



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

Is it possible to say one person is 'more Catholic' than another? After New York governor Andrew Cuomo signed the "Reproductive Health Act" which would allow abortion up until the birth of a child, some have been saying that he is no longer Catholic. Many were aghast at the spectacle of a Catholic taking such a radical pro-abortion stance. Unfortunately, Cuomo is not alone. We live in an age in which many Catholics who are public figures betray key teachings and values of the Faith. Of course, our age is not unique. There have always been bad Catholics—including bad Catholics in high places. But in our age, mass communication means a lot more people notice them and are able to discuss what they do. So, are such people still Catholics?

To answer this question, we need to look at the Church's official documents. According to the Second Vatican Council: He is not saved . . . who, though part of the body of the Church, does not persevere in charity. He remains indeed in the bosom of the Church, but, as it were, only in a "bodily" manner and not "in his heart" (*Lumen Gentium* 14). My short translation of that is he is Catholic in name only, but is not living the faith. When we are baptized we accept the idea of living what the church teaches and that stays with us even if we are not true to the faith. So the person who is not living the faith is the one who is separating themselves from what we believe.

This brings to mind the old saying, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." There's a sense in which that's true, since the legal obligations we acquire upon being baptized or received into the Church continue to exist even if we renounce the Faith and no longer regard ourselves as Catholic. It is even more clear that someone who still professes to be Catholic—even unfaithfully—remains so, even if it is only in a "bodily" way.

Although there is no doubt that public figures—as well as private individuals—gravely compromise their communion with the Church when they reject key Catholic teachings and values, this doesn't mean that they literally cease to be Catholics.

Bad Catholics are still Catholics; and that just makes their betrayal of the Faith worse.

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

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PARISH WEBSITE:
www.stmichaelgirard.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Fridays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Feb. 2 - 10

Feb. 2	Saturday	4:00pm	Issie Stephani	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
3	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Ned & Elaine Sauer	Girard
4	Monday	NO MASS		
5	Tuesday	5:30pm	Bishop Gerber	Arma
6	Wednesday	6:30pm	Tom Hallacy	Girard
7	Thursday	8:00am	Linda Davied	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
8	Friday	7:00am	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
9	Saturday	4:00pm	Jackie Amershek	Arma
		5:30pm	Marie Pyle	Girard
10	Sunday	8:00am	Jim Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
2/9/19	2/10/19
5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Macy & Carly Reif
	Aydin, Evan & Marli Sisney
EMHC:	Carrie Smith
	Joan Davied
Lector:	Butch Reif
	Doug Lopeman
Gift Bearers:	Joe & Rose Murnane
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ST. CHARLOTTE GROUP

St. Charlotte craft group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 8:30 - 1:45. Service projects we work on include hats for newborns, scarves for Special Olympics and teaching aids for children with special needs. Children with special needs is through the interlocal. Please join us and bring your talent or just come and share in fellowship. For more information call Barb Mikrut (620) 249-9505.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2018 Contribution Statements are in the entrance of the Church. Please stop by and pick yours up. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Reminder: mandatory Confirmation retreat to be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the PSU St. Pius X Catholic Campus Center, from 9-5. All Confirmation students need to attend. Confirmandi not baptized at either St. Joseph or St. Michael's will need to have their baptismal records sent to the parish.

SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT

On Thursday, Feb. 21, speaker Jason Everett will be speaking at Our Lady of Lourdes in Pittsburg. This event, called Purified, is for all family members, ages 13+. You are invited to attend and listen to this well-known speaker. Please register your family (no cost) at: <https://www.ollsmc.com/oll-home-blog/2018/11/13/purified-with-jason-evert>. (Link also available on our website.) If any youth (13+) want to participate and their families are unable to attend, we can coordinate transportation and registration. Jason Evert is a *fantastic* speaker, a bestselling author of more than ten books, and has brought the message of chastity to more than one million people on six continents. He and his wife Crystalina run chastityproject.com.

PSR CANCELLATION POLICY

Reminder: any time school is not in session (weather, school holiday) for USD 248, PSR classes are not held. The cancelation will be posted on the St. Michael Parish Facebook page and on KOAM TV/Fox 14 cancelation notices.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

The next TEC retreat is the weekend of Feb 16-18 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, KS. TEC is specifically designed for older adolescents and young adults who are at least 16 years of age and have finished their sophomore year of high school. The cost is \$100, which includes meals, two nights lodging, and all materials. The parish will pay for half, making the cost \$50. Applications are available at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/faith-tec/tec>. Please turn in to CYM leaders. Parents, please encourage your youth to attend. Contact Paula Severt or Chelsea & Austin Smith for additional information.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOUP & CHILI FEED

Girard/Arma Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Soup & Chili Feed this 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. Meal includes dessert, as well as coffee, tea, or lemonade. Free will offering will be accepted.

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$2,074.45	\$84,899.52
Children's Offering	\$8.00	\$404.10
Expenses - January	\$10,443.77	\$82,202.95
Over / (Under)		\$3,100.67
Building Fund Contributions	\$10.00	

KOC FREE THROW CONTEST

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Hazel Cussimano, 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.

KAPAUNS MEN

Kapauns Men have resumed meeting on Fridays at 6am.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Join us in running the way of love! Waiting for a scheduled date? Wait no longer! Pick your own date! Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18 - 40, who are considering religious life to visit for a weekend, for a weeklong Monastic Experience or for a personal discernment retreat at our monastery in Clyde, Missouri. It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer, and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend and more details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ext. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next St. Paul's Group meeting will be at 1:00pm on Sunday, Feb. 17 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. We will be taking reservations for the dinner theater on March 24. Hostesses will be Margie Eichorn, Mary Kiel, and Wilma Herman. Hope to see you there!