



St. Joseph Catholic Church

100 South 8th Street
Arma, KS 66712
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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



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
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Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

From the Pastor

An easy and ready comparison can be made between the Biblical concept of repentance and the vernacular word: hard-headed. We have all experienced those people in our lives who stubbornly cling to flawed thinking which leads to catastrophe. Perhaps you have said similar sentiments (or heard them lovingly delivered)? “Do I have to tell you again not to run with scissors?” “We’re obviously lost, could you please, please pull over at the next gas station and ask for directions?” “How many times will we have to replace the lawnmower until you understand the importance of changing and checking the oil regularly?” At the foundation of these inquiries is a sincere desire for a change in the person questioned. In short, “Repent!”

Jesus employs very strong words in the Gospel today. We are called to repentance. We must break free from our slavery to sins and seek to do good. Jesus is very clear with us: if we do not repent, we shall perish. Saint Luke’s Gospel records strong words from Jesus; they are words that reflect the tradition of the Old Testament. God loves us intensely and wants our love in return. He wants us to turn away from sin and to turn to Him. The Parable of the Fig Tree is about repentance and mercy. God, in his mercy, gives us ample opportunity to repent and bear fruit. However, if we persist in the refusal of his love, we will indeed perish by our own choice. God does not rejoice in lost souls.

God wants to reclaim our hearts in this time of Lent. When we give our hearts and our whole being to God, good works result in abundance. As monks, our sacrifices for Lent in the monastery (yes, we fast, pray, and stint on material things, too!) are less about us, but more about sowing seeds and bearing good fruit for the glory of His kingdom.

My sisters and brothers, may this time of Lent draw us deeper into the mystery of God’s presence in our world and in our personal lives. May we open our hearts to Him and seek Him with our whole heart and all our being. May this Lent be a time of repentance and love for us.

- From the Abbot at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Mar. 23 - 31

Mar. 23	Saturday	4:00pm	Terry Azember	Arma
		5:30pm	Lelia LaForge	Girard
24	Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
25	Monday	NO MASS		
26	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
27	Wednesday	6:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
28	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
29	Friday	7:00am	Robert Niggemann	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
30	Saturday	4:00pm	Clem Lakey	Arma
		5:30pm	Mary Kathrine Madl	Girard
31	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Ron Breneman	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (3/30) 4:00pm	Sun. (3/31) 8:00am
Lector:	Anna Meyer	Pat Westhoff
Usher/ Greeter	Pat Westhoff & Emil Pronier	Greg Bogina & Mike Ashbacher
EMHC:	Lindsay Waterman	Tracey Bogina
Gift Bearers:	Joe & Linda Broyles	Dave & Cindy Ashmore
Altar Servers:	Gianna & Owen Waterman	Bryce Reese

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	COLLECTIONS	
	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1,253.00	\$57,307.44
Expenses		\$41,875.15
Over / (Under)		\$15,432.29

STAY HEALTHY, STAY STRONG

This program is built on simple, strength-building exercises that will improve balance, health and state of mind. No one is too inactive to participate. This 8-week course will meet from 10-11am on Mondays and Wednesdays starting April 1st at K-State Research & Extension, 120 E. Buffalo in Girard. Pre-registration is required. Cost of class is \$20. For more info, call Tara Solomon-Smith, Adult Development and Aging Agent, at 724-8233, or email her at tsolomon@ksu.edu.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Confirmandi! On Thursday, March 21, 2019, 18 high school students from St. Michael parish were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit during a special mass with Bishop Kemme! May the Holy Spirit continue to enlighten each of them with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, awe and wonder! We congratulate them on this important step in their faith journey!

TOTUS TUUS

Save the date! Totus Tuus week is scheduled for July 7-12, 2019!

SPAGHETTI FEED

Don't forget the spaghetti feed Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. There is nothing better than the homemade meatballs and spaghetti, salad, green beans, and dessert. We are a little low on volunteers this year so if you would like to help out, please email Denise Bertoncino at dbertoncino@pittstate.edu.

"UNPLANNED" MOVIE

The diocesan Office of Respect Life & Social Justice is encouraging everyone to see the movie "Unplanned", due out this spring. The movie is based on the inspiring true story of former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson and her journey to join the Pro-Life movement.

KAPAUNS MEN

Kapauns Men have resumed meeting on Friday mornings at 6am at the St. Michael's hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be said during Lent following 5:30 Mass on Tuesdays.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jason Diskin, Lisa Pitts Martin, 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.

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!

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.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP MEETING

The next St. Paul's Group meeting will be this Sunday, Mar. 24. The St. Paul's group is for single seniors, widows and widowers. We will be going to the Stone's Throw Dinner Theater in Carthage. Meet at the SMC Field House in Pittsburg at 11:30am. Call Maxine with questions: 231-7802.

SUPPORT FOR MADISON

St. Michael's parishioner Madison Smith, daughter of Hank and Carrie Smith, would appreciate your prayers and support while she is on mission in Taiwan. To follow her experiences, read Madison's blog at www.madisonelaine.home.blog. Or go to www.madisonsmith.familymissionscompany.com to receive weekly updates and/or donate online. You can also help support her financially by sending donations to Family Missions Co., 12624 Everglade Rd., Abbeville, LA 70510. Madison is representing our parish family, let us support her as she dedicates herself to serving God's children.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please put any Mass requests in an envelope and place it in the collection basket. Please include your name, the name of the person the mass is for, the dates requested and the stipend. Or you can call the St. Michael parish office, 724-8717.