



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

What is your priority in life? The readings today give us something to meditate about when it comes to the priority of the life we will have after we go from this place we call living. Of course we know that there is life after death; we call it eternal life. All of the readings point to what we are doing in this life to prepare for that eternal life. Yes, I know, we do live in this world for the time being and we have some less than eternal duties that need to be done. I think the readings help us to realize that there is more to this life than what we see with our eyes.

As you can imagine I have had a lot of funerals in my 39 years of priesthood. I have seen families whose members loved one another with a faith connection that helped them through the tears and sadness of seeing the death of a loved one. I have also seen a young man who was burying his father and was more concerned that he was taking time away from 'work' than he was about grieving for his own dad. His attitude was, let's get this over so I can return to business. At least from my perspective, this idea of funeral and mourning was a waste of time; he could be doing better things or more important things.

Sometimes it is good for us to be reminded of our 'end goal' in life and how we are preparing for that which 'neither eye has seen nor ear heard what God has prepared for us'. As I have said before, that does not mean that we need to be praying 24/7, however having God in our peripheral vision during the day is not a bad idea. If we 'keep Him in mind' we will putting on our new self as we prepare for our own vision of God.

<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
Secretary: Faith Paoni
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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 Aug. 3 - 11

Aug. 3	Saturday	4:00pm	Betty Rons	Arma
		5:30pm	Frank Oplotnik	Girard
4	Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
5	Monday	NO MASS		
6	Tuesday	5:30pm	Buche family	Arma
7	Wednesday	6:30pm	Wayne Kanute	Girard
8	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
9	Friday	7:00am	Bob Niggeman	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
10	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Clair Weston	Girard
11	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Next Saturday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
	8/10/19	8/11/19
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Broc & Kaleb Scales	Sara Goble & Makenna Smith
<u>EMHC:</u>	Janel Scales	Marilyn McCracken
<u>Lector:</u>	Butch Reif	Michelle Puckett
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Bob & Linda Moore	Rod & Barb Murphy family

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PSR ENROLLMENT

We are excited to announce that our St. Michael's Parish School of Religion (PSR) program is scheduled to start on Wednesday, August 21st, at the church hall! You can find an easy online registration form on our website (StMichaelGirard.com) or on our Facebook Page (St. Michael's Catholic Church). Children in grades 1-5 are walked over from Haderlein Elementary School after their early release and are released from PSR at 3:30. (We will NOT bring students to the Hall unless we have an enrollment form.) Middle School and High School begin their PSR class at 6:30 pm with Mass and then are released at 8 pm. Fees (\$10 for one child or \$20 for two or more children) can be brought on the first day of class or given to Father McKinney at the rectory, but please know that we will never turn away a student due to inability to pay. For more information, contact Kristen Graham, St. Michael's Director of Religious Education, at kristen.j.graham@gmail.com or 620-875-6133 (call or text).

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, Jim O'Toole, Rosemary O'Toole, George Stonerock, Edward Luke Walsh, and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers. 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.

ST. JOSEPH HOMECOMING BREAKFAST

St. Joseph Parish in Arma will hold a breakfast on Sunday, August 11, from 9:00 to 11:30am in the parish hall. The menu will be scrambled eggs, gravy, sausage pattie, hash browns, cinnamon roll, juice, coffee, milk. The cost is a Free Will donation. Hope to see you there.

ADORATION OPPORTUNITY

St. Michael's has need of someone to take the noon to 1pm hour of prayer during Adoration on Fridays before the Blessed Sacrament. This peaceful hour can be such a blessing in our hectic world! If you are willing to make time for a quiet hour with our Lord, please call Marilyn McCracken at 724-4367.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual to serve as Administrative Assistant to the Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia and Director of Finance. This individual will perform administrative, clerical and office duties, including preparation of written communications, scheduling of meetings, taking minutes, and assisting with

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	\$2,178.00	\$9,699.70
Children's Offering	-	\$12.75
Expenses		-
Over / (Under)		\$9,712.45
Building Fund Contributions	\$270.00	

tracking of real estate and construction contracts. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon, August 22, 2019. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/>.

FOOD PANTRY

There is a basket in the entrance of the Church for any food donations you would like to donate to the Community Food Pantry. This is an ongoing project in conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance. Monetary Donations are accepted as well, by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked "Food Pantry". Thank you for supporting the need.

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.

HELP NEEDED

The Girard History Museum is in need of volunteers to be at the Museum during their hours of operation. The museum cannot qualify for adequate funding if they are not open a certain number of hours per month. You do NOT have to be an expert on Girard history - the museum displays and collections allow visitors to browse and learn about Girard's history. You will be paired with a board member your first time for a simple "orientation" opportunity. Please call or text Nancy Bauer at 724-2051 if you are willing to help keep our community museum open and available to all!

BUILDING FUND

The building fund envelopes remain in the pews so those who wish to continue to help us be prepared for the future may do so. We do not have any immediate plans for building, but our buildings do need to be maintained so having the resources is a benefit and a blessing.



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