



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## From the Pastor

Warm July days bring memories of working in the sun, riding the tractor tilling a field or throwing bales on wagons. There are also memories of going swimming in the farm pond in the evening and on the weekend making homemade ice-cream. Those were the joys of summer; well, maybe bucking bales of hay was not so much of a joy. I have always said that I don't like to shiver so I do not complain about the heat of summer. If I can stretch the connection, we could say we do not like traffic accidents so we don't complain about the traffic laws or we do not like to be sick so we don't complain about the medicine we have to take. I am probably not stretching in when I say for most of us it is hard to make ourselves live by the 'rules' of someone else. We all like our independence and ability to do what we want to do. On the other hand we let our freedom go when we have families and need to change our routine for the children who are our joy in life. For me it was letting my freedom go to be able to serve you, the people of God. So where am I going with this...? The readings speak of the law and service to our neighbor. We speak of our freedoms that we have here in North America; we have those freedoms because of the laws that we follow. Moses tells the people the law is not something "out there", it is something that is part of our lives. We may not always 'like' the idea that we are restricted by our values. Who is my neighbor? My values say that it can be anyone who is in need, without restrictions. May the majority of our memories be of the kind that help us to appreciate how God has blessed us.

<u>MASS SCHEDULE</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
Saturday	5:30 pm	4:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am	8:00 am

<u>CONFESSION</u>	<u>GIRARD</u>	<u>ARMA</u>
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  
In case of Emergency: (785) 917-1828

**STAFF** Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney  
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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 Jul. 13 - 21

July 13	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
		5:30pm	Charles Govion	Girard
14	Sunday	8:00am	Betty Rons	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
15	Monday	NO MASS		
16	Tuesday	5:30pm	Buche family	Arma
17	Wednesday	6:30pm	Frank Oplotnik	Girard
18	Thursday	8:00am	Ursla Sue Parsons	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
19	Friday	7:00am	Betty Roberts	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
20	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Clair Weston	Girard
21	Sunday	8:00am	Ursla Sue Parsons	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday 7/20/19 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 7/21/19 10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Macy & Carly Reif	Evan Sisney & Jaxton Smith
<u>EMHC:</u>	Linda Degarmo	Linda Garrett
<u>Lector:</u>	Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Mark & Katy Karhoff family	Randy & Lisa McAtee family



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## **URGENT NEED FOR PSR TEACHER**

Our PSR (religion) program is in urgent need of a 5th-grade teacher for our Wednesday afternoon program. Class is every Wednesday during the USD 248 school year from 2:15-3:30 PM. This is a difficult time slot to fill, but we are able to reach the most students at this time. You do not need to be a scholar of Catholicism, but what IS needed is an openness to share God's love. You will be supported by many and the spiritual reward is great. Please prayerfully consider assisting in this important parish ministry! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kristen Graham at kristen.j.graham@gmail.com or 620-875-6133.

## **ADORATION UNDER THE STARS**

You are invited to attend the first ever Adoration Under the Stars, SEK at the Ruined St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Greenbush, KS, on Friday, July 26. Adoration will start on the south lawn near the road with Exposition at 8:30 p.m. as we adore the Lord in the Eucharist. During the time of prayer, join Wichita Adore in beautiful prayer and worship provided by our band. We'll wrap up with Benediction and Reposition around 10:45 p.m. Please remember to bring lawn blankets or chairs for your use during Adoration. There will be bug spray and water available, but feel free to bring your own, too! This is a free event for all ages, and all peoples of all faiths are more than welcome to attend. We do ask, however, for your respect and reverence for the Lord, truly present in the Eucharist. If you have questions, please call Our Lady of Lourdes parish office at (620) 231-2135.

## **TOTUS TUUS THANKS**

St. Michael's truly demonstrated what a "can do" parish we are with all the volunteers who wanted to be a part of creating a meaningful and successful week of fun and religious education for our youth during Totus Tuus this past week. Thank you, Carrie Smith and Cindy Bradshaw for hosting the TT team in their homes as well as providing meals. Meals provided by Father McKinney, Mary Reif, Mary Leritz, Jessica Stegman, Chelsea Smith, Michelle Puckett, Jill Ashbacher, and Donna Buckle were also greatly appreciated. The St. Michael's Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Religious Education, Dave Garrett, as well as Chris and Connie Sponsel were also key components in providing anything that was needed to make the week the best experience for the youth of our church and to make the Totus Tuus team and visitors to our parish feel welcome. Thanks also to Kristen Graham and Michelle Puckett for your help and support with so many things this past week and leading up to our Totus Tuus week and to Father McKinney for the daily masses and confessions provided for the Totus Tuus participants. The parish potluck on Wednesday was a great meal and wonderful fellowship for all in attendance to meet the four young adults leading our youth and teenagers this week in strengthening their faith.

Sincerely, Beth Wilson

<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	\$3,659.00	\$3,659.00
Children's Offering	\$2.00	\$2.00
Expenses		-
Over / (Under)		\$3,661.00
Building Fund Contributions	\$220.00	

## **TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)**

Attention parents and grandparents: Please consider talking to your youth or young adult about going on TEC. It is in St. Paul the weekend of July 20-22. Youth need to have finished their sophomore year of high school. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a 3-day retreat based on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. TEC involves older youth & young adults encountering Christ in a way that many have never experienced before. On a TEC retreat, youth will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with Christ through talks, group discussion, individual reflection and prayer, and sharing in the Sacraments. Not only is TEC about faith; it is also about having fun and getting to know other youth and young adults from around the Wichita Diocese. For an inspiring opportunity to grow in relationship with Christ and build lasting Christian friendships, TEC is the place to be. The weekend is led by a team of youth and adults, with a priest as spiritual director.

"TEC is not like any other retreat you have ever been on. TEC enabled me to deepen my relationship with God and made me realize just how amazing my faith truly is. The fruits of the weekend do not just end after the retreat is over. The friendships that I have made through the TEC community have been such a blessing in my life! Please consider going to TEC as I don't think you will be disappointed." - former TEC attendee, Teresa Stewart

## **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, Donna Little, Herman Masser, John Oplotnik, Rosemary O'Toole, George Stonerock, Edward Luke Walsh, and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

## **MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE**

Can't make it to the whole weekend of the Midwest Catholic Family Conference? Just join us Friday night August 2nd, 2019 for inspiring performance by MJM7, a catholic family band, a surprise guest who is a Hollywood actor, and a moving talk by Fr. Donald Calloway. Friday night registrations available online at catholicfamilyconference.org, by calling (316) 618-9787, or onsite. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org.