



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



**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  
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Fridays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

There are many references to leprosy in the Bible. But what do we really know about the disease? Wikipedia describes leprosy as a long-term infection due to a bacteria. It goes on to say that initially, the infection is without symptoms and typically remains this way for 5 to 20 years. However, once the symptoms appear, the afflicted individual develops thick nodules on the skin, which lead to numbness in the affected areas, which may result in a lack of ability to feel pain. Often extremities are lost due to unnoticed wounds that develop, which the person never feels.

Disturbing as the physical condition is, perhaps the many Biblical references to this ghastly disease are symbolic of something even more deadly. Jesus certainly knows that he can do something far greater for the leper in today's gospel than to cure his physical condition. He tells the man to tell no one of his healing, but instead to go to the priest and make an offering for his cleansing. The man does the opposite.

Are we sometimes like this leper? Is it possible to contract "spiritual leprosy"? Like physical leprosy, we may not even know we have it for many years. By the time we realize we've got it, our hearts have begun to callous and harden. We become numb to sin and evil, desensitized. We wound ourselves repeatedly, unaware that we are even doing it, numb to the pain that is caused by sin.

Human nature is to seek healing for physical ailments, but often we overlook our spiritual frailties. This week, as we begin the season of Lent, let us look deeply at our spiritual health and well-being. What healing does Jesus want to give us? How can we be cleansed of the spiritual leprosy in our life? What is it that keeps us from developing a more intimate relationship with our Creator, Savior and Sustainer?

Most gracious and compassionate Jesus, show us the ugliness of our own "leprosy" and "if you will it, make us clean."

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Feb. 10 - 18

Feb. 10	Saturday	4:00pm	Aaron Kreutzer	Arma
		5:30pm	Winnie & Lawrence Walsh	Girard
11	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard
12	Monday	NO MASS		
13	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
14	Wednesday	6:30pm	Pete DeLange	Girard
15	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
16	Friday	7:00am	Deceased Daughters of Isabella	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
17	Saturday	4:00pm	Vernon Hershberger	Arma
		5:30pm	Thurma Masser	Girard
18	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
2/17/18	2/18/18
5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Carly & Macy Reif      Josh Duling & Zack Benso
<u>EMHC:</u>	Janel Scales              Eileen Bland
<u>Lector:</u>	Butch Reif                Faith Paoni
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	John & Mary Gilpin      Kerry & Tammy O'Brien

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## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

The mass schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows: 7:00am and 6:30pm at St. Michael's. Noon at St. Joseph's in Arma.

## ST. JOSEPH SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Joseph's in Arma is holding their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 3 from 5:00 to 7:30pm. Please join them for a delicious meal, prize drawings and wonderful fellowship!

## 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.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in St. Francis Hall. Regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. with auditors to review the books at 7:00 p.m. The deadline to apply for scholarships has closed, but we are proud to announce we have two candidates to represent our circle. Lois Corn and Betty Schettler's granddaughters. Chancellor Lois Corn will begin the meeting with the Spiritual reading on St. Anne. Regent Linda DeGarmo reminds us the State Conference will be in Wilson, Kansas next month. This will be a one day meeting. A big reminder to members: dues are \$15.00 for the year to be paid to Financial Secretary, Mary Jean Zandler at the February meeting or mailed to her address 500 W. Wilson in Girard, Ks. 66743. Since the Valentine Sweetheart hosts are still on the mend we have some helpers for them that night.

## 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](http://redeemedonline.com).

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$1,965.00	\$83,134.85
Children's Offering	\$11.25	\$437.93
Expenses		\$61,188.41
Over / (Under)		\$22,384.37
Building Fund Contributions	\$50.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$82,898.05	

## 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!

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 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 our town's Sesquicentennial throughout 2018 with various events. Learn more at [girard150.com](http://girard150.com) or [facebook.com/girard150](https://www.facebook.com/girard150).



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