



St. Michael Catholic Church

106 N. Western Ave.
Girard, KS 66743
(620) 724-8717
Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

In this third week of Advent, Isaiah's focus is joy and rejoicing in the gift to come - Jesus, salvation, and hope. In my preparation during this season as I reflect upon joy, rejoicing and gifts in my life, I am grateful for yesterday and today and hope for tomorrow. I am grateful for these gifts as they remind me of the presence of God in my life not just at this time but daily.

Gift of Time

To pause, breathe deeply and enjoy the present moment. To be mindful of the beauty in front of me, beside me and within me. Thank you for all that each of you has done for St. Michael parish; your gift of time to serve has brought us to where we are today. *God is Present.*

Gift of Friendship

I always tell people that I serve God wherever I am 'planted'. It is always good to form friendships wherever I go and the many places I have served. Thank you all for welcoming me as your friend and pastor. *God was Present.*

Gift of Family

I thank the Lord for the move a year and a half ago which put me here in Girard and Arma. I am closer to home and am able to 're-connect' with my family, both siblings and extended family right here in Girard. Thank you to all who make St. Michael not only a parish but a parish family. *God is with us.*

In this 3rd week of Advent I am grateful and joyful and know *God is with me* always.

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
Secretary: Faith Paoni
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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. 16 - 24

Dec. 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
18	Monday	No Mass		
19	Tuesday	5:30pm	Ed & Gertrude McKinney	Arma
20	Wednesday	6:30pm	Steve VanLeeuwen	Girard
21	Thursday	8:00am	Intention of the Celebrant	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
22	Friday	7:00am	Catherine Madl	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
23	Saturday	4:00pm	August & Mary Bogina	Arma
		5:30pm	Fr. Alex Kennedy	Girard
24	Sunday	8:00am	Harry Van Leeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	Stan Thomas	Girard
		4:00pm	BJ & Pat Billiard	Arma
		Midnight	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
12/23/17	12/24/17
5:30 pm	10:00 am

Altar Servers: Macy & Carly Reif, Carson Severt, Gage Davis Davenport, Born, Josh Duling

EMHC: Carrie Smith, Eileen Bland

Lector: Teresa Davenport, Ryan Severt

Gift Bearers: Dean & Tonya Davied, Karen Zerngast & Amy McDonald family

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CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching and leading. They are servants to all. One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary with out worrying about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 46 seminarians and 23 retired priests.

POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please put \$10 and your loved one's name in collection basket.

CHURCH DECORATING

We will be decorating the church after Mass this Sunday, volunteers are needed to help.

KAPAUNS MEN

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

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, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), 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.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next meeting will be our Christmas party this Sunday, 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.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,593.00	\$61,397.85
Children's Offering	\$13.50	\$324.88
Expenses		\$55,919.42
Over / (Under)		\$5,803.31
Building Fund Contributions	\$225.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$87,275.26	

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 stjosepharma.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.

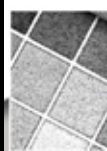
TRAVELING CATHOLICS

If you or your loved ones will be traveling during the holiday season, you can always find a Catholic Church near you at massimes.org. You are advised to call the parish in advance and confirm that listed mass times are correct.



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