



St. Michael Catholic Church

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

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

Next Saturday	Next Sunday
3/30/19	3/31/19
5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Dawson & Kooper Stegman
	Seth Wilson, Gage Born, & Luke Niggemann
EMHC:	Rhonda Stonerock
	Joan Davied
Lector:	Tony Stonerock
	Beth Wilson
Gift Bearers:	Joan Scales & Mary Kay Mason
	Deanne VanLeeuwen family

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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. 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:00pm on Fridays during Lent.

PLAY, LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP FOR LITTLE ONES

We would like to invite our littlest parishioners and their families to the Hall following the March 31st mass for a short Sunday School-style activity and some free play. This is for all children from birth through kindergarten age (kind of a Pre-PSR program). Older siblings are welcome to come and can even help teach the little ones some beginning prayers. We will start about 10 minutes after Mass with a small lesson and song and then free play till 11:50 A.M. (or you can leave as needed.) This is not a drop-off activity; at least one parent or caregiver is required to stay in the hall. For any questions, call or text Kristen Graham at 620-875-6133.

ST. JOSEPH'S SPAGHETTI FEED

Mark your calendars for St. Joseph's FABULOUS Spaghetti Feed on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at their parish hall from 5:00-7:30 p.m. You do not want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to have homemade meatballs and spaghetti, fantastic desserts, and fellowship!

"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 Fridays at 6am.

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$3,276.19	\$105,293.47
Children's Offering	\$26.00	\$505.57
Expenses		\$91,242.47
Over / (Under)		\$14,556.57
Building Fund Contributions	\$0	

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.

CONDOLENCES

Parish condolences to the families of Geneva McGown and Dean Noe who passed away recently. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Altar Society will meet Monday March 25 at 6:00 in St Michael's Hall. We will be looking for a nominating committee for new officers. Please join us. All ladies of the parish are invited.

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.

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

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. Thanks.