



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## From the Pastor

How many times have you moved in your life? I lost count at 15, so I guess you could say that I have filled a lot of boxes & suitcases and pulled a lot of trailers. Or maybe it is a sign of the vocation I have chosen, and the fact that I have a missionary spirit. Moving always means a change in one way or another. It might simply be meeting new people in the same line of work or it could be a complete change of culture as I experienced when I moved to Mexico for language school and then on to Venezuela.

As we approach Christmas, we remember the story of Joseph and Mary on the move to Bethlehem for the birth of the child Jesus and later having to flee to Egypt. The rather peaceful scene displayed in the cribs in our homes and churches reveals a variety of different travelers gathered around the child Jesus after His birth, including the three travelers from the East. After the birth of Jesus we know that he continued His travels with His parents, going to the temple for various reasons and then in His mission to proclaim the Gospel.

As we travel this Christmas to join with our families, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the hope and life that His coming brings into our world. I hope that it will be a time of joyful celebration for you and your family. We can even consider how we can make more 'room in the inn' for those that have a need for companionship at this special time of the year. It is not so hard for me to move because I only have me to be responsible for...I can only imagine how Joseph and Mary felt, or any other parents for that matter, as they had the life of a little one who depended on them in their travels. As we move through another Christmas season, may we remember the reason we celebrate. May He help us to continue our journey of life and the many moves that keep us close to our God.

<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  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Fridays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Dec. 15 - 23

Dec. 15	Saturday	4:00pm	Francis Buche	Arma
		5:30pm	Charles Gouvion	Girard
16	Sunday	8:00am	Linda Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
17	Monday	NO MASS		
18	Tuesday	5:30pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
19	Wednesday	6:30pm	Fred Orval McClelland	Girard
20	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
21	Friday	7:00am	John Ziegler	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
22	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	Claire Weston	Girard
23	Sunday	8:00am	Francis Buche	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Next Saturday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
	12/22/18	12/23/18
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Brandon & Bailey Leritz	Elijah & Isabella Walsh, Makenna Smith
<u>EMHC:</u>	Linda Degarmo	Joan Davied
<u>Lector:</u>	Teresa Davenport	Doug Lopeman
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	John & Mary Gilpin	Jerry & Diane Hanson



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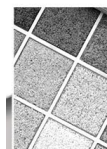
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### **ST. MICHAEL'S ANGELS**

St. Michael's Angels will be preparing baskets for the needy of our community. They are also helping the elderly this year with personal hygiene goods, if you would like to donate items for this. There are envelopes at the church entrances for monetary donations and a box in the back for products.

### **CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING**

One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education. Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 37 seminarians and 19 retired priests.

### **DECORATING THE CHURCH**

The senior class will be decorating the church this coming Wednesday. Your help would be appreciated, you can come at 7PM and join in the fun.

### **EXTRA CONFESSIONS**

There will be "extra" confession times this week after each Mass and at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening when there will be a visiting priest here. - Fr. Floyd

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations to Tyler McAtee who celebrated the Sacrament of First Penance/Reconciliation at Saint Michael parish on December 12.

### **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

All confirmation class participants are required to attend the Confirmation retreat scheduled for Feb. 9, 2019. It will be held at the St. Pius X Student Center at PSU from 9-5 pm. There will be no alternate retreat available.

### **PSR CLASSES**

Santa will be making an appearance next Wednesday, Dec. 19 at afternoon PSR. Parents and siblings are invited to attend at 3:10 pm. No PSR classes on Dec. 26 & Jan. 2. Classes resume Jan. 9.

### **POINSETTIA MEMORIALS**

There are envelopes on the holy water font in the main entrance of the church for anyone wanting to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one. If you are interested in making such a donation, insert ten dollars and put the name of your loved one on the envelope and put it in the collection basket. You can purchase more than one. Thank you.

### **WESTRIDGE ACTIVITIES**

Father leads a 'scripture study and sharing' two times a month at the Westridge facility in Girard, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM. If you would like to join us, feel free. On the other Wednesdays of the month, some of our parishioners are present to lead a rosary or other spiritual activity.

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>July 2018 to date</b>
Contributions	\$3,022.00	\$62,031.71
Children's Offering	\$30.25	\$324.70
Expenses - November	\$11,018.58	\$64,485.02
Over / (Under)		(\$2,128.61)
Building Fund Contributions	\$60.00	
Building Fund Loan Balance	-	

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Jason Diskin, Gary Dowling, Ron Lallemand, Crystal Larmer (Marilyn Bradshaw's sister), Donna Little, Herman Masser, John Oplotnik, Rosemary O'Toole, Janice Madl Pennewell (daughter of Alban Madl), Alvin Perrin, Bernardine Shively, George Stonerock, Edward Luke Walsh, and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

### **ST. PAUL'S GROUP**

The St. Paul's Group (for widows, widowers, and single seniors) will hold their Christmas Party at 1pm this Sunday, Dec. 16 at the KOC Bldg, 11th & Joplin in Pittsburg. We will have a covered dish luncheon, please bring your favorite dish. We will also do a Secret Santa Exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped \$10 gift. Looking forward to lots of fun and good food, so join us and bring a friend! For more info, call Maxine, 231-7802 or Rosemary, 231-4594.

### **LATIN MASS**

The Traditional Latin Mass is held the first Sunday of each month at 11:00am, at the Newman Center on the campus of Pittsburg State University. All are welcome.

### **SUPPORT FOR MADISON**

Madison Smith, daughter of Hank and Carrie Smith, would appreciate your prayers and support as she prepares for her upcoming mission. To follow her experiences, you can read Madison's blog at [www.madisonelaine.home.blog](http://www.madisonelaine.home.blog). You can also help support her financially by sending donations to Family Missions Co., 12624 Everglade Rd., Abbeville, LA 70510. You can also receive weekly updates and contribute online at [www.madisonsmith.familymissionscompany.com](http://www.madisonsmith.familymissionscompany.com). Madison is going into the world representing our parish family, let us support her as she dedicates herself to serving God's children.

### **BUILDING FUND**

The building fund envelopes will remain in the pews so those who wish to continue to help us be prepared for the future may contribute to the cause. We do not have any immediate plans for building, but our buildings do need to be maintained so having the resources is a benefit and a blessing.