



St. Joseph Catholic Church

100 South 8th Street
Arma, KS 66712
(620) 347-4525
Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

Advent has only three full weeks this year. Christmas Eve's being on a Sunday means that the fourth week is only a short few hours. We might say-pray, "So, better get with the program." We wish sincerely that we could be better, shape up, repent, respond, re-up, re-everything! Within this Advent-sense of our being behind spiritually, comes our First Reading for this Eucharist's liturgy.

Israel, aka Zion, Jerusalem, is in captivity, far from their holy temple, far from feeling any "comfort" or any sense of being carried or cared-for. Our whole First Reading contains promises and hopeful images of just what God is going to do.

A negative misunderstanding is easily made while we listen to the declaration of God's fidelity contained in this reading. We can interpret that *WE* do all the work of straightening our roads, filling in our valleys, leveling our mountains and then the Shepherd will be pleased and will return us to our holy-selves. Then we hear in the second reading that we need "to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace". Without the One who cares for us we will not find peace, so we continue to prepare, that we may be found. We have three weeks and a part of a day, plus the rest of our lives to allow Jesus to advance toward us, not with the finger of disappointment and accusation, but the inviting gesture of recovery. Jesus is not coming; He is here! Our Advent prayer is to reside again, re-home where He comforts and re-covers our images of His Self in ours.

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

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 Dec. 9 - 17

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| Dec. 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 |
| 11 | Monday | No Mass | | |
| 12 | Tuesday | 5:30pm | NO MASS | Arma |
| 13 | Wednesday | 6:30pm | Jim Davied | Girard |
| 14 | Thursday | 8:00am | Ed & Gertrude McKinney | Arma |
| | | 8:30am-12:30pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Arma |
| 15 | Friday | 7:00am | Thurma Masser | Girard |
| | | 8:00am-6:00pm | Eucharistic Adoration | Girard |
| 16 | Saturday | 4:00pm | The Black family | Arma |
| | | 5:30pm | The Nick family | Girard |
| 17 | Sunday | 8:00am | For the People | Arma |
| | | 10:00am | Ed Walsh | Girard |

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

| | Saturday (12/16/17) 4:00pm | Sunday (12/17/17) 8:00am |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Altar Servers: | Allie Zornes | Tejay Cleland |
| EMHC: | Linda Carpino | Cindy Ashmore |
| Lector: | Marcel Normand | Ron Pommier |
| Gift Bearers: | Joe & Linda Broyles | Greg & Tracey Bogina |
| Usher/Greeter: | Dave Petrey & Don Zornes | Wally Rons & Dave Ashmore |

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| Contributions | \$1,590.00 | \$35,190.72 |
| Expenses - November | \$3,950.93 | \$33,815.13 |
| Over / (Under) | | \$1,375.59 |

NO MASS TUESDAY

There will not be mass Tuesday evening this week as Father has been invited for a late lunch with the Bishop that day.

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all. Very soon, you will be receiving, or you may have already received an invitation from Bishop Kemme asking you to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing -- a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 46 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the church in many ways. You have seen them substituting for me here at St. Michael's and St. Joseph's. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies, don't forget the Christmas Dinner Party that will be held Monday, December 11, at the Blue Moon on Washington Street in Arma. The time for the event is 6:00 p.m. This will be our December meeting. As a reminder, we will not meet in January.

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

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.

COOKIE & CRAFT FAIR

The First Christian Church is having their Annual Holiday Cookie & Craft event on Friday, Dec 15th, from 7:00am till sold out. Get your goodies at the Christmas Cookie Fair, 202 N Summit.

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.

CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE

Save the date, gentlemen! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Mens Conference of Wichita is scheduled for Feb. 16 - 17, 2018 at Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School. The Friday evening presentation is open to everyone, the Saturday event is for men only. For more event information, or to register, go to CatholicMenICT2018.eventbrite.com.

PSR SPECIAL GUEST

Santa will be making a special appearance this Wednesday at 3:15 at St. Michael's afternoon PSR. Younger siblings are invited to come and see him too!

CANCELLATION POLICY

Reminder: Any time school is not in session (weather, school holiday) for USD 248, PSR classes are not held. The cancellation will also be posted on the St. Michael Parish website (find us at stjosepharma.com) and the St. Michael's Facebook page.



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