



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## *From the Pastor*

It has been a while since I have been to a Chinese restaurant. Yes, we do have one here in town but to be honest I do not eat out that much. I do enjoy when I am invited out, but to go to a restaurant by myself is not 'as fun as' just fixing something here in the kitchen. Speaking of Chinese eating, there is a sauce they use called sweet and sour. Even though I enjoy this sauce on a lot of things, I have never understood the idea of mixing almost opposite things together. Why would you want to 'spoil' the good of sweetness with something sour; yet it works.

What we celebrate today has as similar feeling as we combine the joy of the palms strewn on the ground to gloriously welcome the king and the reading of the Passion which helps us remember the sadness of Christ walking to the Cross. Today we do not remember the resurrection; we are only thinking of how the people welcomed Jesus in preparation for His 'walk of shame' to the place where He would give all for us. That is why the more recent naming of this Sunday has been Passion Sunday to combine with Palm Sunday.

In all of our lives we have the combination of emotions that take us forward through time. We know that just as one day we can feel the thrill of victory, another can bring the agony of defeat. It is a phrase that speaks mostly of sports but can apply to our daily life too. There is something more that we have, and that is hope. The people of the day who threw the palms on the road did not know that Jesus would die and rise; we have that history behind us to give us a different perspective. We know that there will come a day when we have the opportunity to rise with Christ. May we not lose our hope in the times when sadness seems to be taking over; we know there is joy that can be ours.

<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  
In case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

**STAFF** Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney  
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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. 24 - Apr. 1

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Location
Mar. 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
26	Monday	NO MASS		
27	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
28	Wednesday	6:30pm	Pete DeLange	Girard
29	Thursday	7:00pm	Mass of the Last Supper	Girard
		8:00pm	Adoration	Girard
30	Friday	12:00noon	Veneration of the Cross	Arma
		6:00pm	Veneration of the Cross	Girard
31	Saturday	8:00pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Girard
Apr. 1	Easter	8:00am	For the People	Arma
	Sunday	10:00am	Steve VanLeeuwen	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Holy Week

	Thurs. (3/29) 7:00pm	Fri. (3/30) 6:00pm	Sat. (3/31) 8:00 pm	Sun. (4/1) 10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Cory Puckett Carly Reif, Macy Reif, Carson Severt	Broc & Kaleb Scales	Volunteers	Volunteers
EMHC:	Chris Sponsel	Jerry Hanson	Rhonda Stonerock	Nancy Hofer
Lector:	Butch Reif	Faith Paoni & Ruth Duling	Tony Stonerock & Linda Moore	Denny Heidrick
Gift Bearers	Holy Oils family	No Gift Bearers	Hank & Carrie Smith family	Chris & Nancy Hofer family

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## HOLY WEEK 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.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass, Mar. 29. Please contact the parish office if you are willing.

## 1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION DATE CHANGE

The date for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is April 8, 2018.

## 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!

## 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!

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> graders thru high school graduates. Grades 1-6 attend during the day and MS/HS students meet in the evening.

## 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	\$2,967.00	\$94,205.85
Children's Offering	\$13.25	\$594.66
Expenses		\$80,136.96
Over / (Under)		\$17,630.55
Building Fund Contributions	\$0	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$73,876.44	

## 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.

## "THE" CONFERENCE

When asked, WHO ARE YOU following? We respond "Jesus!" This April 21 conference will inspire us and give practical helps in deepening our faith and how to encounter and follow Jesus and how to share this encounter with your family, parish and community. Our conference begins with Bishop Carl A. Kemme celebrating Mass at 9:00 AM. We welcome Curtis Martin, founder and CEO of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and Father Jarrod Lies, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish who will inspire us and give us practical helps in changing our faith from 'maintenance' to be 'missionaries'. Bring your questions for our esteemed panel: Curtis Martin, Fr. Jarrod Lies, Fr. John Jirak, pastor of Church of the Magdalen; Renee Riter, Stewardship Coordinator at Church of the Blessed Sacrament; Kim Scripsick, Stewardship Coordinator at Our Lady of Lourdes Pittsburg. Joe Dellasega, The Dellasega Group will facilitate the discussion. Wichita Adore Ministries will close our conference with adoration. We will experience the Eucharistic heart of Jesus in a new way. Christ is seeking to take another step into our lives, and this time of prayer is the perfect way to allow Him the opportunity. The registration fee is only \$20.00 per person includes a delicious hot lunch, snacks, beverages, handouts and other materials. No parish or parishioner will be turned away due to finances. Free for priests and religious. Register online by Friday, April 13: <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/conferences/2018-conference>



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