



St. Michael Catholic Church

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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 & INFORMATION

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am - Noon
Rectory: (620) 724-8717
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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 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

	<u>Next Saturday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
	12/9/17	12/10/17
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Abi & Carter Doherty	Broc & Kaleb Scales, Zack Benso
<u>EMHC:</u>	Linda Degarmo	Joan Davied
<u>Lector:</u>	Ned Sauer	Doug Lopeman
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Dave & Linda Garrett	Rick & Barb Duling family

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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.

KAPAUNS MEN

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

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.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

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

COMMUNITY BONFIRE

Trinity Lutheran Church 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.

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, your choice.

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.

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

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,279.00	\$56,732.85
Children's Offering	\$5.71	\$296.12
Expenses		\$44,487.56
Over / (Under)		\$12,541.41
Building Fund Contributions	\$50.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$89,440.40	

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).

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

CRAFT DAY

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

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.

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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