



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

There is something going around; I have heard people talking about it and I have experienced the effects. No, it is not something gone viral nor a mystery; at least in my case it is the flu or allergies or some such infirmity. Yes, I did have the flu shot earlier this "flu season" but it does not seem to be doing anything unless you want to say that this 'run' of illness would have been worse if I had not availed myself to the injection.

We depend on the expertise of our medical people. Doctors and dentists, nurses and all those in the medical field spend many years learning their professions. Then they spend a great deal of time developing their skills. We sometimes take them for granted. They are not just medical people. They are the healing hands of Christ. But doctors are limited in what they can do. That brings me to this scene. Parents sit by their child's bed in the hospital. Nothing in life could be worse. Their child is dying. They are praying for a cure. But through it all, they place their complete trust in Jesus. And they know that no matter what happens, their child will remain in Jesus' hands. In this way, Jesus heals them. He heals the pain not just of the people of the past, but the pain of the people of today. Some receive physical healing immediately. Others receive healing in stages. Some receive a clear miracle. All who call out to the Lord are healed. Some are healed physically. Some are healed emotionally, able to accept their condition in life. All receive spiritual healing as they unite their pain to the Cross of Christ.

We who carry Christ within us, carry within us the one who heals. If we believe in Him, if we trust in Him, then we refuse to join Job's cry of despair. We recognize that Christ is present when we need Him the most, healing our internal and our external turmoil. We need to remember, we are not alone. Jesus is always with us. He is there to protect us from the doubts and despair that plagued Job. He is there to give us the courage to walk with Him over the threshold to a new life.

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
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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 Feb. 3 - 11

Feb. 3	Saturday	4:00pm	Matt & Troy Schmidt	Arma
		5:30pm	Robert Haderlein	Girard
4	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
5	Monday	NO MASS		
6	Tuesday	5:30pm	NO MASS	Arma
7	Wednesday	6:30pm	NO MASS	Girard
8	Thursday	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	NO Adoration	Arma
9	Friday	7:00am	NO MASS	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	NO Adoration	Girard
10	Saturday	4:00pm	Aaron Kreuzer	Arma
		5:30pm	Winnie & Lawrence Walsh	Girard
11	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
2/10/18	2/11/18
5:30 pm	10:00 am

Altar Servers: Brandon & Bailey Leritz, Seth Wilson & Camden Leonard, Gage Born

EMHC: Rhonda Stonerock, Linda Garrett

Lector: Tony Stonerock, Beth Wilson

Gift Bearers: Dave & Mary Twarog, Loren & Patti Martin

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FATHER AWAY

Father will be on vacation from Jan. 29 to Feb. 9, so there will be no daily Masses during that 2-week period and no adoration on Feb 1-2 or 8-9. Fr. Bob McElwee will be here the weekend of Feb. 3-4 to offer the masses. Please make him feel welcome.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Knights of Columbus #7607 Girard/Arma Council will be holding their annual free-throw contest this Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1:00 pm in the Girard Middle School gym. The contest is open to all boys & girls ages 9 to 14 as of Jan 1, 2018. The winners of Sunday's contests will advance to the district free-throw contest, on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the same place and time.

SOUP & CHILI FEED

St. Michael's Soup & Chili Feed will be Feb. 24 from 5 to 7pm & Feb. 25 from 10am to 1pm. Come join us for fellowship, as well as delicious soup, chili & pie. Free will donations will be accepted. The Knights are requesting that the ladies of our parish donate pies. Thank you in advance!

DONATIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT

The Knights of Columbus #7607 Girard/Arma Council will be collecting baby items for Birthright through the months of January and February. There are tubs in the back of both St. Michael's and St. Joseph's churches that you can place items in. Birthright is a free crisis pregnancy center that promotes the right to life of the unborn, and helps expectant mothers with emotional support and practical assistance.

ST. BRIDGET'S FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus at St. Bridget's in Scammon are once again having their famous fish fry. The dates are Feb. 16 & 23, March 2, 9, 16, & 23. For more information see the bulletin board at the back of church.

CYM BAKE SALE

Our High School CYM group will be hosting a bake sale NEXT weekend after masses. We'll have all sorts of Valentine's Day goodies for your sweetie! Stop by and show your support!

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

All High School youth: registration for the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (March 10-11) is due now. Please contact Pat Westhoff or Michelle Puckett for registration forms and additional information.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The next meeting of the St. Paul's group will be Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1pm at the Knights of Columbus building, 11th & Joplin in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's Group is for single seniors. Hostesses are: Margie Eichhorn, Rosemary Charters, and Mary Kiel. Hope to see you then!

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,707.00	\$81,169.85
Children's Offering	\$8.50	\$426.68
Expenses		\$61,188.41
Over / (Under)		\$20,408.12
Building Fund Contributions	\$70.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$87,275.26	

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Gerald Azember, Mary Ita Brown (mother of Judy Widner), Audrey Casassa, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Ron Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), 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), Hank Smith, Tom Weston, and Judy Widner who are ill or in need of prayers.

ONLINE LENTEN SERIES

Get to know Jesus this Lent. Journey through the Gospel of Mark with a daily 2-3 minute video. For more information, go to redeemedonline.com.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Your 2017 Contribution Statements are in the entrance of the Church. Please make sure to pick yours up. Thank you!

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The 4th Annual Mass for People with Disabilities, their Families and Caregivers will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at the 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church (124 North Roosevelt, Wichita). There will be a dinner immediately following Mass (free will offering). There will be a performance by the Faithful Flock Band and activities organized for children – even a sensory room! For reservations, please contact Rosemary Brooks at dbrooks66@cox.net or 316-686-4422.

GIRARD'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

Girard will be 150 years old on Feb. 28. There will be a community birthday party at 1:00pm that day at the gazebo on the Courthouse lawn. We will have performances by our youth, a mayoral address, birthday cupcakes and more! Please plan to join us! In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the GHS gymnasium. We are celebrating the Sesquicentennial throughout 2018 with various events. Learn more at girard150.com or [facebook.com/girard150](https://www.facebook.com/girard150).



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