



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

We have begun the Lenten Season; Ash Wednesday we received our customary sign to remind us that we are called to look inward, to re-evaluate our spiritual life. We ask to grow in understanding. That's our goal for Lent. We desire to understand the riches hidden in Christ. And, we ask that we might pursue the effects of those riches, by worthy conduct.

Mark tells us "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert." Though Satan tempted Jesus, it was the Spirit who was guiding Jesus into this experience. Jesus came out of the desert, prepared by the Spirit, to encounter and face the temptations that would confront him for the rest of his life - right up to the Garden, the night before he died. It would have been tempting for him to use his power, to bargain with the devil himself. Instead, Jesus understood these "battles" and placed himself in his Father's hands - "Not my will, but yours be done."

The word "temptation" has its roots in a word that means "leaning" or "tending." Our temptations are the attractions, habits, safe havens of escape for us. Going into the desert - stripping ourselves of all the noise and distractions (things that lean us or tend us in the opposite direction) - so that we can see more clearly, understand with greater focus, what we are really like - what we are really about. We can use this time of Lent to open our eyes to the ways that we turn away from our faith. We can recognize the struggles we have day by day. As we discover the way we are 'leaning' toward or away from God, we can then decide to go in the direction that God calls us. Being in the desert of Lent helps us because we are not distracted by the normal routine. May our journey in the desert of Lent bring us closer to God.

<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
Saturday	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am	8:00 am

<u>CONFESSION</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
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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Fridays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Feb. 17 - 25

Feb. 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
19	Monday	NO MASS		
20	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
21	Wednesday	6:30pm	Joyce Elaine Westhoff	Girard
22	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
23	Friday	7:00am	Patty Haderlein	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
24	Saturday	4:00pm	Iside Stefani	Arma
		5:30pm	Joyce Elaine Westhoff	Girard
25	Sunday	8:00am	For the People	Arma
		10:00am	Dave Gall	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday 2/24/18 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 2/25/18 10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Luke Martin & Dawson Stegman	Sara Goble, Makenna Smith, Josh Duling
EMHC:	Savanna Ashmore	Anna Goble
Lector:	Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
Gift Bearers:	Deanne VanLeeuwen family	Ben & Ashley Niggemann family

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross in Arma will be on Tuesday nights following Mass. The Way of the Cross in Girard will be on Friday nights following Benediction at 6PM. I apologize for not having this in last week's bulletin.

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.

THANK YOU

Jeanie Herod, and the family of her great nephew, 7-year-old Carter Roberts, would like to express their appreciation for all the thoughts and prayers. Carter had DIPG, an incurable form of cancer, and passed away last Sunday. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The next meeting of the St. Paul's group will be this 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

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,709.00	\$85,843.85
Children's Offering	\$5.26	\$443.19
Expenses - January	\$8,541.77	\$69,730.18
Over / (Under)		\$16,556.86
Building Fund Contributions	\$270.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$82,898.05	

Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), Ruth Leritz, 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, 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), a performance by the Faithful Flock Band, and activities 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 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 or [facebook.com/girard150](https://www.facebook.com/girard150).

MEDJUGORIE SPEAKER

Hear "The firsthand Witness" of Fr. Leon Pereira OP, Chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, who has lived and ministered to hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in Medjugorje. He speaks with wit and insight as he shares Our Lady's Messages and his amazing testimony.

- Monday, March 5th: 7pm - St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, March 6th: 8:30am Talk/Potluck Breakfast
Clare Hall at St. Francis of Assisi
- Tuesday, March 6th: 7pm - St. Peter, Schulte
Come and listen, perhaps Our Lady is calling you!



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