



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



BUILDING FUND UPDATE

We have a beautiful church. When people see it they seem to always want to comment on what we have here at St. Michael. Of course the changes that were made took some time and there were the financial obligations that needed to be met. This week we received the official letter from the diocese letting us know that the loan has been paid in full. This will be my personal thank you to all of you who helped in making this possible. The total amount of the loan was \$248,198.20, with \$16,102.84 in interest, for a total of \$264,301.04. This amount was paid by the Building Fund Envelopes, helped by what we had saved (making interest with the diocese) and some from the general fund of the parish. Again, thank you one and all for your stewardship that has helped us on this journey.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to provide a ride to mass for our Catholic residents at Westridge Retirement Community. If you can help, please call the parish office at 724-8717. Thank you!

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), 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.

BAZAAR SIGN-UP SHEETS

The bazaar work sheets will be in the back of the church. Please make any changes to the sheets as to your work or food assignment if you wish. Thank you in advance for all your help. We need everyone's help to make this a success!

PSR CLASSES & REGISTRATION

PSR classes for parish youth grades 1-12 will begin soon! The first session of PSR for students will be September 5. Grades 1-5 will hold class immediately following early dismissal and dismiss at 3:30pm. Evening program will begin at 6:30pm and dismiss at 8pm. Each family will need to have turned in registration papers prior to Sept. 5 or we will not be able to escort your student from RVH to PSR. Registration forms will be available in the church. They are available online now at the parish website: stmichaelgirard.com.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Our PSR programs are looking for musicians willing to share their talents with our parish youth during our PSR/CYM program time. If interested, please contact Fr. McKinney or Michelle Puckett at 620.238.0428.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The next St. Paul's Group meeting will be Sept. 16 at 1:00pm at the Knights of Columbus building at 11th & Joplin in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's Group is for single seniors. Hostesses for the meeting will be Loyola Puckett, Della Monsour, and Rosemary Patterson. Hope to see you there!

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,682.18	\$24,779.90
Children's Offering	\$5.50	\$126.90
Expenses		\$5,704.73
Over / (Under)		\$19,202.07
Building Fund Contributions	\$20.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	\$0	

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 more information, contact Susie Diskin at 620-449-2783 or pick up a brochure at the main entrance of church.

FIRE DEPT. FUNDRAISER

The Sherman Township Fire Dept. is having a Hog Roast fundraiser from 10:45am to 1:30pm on Sunday, Sept. 9 at the Methodist Church in Farlington.

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. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Join at www.usccb.org/pray/

PREPARE TO CARE WORKSHOP

Though rewarding, caregiving is not always easy. The Prepare to Care workshop will explore the roles and impact of the family caregiver and discover ways to maintain your well-being. Join us on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in St. Clare Hall (861 N. Socora, Wichita). Contact Rayna with questions at 620-921-0082.

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 call or text Deanne VanLeeuwen at (620) 238-0504.

Dear Friends and Family,

Peace and Joy in Christ! I hope this letter finds you doing well. I am writing to share come exciting news. This September, I will be joining Family Missions Company to serve the Lord on foreign mission. After three months of training in Abbeville, LA, I will be sent to my foreign mission post. A common question I received is, "Where you are going?" For right now, I don't have an answer for you, but do not worry. The leadership at Family Missions Company is praying about it, and trusting in the Lord's good plans for me. I am eager to take this step in faith and can't wait to see where He sends me.

Family Missions Company is a lay, Catholic, missionary organization that is committed to the Great Commission of Jesus. Family Missions Company trains and sends out full time-missionaries to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel." Mark 16:15.

My primary work as a missionary will be evangelization: to share Christ's love and message of salvation with the community and country I live in. One of ways we missionaries share Christ's message of love and sacrifice, is in Christian service to our brothers and sisters. Some of my ministries might include providing children, elderly, the infirm, the imprisoned, the dispirited, and the unemployed with home visits, food, education services, building projects, and medical assistance.

God has blessed me in many ways through my family, friends, country, and community I grew up in. But most importantly I am grateful for the gift of faith He has given me. It is this gratitude and joy that is compelling me to mission, and I am overjoyed to be able to "go out into all the world" to share the faith with my brothers and sisters.

I ask that you please keep the mission work I will be doing, my family, and I in your prayers. I'll be in contact soon to hopefully share more about this mission and about how you can be involved too. Thanks so much for sharing in this with me. May the God of all grace and understanding fill your heart with His peace and rest. He Loves You!

In His Abundant Mercy, Madison Smith.

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 Sept. 1 - 9

Sept. 1	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	Howard Peak	Girard
2	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Ron Breneman	Girard
3	Monday	NO MASS		
4	Tuesday	5:30pm	Linda Davied	Arma
5	Wednesday	6:30pm	Mary Jean Martin	Girard
6	Thursday	8:00am	Jack Wilson	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
7	Friday	7:00am	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
8	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	John Rees	Girard
9	Sunday	8:00am	Jack Wilson	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	9/8/18	9/9/18
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Broc & Kaleb Scales, Gannon Clark	Carson Severt, Dawson & Kooper Stegman
EMHC:	Janel Scales	Chris Sponsel
Lector:	Donna Martin	Ryan Severt
Gift Bearers:	Mary & Cecilia Wendt	Ben & Ashley Niggemann family

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