



St. Joseph Catholic Church

100 South 8th Street
Arma, KS 66712
(620) 347-4525
Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

It's almost Christmas. I will be going to Parsons to the home of one of my sisters who lives there in order to celebrate the day. That is one of the "perks" of being here in Girard; I am close to holiday celebrations with family. All through Advent we've all been waiting and watching. We use the calendar to count down the days until presents can be opened. But we all know that there is a different 'presence' and that is the reason we pay attention to counting down the days. The Son of God came into our world and that is a very good 'reason for the season' to remember how much God loves us.

The season has its own challenges – preparing for Christmas by decorating and buying presents, for some, getting ready to travel. And with all the stress it can be overwhelming and distracting. It's sometimes hard to stay focused on the goal.

The first reading talks about the little town of Bethlehem that seemed too small and insignificant to make any difference for anything, but is remembered and revered (and sung about in Christmas carols) to this day as the birthplace of the savior whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." In the Gospel, when the pregnant Mary visits the pregnant Elizabeth, Elizabeth's baby (who will be John the Baptist) recognizes the Lord who will be born this week. The baby leaps for joy in his mother's womb. John will be the voice in the wilderness preparing the way for the Lord. And we spend Advent making our spiritual and secular preparations. This week is Christmas. In present tense we celebrate his birth. We should leap for joy today in anticipation of the birth that will save us. The Lord is come. This week the Lord is born, and he continues to live in our lives and in our hearts.

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

Thursdays 9:00 am - Noon
Rectory: (620) 347-4525
In Case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

STAFF Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney
Secretary: Georganne Galichia & Gay Kranker
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PARISH WEBSITE:

www.stjosepharma.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Dec. 22 - 30

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Location
Dec. 22	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	Claire Weston	Girard
23	Sunday	8:00am	Francis Buche	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
24	Monday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		8:00pm	Ed Walsh	Girard
25	Tuesday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		10:00am	Mary Katherine Madl	Girard
26	Wednesday	6:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
27	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
28	Friday	7:00am	Ron Breneman	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
29	Saturday	4:00pm	Jack Wilson	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
30	Sunday	8:00am	Francis Buche	Arma
		10:00am	Jim Davied	Girard

Altar Ministers for Dec. 24 - 30

	Mon. (12/24) 4:00pm	Tues. (12/25) 8:00am	Sat. (12/29) 4:00pm	Sun. (12/30) 8:00am
Altar Servers:	Gianna & Owen Waterman	Tejay Cleland	Allie Zornes	Tejay Cleland
EMHC:	Linda Carpino	Terry Cleland	Sharon Giacometti	Joan Black
Lector:	Linda Broyles	Pat Westhoff	Anna Meyer	Carol Cole
Gift Bearers	Marg. Setina, Gay Kranker	M. Sayre & J. Klinkon	Louise Jarboe & G. Galicia	Greg & Tracey Bogina
Usher/Greeters	Joe Broyles, Pat Westhoff	Dan Cole & Volunteer	Don Zornes & Dave Petrey	Dan Cole & Ron Black



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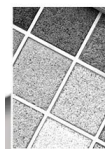
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	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,371.00	\$34,276.26
Expenses		\$26,445.12
Over / (Under)		\$7,831.14

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 24: 4:00pm at St. Joseph, Arma
8:00pm at St. Michael, Girard
- Tuesday, Dec. 25: 8:00am at St. Joseph, Arma
10:00am at St. Michael, Girard

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

"The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of our seminarians and retired priests.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. The mass schedule for the Holy Day is as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 31: 4:00pm at St. Joseph, Arma
5:30pm at St. Michael, Girard
- Tuesday, Jan. 1: 8:00am at St. Joseph, Arma
10:00am at St. Michael, Girard

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to Marrone Schupbach who celebrated the Sacrament of First Penance / Reconciliation at Saint Michael parish on Dec 18.

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

No PSR classes on Dec 26 & Jan 2. Classes resume Jan 9.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next parish council meeting for St. Joseph will be Wednesday, January 15, 2019.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jason Diskin, Lisa Pitts Martin, Alvin Perrin, and George Stonerock who are ill or in need of prayers.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

OFFICERS:

Pat Westhoff - Chair, Karen Pryer - Secretary, Debbie Amershek, Dustin Ashmore, Joe Broyles, Debbie Shaub

WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chair - Karen Pryer
EMEs - Joan Black
Ushers/Greeters -
Altar Society - Margaret Setina
Lectors - Linda Broyles
Music - Jan Harman

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL:

Members: Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback, Linda Broyles, Dan Cole

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please note that individuals on our prayer list are left on until a request is made to remove them. Requests to be added or removed can be sent to bauerbackes@yahoo.com. 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.

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SUPPORT FOR MADISON

St. Michael's parishioner 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. 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. Madison is going into the world representing our parish family, let us support her as she dedicates herself to serving God's children.

*Wishing you a Very Merry
& Blessed Christmas!*

