



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

Today's readings move us forward in our Lenten journey through instruction about repentance and mercy. Most of us can say that at some point in our lives we have made a wrong turn or done something that we regretted ever doing. That gives us some options. We can worry for the longest time till our memories fade or we can remember that God has a better plan. That plan includes allowing us to move forward.

Stories with second chances encourage us, as we know that we often need them. Many of us know firsthand about going our own way when it is not the right way. Perhaps we did not deliberately start out with the wrong path in mind, but we made some bad choices. And when we added more bad choices, we may have found ourselves further from home than we had anticipated. We found it hard to return to the good path, perhaps even doubting whether we belonged there at all.

But no matter how far we might stray, beauty and truth call out to us like a beacon in the storm. Their deep imprints upon our soul allow us to recognize that our own ways are not working; we need God and we cannot sustain ourselves without Him. These deep imprints keep reminding us that there is hope – and that we can go home after all. Our faith should not stay in our head. It should be reflected in our hearts, arms, legs, fingers, and toes as we do works that proceed from love of God and love of neighbor, which St. Augustine described as medicine that we need from the Church. The Church is indeed a hospital for sinners, and we must come with a desire to become well, not merely to reflect on our symptoms.

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Mar. 10 - 18

Mar. 10	Saturday	4:00pm	Jackie Amershek	Arma
		5:30pm	Robert Haderlein	Girard
11	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	Jim Davied	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	Jeff Elder	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
17	Saturday	4:00pm	Fred Bogina	Arma
		5:30pm	Joyce Elaine Westhoff	Girard
18	Sunday	8:00am	Fred Bogina	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	3/17/18	3/18/18
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Davis Davenport & Isabella Walsh	Zack Benso, Kaylee Davied, Carson Sevart
EMHC:	Rachel Ausemus	Jerry Hanson
Lector:	Teresa Davenport	Faith Paoni
Gift Bearers:	Jerry & Rosemary Stonerock	Tom & Jessica Stegman 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.

OUR PARISH LOAN

If you have been paying attention to the loan numbers in the bulletin, you have noticed that the amount keeps going down. Because of your donations we were able to make additional payments of \$6,863.75 from July to December. You can see the results as you continue to follow the bulletin. Thank you for your continued support as you enjoy our facility.

SOUND SYSTEM

I hope you have noticed that the wire for the 'back' speakers is no longer laying on the floor. Speaking of sound and speakers, if you are still unable to hear as well as you would like, we do have personal hearing devices that you may use. Just let me (Father) know.

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!

DESSERTS NEEDED

Ladies of the parish, we need desserts for the fish fry on March 16. Please have to the Hall by 4:00pm that day. Thanks!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

St. Michael Altar society will meet March 26 at 6:00pm at the new Mexican restaurant, Medina's. Please join us, ladies!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, March 13, 2018 in St. Francis Hall. Regular meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Chancellor Lois Corn will begin the meeting with the Spiritual reading on St. Monica. Reminder ladies, your dues for 2018 are due this month. Final plans will be discussed about how we will celebrate our Circle's 95th Anniversary, your ideas are welcome. Hosting the March (St. Patrick) meeting are Alice Schettler, Betty Schettler and Susie Smith.

KNIGHTS THANK YOU

The Girard/Arma Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who contributed supplies for Birthright, a crisis pregnancy center, during their recent drive.

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.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,392.00	\$92,109.85
Children's Offering	\$51.67	\$560.66
Expenses - February	\$10,406.78	\$80,136.96
Over / (Under)		\$12,533.55
Building Fund Contributions	\$150.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$73,876.44	

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 Severt 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Crawford County 4-H Junior Leaders Annual Pancake Feed will be this Sunday, March 11 from 7:00am to 1:00pm at the K-State Wildcat Extension Office. Free will donations will be accepted. There is a flier on the church bulletin board.

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.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT

Mothers and daughters are invited to spend the afternoon basking in the beauty and gift of femininity. Being a girl is a good thing, which they will discover at "The Gift: Discovering Her Dignity & Beauty" on Sunday, March 18, 2018, from 1:00 to 5:30pm at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. This will be a memorable event for mothers and their preteen daughters. For more information, contact: Becky Knapp at knappb@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.



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