and all other time before and after him; and, so we insist on placing our “church year” slightly out of sync with the secular calendar year. The birth of Jesus Messiah centers our sense of time. Further, we begin the church year by focusing on our need for God, which God began to address in a whole new way with the Incarnation. That is what we are preparing to celebrate; how God came to be one like us. That merits being different from our 'normal' time because God coming to us was not normal but divine. As we go through this Advent season, let us remember that we are special and loved by God, who cared enough to send the Son for us.

<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
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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 Dec. 2 - 10

Dec. 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
4	Monday	No Mass		
5	Tuesday	5:30pm	Ed & Gertrude McKinney	Arma
6	Wednesday	6:30pm	Robert Haderlein	Girard
7	Thursday	8:00am	Ed & Gertrude McKinney	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
8	Friday	7:00am	Pete DeLange	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
		Noon	Jim Davied	Arma
		6:00pm	Joyce Westhoff	Girard
9	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Jarboe	Arma
		5:30pm	Wayne Coomes	Girard
10	Sunday	8:00am	Barb Born	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Saturday (12/9/17) 4:00pm	Sunday (12/10/17) 8:00am
Altar Servers:	Jack & Eve Bertoncino	Cody Burns
EMHC:	Sharon Giacometti	Tracey Bogina
Lector:	Anna Meyer	Joe Broyles
Gift Bearers:	Donna & Denise Bertoncino	Ron & Joan Black
Usher/Greeter:	Dave Petrey & Joe Polhlopek	Greg Bogina & Mike Ashbacher

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Over / (Under)		\$2,863.52

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, Dec. 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are at 7:00am in Girard, Noon in Arma, and 6:00pm in Girard.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Due to the very generous bi-monthly donations to our flower fund by Larry Filosa, the benevolence of Larry Black and to all of our parishioners that have so faithfully and generously donated in the past years, the flower fund is doing quite well. We have enough money to purchase the larger poinsettias for Christmas and any needed decorations that may be needed. We will continue the memorials and use the names that you have requested for the memorials over the past years. We will post the memorial names in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be putting up the trees, garland and nativity after the 8:00am mass on Sunday, December 17. We appreciate any way that you can help us out.

KAPAUNS MEN

The men's group Kapauns Men will resume meeting on Jan. 12 at 6:00am in the St. Michael's parish hall.

CHRISTMAS 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.

SCAMMON COOKIE SALE

St Bridget's Parish in Scammon will hold their 15th Annual Cookie Sale, December 9th from 8am to 1pm in the parish hall, 4th and Keith in Scammon, KS. Cookies and related items will sell for \$5 per pound, you pick and choose.

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,

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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

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).

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next meeting will be our Christmas party on Dec. 17 at 1pm at the KOC building in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's Group is for single seniors. Please bring your favorite snack and a gift for the Secret Santa game, if you'd like to participate. It will be lots of fun! Hope you'll join us. Call Maxine Conrad with questions: 231-7802.

COMMUNITY BONFIRE

Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard extends an invitation to join them for a Community Bonfire from 6:00 - 7:00pm this Sunday, Dec. 3. It will be held two lots south of Subway. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and singing voices! There will be caroling around the fire with special guest singers, free hot chocolate, a reading of the Christmas story, and a live nativity.

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. Contact Emily Savage, esavage@stfranciswichita.com for info.

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.



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