



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

One of my vague memories of Christmas presents when I was a child is the longing I had for a pogo stick. I am not sure if I received this longed for pogo stick that same Christmas or if it was a year or 2 later. I do remember thinking, why did I receive this, I am too old for this toy. As I think back, I wonder why did this present mean so little to me when I had thought that I wanted it so much.

The last two commandments that God gives to the people, and us, have to do with coveting, or we would probably use the word jealousy. If you were to ask someone if they had 'broken' the ninth or tenth commandment, they first of all will have to remember what those commandments refer to and then you would probably get a blank stare. It is hard for us to imagine that we are coveting something that we do not have. Oh yes, we do have those thoughts go through our mind but we are not in tune with the commandments so these thoughts do not come across to us as negative or sin.

I do not write this to make anyone feel more guilty; I do hope that we all can be up to date on the truths of our faith. One of those truths is that all ten commandments were given to us to help us live better lives. They give us ways to improve the way we live because following them helps us stay out of trouble. If we look back on some of the things we have done we might even say...why did I think that was a good thing to do. We wonder why we chose that path to follow. Hopefully those are the times we learn how to change for the better.

By the way, I still have a pogo stick that I get on once in a while...in a safe area!

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

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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 Mar. 3 - 11

Mar. 3	Saturday	4:00pm 5:30pm	Vernon Hershberger Patty Haderlein	Arma Girard
4	Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	Fred Bogina For the People	Arma Girard
5	Monday	NO MASS		
6	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
7	Wednesday	6:30pm	Family of Herman & Thurma Masser	Girard
8	Thursday	8:00am 8:30am-12:30pm	No Intention Adoration	Arma Arma
9	Friday	7:00am 8:00am-6:00pm	Jim Purdon family Adoration	Girard Girard
10	Saturday	4:00pm 5:30pm	Jackie Amershek Robert Haderlein	Arma Girard
11	Sunday	8:00am 10:00am	Fred Bogina Jim Davied	Arma Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday 3/10/18 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 3/11/18 10:00 am
Altar Servers: Trevor & Peyton Amershek Camden Leonard	Broc & Kaleb Scales
EMHC: Linda Degarmo	Joan Davied
Lector: Linda Moore	Doug Lopeman
Gift Bearers: Tony & Rhonda Stonerock	Ryan & Paula Severt family

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, 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.

ST. JOSEPH SPAGHETTI DINNER

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

KNIGHTS THANK YOU

The Girard/Arma Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who donated to their Soup & Chili Dinner. Special thanks to the ladies for making the pies.

KAPAUN'S MEN FISH FRY

Kapaun's Men will hold their annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 16 from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Free will donations will be accepted. Don't miss this delicious meal!

ST. JOSEPH TABLE

St. Bridget's Parish in Scammon is once again hosting a St. Joseph Table on Sunday, March 18 from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Spaghetti & Meatballs, Lasagna, Polenta, Seafood Pasta, Sausage & more. Also wine. Adults \$15.00, \$6 for children.

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.

TOTUS TUUS DATES SET

Mark your calendars, parents! Our summer youth program, Totus Tuus will be at St. Michael in Girard on June 24-29, 2018. Many parishioners work to make Totus Tuus successful by sending their children to the program, cooking meals for the team, housing the team, and participating in the potluck. This year, we also need help with coordinating the event. Paula Sevart is the current parish coordinator, but is looking for an assistant this year, who can take over the entire coordinating in 2019. Please call or text Paula 620.404.9570, if you would be willing to be future coordinator in 2019 and assistant coordinator this year.

VISITORS FOR SHUT INS

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who are available to visit those who are sick and/or shut in of the Parish. If you have a family member or know someone who would enjoy a visit, please call Mary Gilpin at (620) 330-3038.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$1,863.00	\$89,682.85
Children's Offering	\$16.30	\$508.99
Expenses		\$69,730.18
Over / (Under)		\$20,461.66
Building Fund Contributions	\$255.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$80,785.76	

ST. CHARLOTTE CRAFTERS

The St. Michael's Craft group has a new name, St. Charlotte Crafters. St. Charlotte is the patron saint of crocheters. Since starting in Aug. 2017, the group has made 195 baby/toddler hats and 3 adult hats for cancer centers. Another 39 receiving blankets and burp clothes went to Via Christi hospital, Birthright, and Crawford County Health Dept. The fabric for receiving blankets was donated by Kathy O'Toole. Ten blankets were donated to the Dialysis Center in Parsons. Craft day is the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month from 8:30am until 1:30pm in the parish hall.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next meeting will be Mar. 18 at 1pm at the KOC building in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's Group is for single seniors. Hostesses will be Mary Ann Lepoglow, Marilyn Bradshaw and Dorothy Murphy. Hope to see you on the 18th.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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, Ron Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), Ruth Leritz, Donna Little, Herman Masser, the family of Rhaysa Velazquez Paoni (in Puerto Rico), Janice Madl Pennewell (daughter of Alban Madl), Marie Pyle, Sarah (last name withheld), and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please note that individuals on our bulletin prayer list are left on until a request is made to remove them. Requests to add or remove a name should be sent to: bauerbackes@yahoo.com. Thank you.



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