



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

One of my jobs as a child/teen was to put the inoculate on the soybeans. We had an oblong wash tub that was used; put in the correct amount of beans for the small bag of inoculate and then with my hands I would mix the beans till they had turned dark from the inoculate, which helps the beans to have nitrogen as they grow.

I suppose we could say this season of Lent is inoculate for our spiritual life. We still continue to grow in the spiritual life all through the year but our sacrifices in this penitential season mixed in with our prayer life help us to have more opportunities to sense that we are receiving the grace of God at work in us. I see this in the first reading as the Lord says, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." You may have made the connection already... "unless a grain of wheat..." In our lives, we help our spiritual self to grow with the inoculate of God's grace. In order to do that we have to do a little dying to self so that we can let God in to bring us life, so that we can produce much fruit.

This dying to self does not necessarily mean we have to change who we are, it may mean more that we are changing the way we live our life, living with "Christ in us" rather than living just "us". The grain of wheat does not grow by itself, it needs moisture and sun in order to die to self and change into the blade of wheat which later changes and produces more grain. In our lives, we do not live and grow on our own. We live in community and family which help us to recognize who we are and what we can become. May the grace of God continue to help us also, die to self and 'become' the person we will be tomorrow.

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 Mar. 17 - 25

Mar. 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
19	Monday	NO MASS		
20	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
21	Wednesday	6:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
22	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
23	Friday	7:00am	Josh Grant	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
24	Saturday	4:00pm	Fred Bogina	Arma
		5:30pm	John & Leona Hallacy	Girard
25	Sunday	8:00am	Jim Davied	Arma
		10:00am	For the People	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
3/24/18	3/25/18
5:30 pm	10:00 am

Altar Servers:	Cory Puckett, Seth Wilson, Dawson Stegman	Josh Duling, Makenna Smith, Gage Born
EMHC:	Carrie Smith	Joan Davied
Lector:	Beth Wilson & Michelle Puckett	Ryan Sevart & Doug Lopeman
Gift Bearers:	Mike & Kathy O'Toole	Denny Heidrick & Mary Ann Heidrick

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LOOKING AHEAD

The Mass schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

- March 24/25, Palm Sunday - Regular weekend schedule
March 26, Monday - No Mass.
March 27 - 11:00am Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Wichita.
5:30pm Mass and stations at St Joseph, Arma.
March 28 - PSR Way of the Cross 2:15pm. Mass at 6:30pm.
March 29, Holy Thursday - No Mass or adoration at Arma.
Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00pm at St Michael,
Girard, followed by adoration.
March 30, Good Friday - Veneration of the Cross at 12:00
Noon at St Joseph, Arma. Veneration of the Cross at
6:00pm at St Michael, Girard.
March 31, Holy Saturday - ***There is NO 4:00pm Mass at
Arma.*** Easter Vigil at 8:00pm at St Michael, Girard.
April 1, Easter Sunday - Mass at 8:00am in Arma & 10:00am
in Girard.

SPRING BREAK - NO PSR

There will be no PSR classes on Wed, March 21. Have a safe & happy Spring Break!

1st COMMUNION DATE CHANGE

The date for 1st Communion is April 8, 2018.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Thank you to our 7 youth and adult chaperones who attended the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) last weekend in Wichita! And thanks to the tremendous parish support that allowed these youth to experience a fun-filled weekend sharing their faith with high school students from around the diocese.

Special congratulations to Mary Kate Smith, who received the Light of Christ Award, a diocesan award recognizing high school seniors for their 4-year involvement in youth ministry at the parish, regional and diocesan level. Mary Kate is the daughter of Hank and Carrie Smith.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

If you are a high school junior or older, come on a journey with your peers through the Paschal Mystery of Christ through stories, discussions, Mass, prayer, music, game activities and fun. TEC is a high energy, Spirit-directed Faith experience. There are 2 TEC retreats this summer, June 2-4 in Hutchinson & July 14-16 in St. Paul! For more information, visit <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith-tec/tec> or call Paula Severt at 620.724.7585. Parents, please encourage your youth to attend!

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2017 to date
Contributions	\$2,096.00	\$94,205.85
Children's Offering	\$20.75	\$581.41
Expenses		\$80,136.96
Over / (Under)		\$14,650.30
Building Fund Contributions	\$100.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$73,876.44	

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!

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next meeting will be this Sunday, 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.

TOTUS TUUS 2018

Totus Tuus week is scheduled for June 24-29, 2018 at St. Michael, Girard. Mark your calendars now! This fun-filled faith experience is open to all incoming 1st graders thru high school graduates. Grades 1-6 attend during the day and MS/HS students meet in the evening. This year, we also need help coordinating this 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.

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, Wayne Kanute, 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.

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.



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