



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

We ask a child: "What do you want to be when you grow up?" We can also ask ourselves as adults: "What do I want in my future?" and the follow-up question: What are we willing to do to achieve that goal?" Moses told them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The wise remind us: money and wealth do not bring happiness. Some days we listen and know this to be true. Then our true treasure shines brighter than gold and we see in new light. The Jewish people had lived in Egypt for generations. This was the only home they knew. Crossing the desert behind stumbling leaders, they felt anger and regret. The harshness of captivity faded and now all that mattered was food, water, and a place to sleep. Hungry, their spirit shrank into one grasping desire. It was a howl, not a prayer, which God answered. In the desert, our treasure may disappear for a while. A change had to happen. We bid farewell to our old self, but the destination is not clear. How can we leave behind the familiar and survive the trek into the unknown? On all sides are sounds of peril. Each day takes courage. Exhausted, we cry for help.

Scripture says that our true treasure comes from above. The true help that we look for is that treasure, found in living our faith. We seek it but do not earn it. Our greatness lies in welcoming the gifts of faith, family, friends, work, and world. Like the morning dew, a new self is given, not picked off a rack. The tailor who takes our measure is one we trust. He is with us even though we sometimes wonder. What a surprise to live without fear. This risk is worth taking. We come to the bread of life.



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

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 Aug. 4 - 12

Aug. 4	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	Howard Peak	Girard
5	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Dave Gall	Girard
6	Monday	NO MASS		
7	Tuesday	5:30pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
8	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
9	Thursday	8:00am	Jack Wilson	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
10	Friday	7:00am	Ed Perrin	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
11	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	Ron Breneman	Girard
12	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Eugene & Lydia Scassellati	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	8/11/18	8/12/18
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Macy & Carly Reif, Kaila Karhoff	Cory Puckett, Makenna Smith
EMHC:	Rachel Ausemus	Linda Garrett
Lector:	Butch Reif	Michelle Puckett
Gift Bearers:	Steve & Susan O'Toole	Kerry & Tammie O'Brien

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ST. JOSEPH HOMECOMING BREAKFAST

St. Joseph Parish will hold a breakfast Sunday, August 12, in their parish hall. The breakfast will be held from 9:00 to 11:30am. The cost is a free will donation. The menu will be scrambled eggs, gravy, sausage pattie, hash browns, cinnamon roll, juice, coffee, milk. We hope that you will support this event and attend! Everyone welcome.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, August 14, at St. Francis hall. Beginning with Trustee meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Chancellor, Lois Corn will begin the meeting with prayer. At the June meeting it was decided that the August meeting would be our Community project month so bring your School supplies to the meeting. Remember to bring your donated hours sheets to the meeting. Hosting committee for August meeting are Judy Fager, Jane Anne Beachner, Alice Beachner, and Janey Beachner. Come join us for a fun and enjoyable evening.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to join us for a pilgrimage to Italy and Lourdes, in April 2019. We'll start in Lourdes, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Bernadette in 1858. Then on to Italy and the Miracles of the Eucharist of Orvieto and Bolsena, Assisi, Siena and Rome. In Rome, we will attend Mass at St. Peter's, peruse the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Catacombs, Coliseum, St. John Lateran Basilica, have a Pope Francis Papal Audience, and more! For info, contact Susie Diskin at 620-449-2783 or pick up a Brochure at the main entrance of church.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Jason Diskin, Gary Dowling, Lloyd Humble, Wayne Kanute, Ron Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), Ruth Leritz, Donna Little, Herman Masser, John Oplotnik, Rosemary O'Toole, Rhaysa Velazquez Paoni, Janice Madl Pennewell (daughter of Alban Madl), Marie Pyle, and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

SUNDAY ROSARY

Come join us to pray the Rosary on Sunday mornings at 9:30 before St. Michael's Mass. We are blessed to have a nice group of Prayer Warriors attend! Thank you so much! Our petition is for the sick and homebound (Nursing Home Care included) of St. Michael and St. Joseph - and your own prayer requests. Please join us! If you would like to help lead the Rosary on Sunday or would be interested in leading a Rosary before the Saturday evening Mass please contact Deanne at (620) 238-0504. Text messages accepted!

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 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,403.00	\$13,762.36
Children's Offering	\$12.01	\$56.51
Expenses		-
Over / (Under)		\$13,818.87
Building Fund Contributions	\$320.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$65,043.31	

PRAYERS NEEDED

Each Friday, August 3–September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The St. Paul's group for single seniors will resume their monthly meetings on Sunday, August 19 at 1:00pm, at the KOC Building in Pittsburg, 11th and Joplin streets. Hostesses will be Maxine Conrad, Rosemary Charters, and Rosemary Patterson. Hope to see you there - and bring a friend!

RENEWAL FORMATION CONFERENCES

Five Stewardship Renewal Formation Conferences have been scheduled throughout the diocese by the Office of Stewardship. The Conference closest to us is in Pittsburg at Our Lady of Lourdes parish on Tuesday, August 7. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 6:00pm, and the conference will start at 6:30pm and last until around 8:00pm. All are invited.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED

CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange) is looking for a host family willing to open their home to an international exchange student, a 15-year old German boy who is an active, practicing Catholic. For more information or to learn about hosting and CIEE programs, go to: <http://www.ciee.org/host>, or contact local CIEE representative Penny Spore at (620) 778-4264.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Our PSR program is in need of catechists for our Wednesday afternoon & evening programs beginning next fall. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration participants and substitutes are always welcome! Please call or text Deanne VanLeeuwen at 620-238-0504 if you would like to be added to the list! We are very privileged to have the opportunity for weekly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael. Come and experience the peace and grace received by spending such intimate time with our Lord!