



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

Since we are celebrating Mary in the month of May, this article from Catholic Answers gives us another answer to the question “How did the early church explain the Perpetual Virginity of Mary?” There is a document from the second century known as the Protoevangelium of James. It is also sometimes called the Infancy Gospel of James, or even just the Gospel of James, and it deals with the early life of the Virgin Mary. That is why it is called the Protoevangelium—or First Gospel. It deals with the early series of events before the actual birth and ministry of Christ. According to the Protoevangelium of James, Mary was a consecrated virgin. She had been pledged to the temple by her parents, and served at the temple in Jerusalem. But when she reached a certain point in her life, she began to be ritually unclean under the Jewish laws, and consequently she could not stay at the temple. She needed, therefore, a guardian, but because she was a consecrated virgin, she needed a guardian who was not going to be interested in leading a normal married life with her. And so a selection process was begun, and as a result, Joseph, an elderly widower who already had a family and therefore wasn’t looking for another one, was deemed a suitable guardian for a consecrated virgin like Mary. According to this theory, therefore, the “brethren of Christ” were his stepbrothers through Joseph, rather than the cousin idea that is commonly heard today. Now the Protoevangelium of James was probably written around the year 150—sometime in the middle of the second century—within a century of the Virgin Mary’s own life. So even though it is not part of the Bible, and the church does not consider it inspired writing, it nevertheless may contain some accurate traditions regarding Jesus’s family. And this could be one of them.

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The second theory was popularized by Saint Jerome when a conflict broke out in his day in the early 400’s regarding Mary’s virginity. According to St. Jerome, the “Brethren of Christ” that are mentioned in Scripture are actually cousins or other relatives of that kind. There is some support for this theory in the fact that Aramaic—the language that was spoken in Jesus’s day—does not have a word for cousin. You have to use circumlocutions like “the son of my uncle” or “the daughter of my aunt” or things like that. And some have suggested that the words brother and sister may have, at times, been used as synonyms for cousin. But that is somewhat speculative. In any event, St. Jerome popularized the “cousin” theory, and it is one of the most common today.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Memorial Day Mass will be at St. Aloysius in Greenbush at 10:00 am on Monday May 27, 2019.

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!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Mary Davied, Jason Diskin, Gary Dowling, Lisa & Jocelyn Goff, 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.

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2018 to date
Contributions	3,587.00	\$131,383.66
Children’s Offering	\$5.45	\$610.58
Expenses		\$103,762.91
Over / (Under)		\$28,231.33
Building Fund Contributions	\$70.00	

YOUTH RALLY

A Region I Rally will be held on Sunday, June 9th at 6:00 PM at St. Bridget’s in Scammon. (406 N Keith, Scammon, KS 66773 - Meet in the old hall). Evening will begin with yard games (please feel free to bring your own, too!). Hot Dogs, Buns, Ice, Cups, and Dessert provided. Students going into 9th or 10th grade are asked to bring a 2-Liter or other drink to share. Students going into 11th or 12th grade are asked to bring chips or a side dish to share. After we eat, we have a guest speaker (Aaron Gouvion, PSU) coming to share a brief talk about "Keeping Your Faith Strong Beyond High School", we will discuss having parish representatives to form a Region Board, and then we will end with Night Prayer in the Church.

Other information to keep in mind for summer planning purposes (further details will be shared on the 9th): We will have three Sunday Morning Mass Gatherings (with donuts to follow) around the Region this summer!! -Chanute, Coffeyville, and Oswego! Stay tuned for dates. Mark your calendars for July 26th - Adoration Under the Stars with Wichita Adore Ministries (WAM) at Greenbush!

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

MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

“Talking about Assisted Suicide with Clarity and Compassion.” Come to the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 2-4, and hear Stephanie Gray, author of Love Unleashes Life: Abortion and the Art of Communicating Truth. Find her books along with other amazing Catholic materials in our hall with over 75 vendors. Save up to \$30 on early bird registration by June 28th. Register online at catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org.

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. Please join us and bring your talent or just come and share in fellowship. For more information call Barb Mikrut (620) 249-9505.

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

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions for May 25 - Jun. 2

May 25	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
		5:30pm	Marie Pyle	Girard
26	Sunday	8:00am	John Parolo	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
27	Monday	10:00am	Memorial Day	Greenbush
28	Tuesday	5:30pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
29	Wednesday	6:30pm	Clair Weston	Girard
30	Thursday	8:00am	Msgr. Bill Carr	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
31	Friday	7:00am	Wayne Kanute	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
June 1	Saturday	4:00pm	John Parolo	Arma
		5:30pm	Robert Niggemann	Girard
2	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Stan Thomas	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	6/1/19	6/2/19
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
Altar Servers:	Sara Goble & Aiden Ashbacher	Aydin & Marli Sisney
EMHC:	Linda DeGarmo	Linda Garrett
Lector:	Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
Gift Bearers:	John & Mary Gilpin	Blaise & Nancy Bauer

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