



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. This is a beautiful culmination of the Christmas season during which we have been praying about the incarnation of God becoming human in the birth of the baby Jesus for the purpose of our salvation.

As I read Luke's gospel, I am overwhelmed by the deep faith of the people who followed John to the river to be baptized. I am moved by their quiet hope and curiosity: *The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.*

John clarifies his role and assures the people that Christ is coming by telling them: "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

But rather than arriving in a blaze of glory, the 30 year old Jesus quietly gets in line with the others and gracefully asks John to baptize him. From the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus provides a template of how we should live with humility. I wonder how I might have reacted when as Jesus was praying after being baptized by John I see the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and hear God's voice from heaven proclaiming: *"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

I am reminded that baptism reveals the equality and dignity of each member of the community, leads us to imitate Christ's example, makes us disciples to the world and baptism requires us to reject sin and evaluate our values, decisions and lifestyles.

I pray with these questions: How have my actions demonstrated my faith? Have I considered all people, especially my rivals, to be members of our community? What are some obstacles in my life that keep me from Jesus? How can I be generous with my spirit? And the most simple, yet centering question: **WWJD?**

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

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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 Jan. 12 - 20

Jan. 12	Saturday	4:00pm	Intentions of C.F.	Arma
		5:30pm	Charles Govion	Girard
13	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
14	Monday	NO MASS		
15	Tuesday	5:30pm	Msgr. Robert Hemberger	Arma
16	Wednesday	6:30pm	Special Intention	Girard
17	Thursday	8:00am	Joe O'Blak	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
18	Friday	7:00am	Howard Peak family	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
19	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe O'Blak	Arma
		5:30pm	Marie Pyle	Girard
20	Sunday	8:00am	Francis Buche	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
1/19/19	1/20/19
5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Camden Leonard, Cory Puckett & Luke Niggemann Aidan Ashbacher
EMHC:	Sharon Giacometti Eileen Bland
Lector:	Donna Martin Michelle Puckett
Gift Bearers:	Randy & Donna Little Ron & Cindy Lallemand family

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POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

If you purchased poinsettias for the altar in memory of a loved one, you may take them home with you after mass this weekend.

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOUP & CHILI FEED

Girard/Arma Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Soup & Chili Feed on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30pm, and Sunday, Feb. 3 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Desserts are included as well as coffee, tea, or lemonade. Free will donations will be accepted.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next St. Paul's Group meeting will be at 1:00pm on Sunday, Jan. 20 at the Knights of Columbus building at the corner of 11th and Joplin streets in Pittsburg. The St. Paul's group is for single seniors, widows and widowers. Hostesses will be Edie Hobson, Margaret Bishop, and Francis Merriel. Hope to see you there!

KOC FREE THROW CONTEST

The annual Girard/Arma Knights of Columbus #7607 Free Throw Contest will be Saturday, Feb. 9 at 1:00pm at GMS gymnasium. The District Free Throw Contest will be Sunday, Feb. 10 at the same location. The Regional Free Throw Contest is Sunday, Feb. 17 in Chanute. All boys & girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate. Call Dave Garrett with questions: 724-2743.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Come away for an overnight retreat to enter more deeply into Jesus' Heart -- pierced and poured out for us. Learn to more fully live the healing, freedom, salvation and union He died to give us. With Mary and the saints, we will dive into Mercy of God present in Scripture, Confession, Mass and Adoration. There will also be time

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2018 to date
	Contributions	5,599.18
Children's Offering	\$17.00	\$383.43
Expenses		\$71,759.18
Over / (Under)		\$6,238.32
Building Fund Contributions	\$340.00	

for community, silent prayer and reflection. This retreat, presented by Janet Moore, will be Friday, January 18 – Saturday, January 19, at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Call 744-0167 to register. Participants are asked to please bring a Bible and journal. A wine and cheese social is planned Friday evening. Breakfast and lunch will be provided Saturday.

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), Bernardine Shively, George Stonerock, Edward Luke Walsh, and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

LION'S CLUB CHILI FEED

The Girard Lion's Club is having a Chili Feed on Sunday, Jan. 13 starting at 11am in the GHS Cafeteria. Cost is \$6 per person and proceeds benefit Girard Boy Scout Troop #84, the backpack program at R.V. Haderlein Elementary, and the Girard Ministerial Alliance.

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

If you are interested in advertising your business or know someone who might be, please contact Janel Scales at jmscales414@gmail.com. The cost is \$100 for a year and is tax deductible. Thank you!

St. Michael Parish Mission Statement

The faith-filled parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel, through leadership and strong traditions are faithful disciples of the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church. We commit ourselves to be generous stewards of our faith, our parish, and our community. We strive to involve all members to be united in one parish family for the salvation of all.

