



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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



From the Pastor

When someone tells you that you 'have to' do something, our reaction can be different depending on who tells us that command. In the first reading to day, the apostles are being told that they must stop teaching the name of Jesus. Their response is that they need to / must obey God rather than men. For me, one thing that comes out of this reading is the idea that I need to obey the values that have been taught to me by living my faith. I think of our conscience that has been formed in us as we live our faith; that is considering that we have lived our faith. In the Catholic Catechism starting with #1776 we see some ideas on how the Church sees us using the freedom that God has implanted in our being.

"Deep within his conscience, man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God."

Under several previous popes we have had examples of bishops claiming to decide for laypeople what their conscience is on particular issues. But most Catholic Christians have recovered some trust in their own conscience. Francis supports this when he says that conscience "is the most secret core and sanctuary of a person. There each one is alone with God."

It is not always easy to make a decision when there are many factors that we need to include in our decision making. **Catholic moral theology promotes the necessity of having an informed conscience.** This means more than following our gut on difficult issues. And it definitely means more than trying to rationalize our own preferences and choices. Cultivating an informed conscience is work of the mind and the heart. May we, like the apostles, look for ways to include God in our decisions.

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
Bookkeeper: Janel Scales
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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 May 4 - 12

Day	Time	Intention	Location
May 4 Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
	5:30pm	Charles Govion	Girard
5 Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Ben Bradshaw	Girard
6 Monday	NO MASS		
7 Tuesday	5:30pm	Buche family	Arma
8 Wednesday	6:30pm	Claire Weston	Girard
9 Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
10 Friday	7:00am	Verdan Davied	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
11 Saturday	4:00pm	Frank & Barb Doue	Arma
	5:30pm	Greg Evans	Girard
12 Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (5/11) 4:00pm	Sun. (5/12) 8:00am
Lector:	Barry Bedene	Linda Broyles
Usher/ Greeter	Emil Pronier & Don Zornes	Joe Broyles & Joe Polhlopek
EMHC:	Sharon Giacometti	Joan Black
Gift Bearers:	Margaret Setina & Gay Kranker	Janet & Mike Ashbacher
Altar Servers:	Allie Zornes	Tejay Cleland



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	COLLECTIONS	
	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	\$1086.00	\$64,559.94
Expenses		\$44,844.75
Over / (Under)		\$19,715.19

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Please congratulate all of our PSR students who had perfect attendance during the 2018-2019 school year. We honor their commitment to faithful attendance!

3rd grade: Easton Clark, Jaxton Smith
 4th grade: Elijah Walsh
 5th grade: Layla Arthur-Soliven, Aiden Ashbacher,
 Gannon Clark, Jocelyn Goff
 6th grade: Isabella Walsh, Aydin Sisney
 7th/8th grade: Carly Reif
 9/10/11th grade: Peyton Amershek, Heston
 Kavanagh, Broc Scales, Evan Sisney
 11th grade: Kreed Curran, Abi Doherty, Carter
 Doherty, Cory Puckett, Carson Severt

SAVE THE DATE: TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus week is scheduled for July 7-12, 2019, at St. Michael, Girard. Please mark your calendars for a fun & energetic week at St. Michael's parish hall to participate in Totus Tuus - a parish based summer catechetical program for youth, dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting our faith through evangelization, catechesis, Marian devotion & fun! The program is led by college students and seminarians, teaching and inspiring youth in participating parishes throughout the diocese. Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours," was the motto of St. John Paul II and signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. This is a FREE program, each family is asked to bring a sack lunch daily & a healthy snack like fruit to share the first day of the program. Children in grades 1-6 meet Monday-Friday from 9-3 and youth grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday in the evenings. Enrollment forms will be available in June the back of the church. All are invited to attend the potluck dinner on Wednesday. Parishioners are needed for dinner hosts and to provide lunches for the team.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

Our PSR program is in need of catechists for our Wednesday afternoon & evening programs beginning next fall. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry!

ALTAR SOCIETY

The next Altar Society meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory. If anyone would like to join, please attend the meeting. The dues are \$5.00 a year. If you would like more information, please contact Margaret Setina at 347-8530.

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

PARISH COUNCIL

The next St. Joseph Parish Council will be Tuesday, May 21, following 5:30 Mass.

ST. PAUL MEETING

The St. Paul's Group meeting for April has been canceled because of Easter. We will resume on May 19 with our covered dish luncheon. Sorry for the inconvenience. See you in May!

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.

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 CONTACT INFO

Please note that my email address has changed. If you have information for the bulletin(s), please email it to: bauerbackes@yahoo.com. Thanks, Nancy Bauer

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Do you pray for, or think about praying for our parish priest as our Bishop suggested? If you do, or are wanting to begin praying for our priest, Fr. Floyd McKinney, on a regular basis, please sign-up on the sheet in the church entryway! A short meeting, if needed, may be announced later in the bulletin. Fr. McKinney said that he would appreciate and love our prayers! We are blessed to have our Catholic faith, our local parish churches in Girard and in Arma, AND a priest that serves us! "In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church...Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church." Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P. "Seven Sisters Apostolate", is a lay Apostolate prayer group, already established for this prayerful purpose! To learn more about it; the history, structure, etc.: sevensistersapostolate.org