



St. Michael Catholic Church

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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 & 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 Dec. 9 - 17

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

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	12/16/17	12/17/17
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Trevor & Peyton Amershek	Cory Puckett, Makenna Smith, Kaylee Davied
EMHC:	Rachel Ausemus	Linda Garrett
Lector:	Linda Moore	Michelle Puckett
Gift Bearers:	Anita Doherty family	Jerry & Diane Hanson

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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.

NO MASS TUESDAY

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

KAPAUNS MEN

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

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!

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one please call the parish office, 724-8717.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,072.00	\$58,804.85
Children's Offering	\$15.26	\$311.38
Expenses - November	\$11,431.86	\$55,919.42
Over / (Under)		\$3,196.81
Building Fund Contributions	\$350.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$89,440.40	

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.

ROSARY HOSPITAL

If you have a rosary that needs fixed, place it in the Rosary Hospital box in the back of church. Please include your name and phone number, in case there are questions. If there are beads or metals missing, I will try my best to match them. Only prayer payment accepted. -Paula Severt (620) 724-7585

PSR 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 stjosephparma.com) and the St. Michael's Facebook page.

NFP CLASSES

Family of the Americas Ovulation Method classes are offered by appointment at St. Michael Parish Hall in Girard. For more information, call Faith and Adam Paoni at (620) 724-6990.



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