



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

Yes, the new school year has started, and so too religious education classes. That means the little ones and our teens are continuing their journey of faith. I remember taking my classes to help me in my faith. Since I grew up on a farm, we had to make the drive into town in order to join the class; it was a family affair. Speaking of family, in the marriage rite there is a question for the couple before they profess their vows: "Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?" There are two components to this question. First, children are understood to be a gift from God of the fruit of the marital love. Secondly, Catholic family life is oriented at the pursuit of following Jesus and seeking holiness. One of the graces of matrimony is to help in the education of the children in the ways of the faith. From this we can understand that the children do not receive all of their religious education from the teachers here at St. Michael. At the beginning of the baptismal rite after asking the name of the child, the minister says: "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him in the practice of the faith...Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" Then he turns to the godparents and asks if they understand that they must be "ready to help the parents...in their duty as Christian parents?" In the moments immediately preceding the act of baptizing the child, as they prepare to renounce sin and make a profession of faith on behalf of their child, the parents will be instructed that they "must make it" their "constant care to bring him up in the practice of the faith." I am very proud of our volunteers who are giving of their time to help us...to help you... in the education of your children.

<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. 31 - Sept. 8

Aug. 31	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
Sept. 1	Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
2	Monday	NO MASS		
3	Tuesday	5:30pm	Betty Rons	Arma
4	Wednesday	6:30pm	Wayne Kanute	Girard
5	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
6	Friday	7:00am	Roger W. Westhoff	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
7	Saturday	4:00pm	Betty Kapler	Arma
		5:30pm	Bob Niggemann	Girard
8	Sunday	8:00am	Ursula Sue Parson	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday 9/7/19 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 9/8/19 10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Brandon Leritz & Kaila Karhoff	Makenna Smith, Evan Sisney, & Zack Benso
<u>EMHC:</u>	Rachel Leritz	Linda Garrett
<u>Lector:</u>	Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Cliff & Janel Scales	Ryan & Paula Severt

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VIRTUS TRAINING

On September the 12th at 7pm in St. Paul, Pat Westhoff will conduct a Virtus Training. Anyone who works with or near teens or children in our parish MUST be Virtus trained. This is a great opportunity for any adults who would like to be a chaperone, driver, teacher or helper for youth events. The training will be held in the St. Paul rectory basement at 7pm.

ST. MICHAEL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 29 (the day after Girard Homecoming)! You are invited to our St. Michael Feast Day Celebration following 10am Mass. This will be an amazing event and all parishioners are encouraged to come join. You'll have the chance to meet with several church groups like the Knights of Columbus and the Altar Society; visit our PSR classrooms and see crafts made by students; and enjoy a delicious meal. The church will provide the main dish, but please bring an easy side or dessert if you can!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR LITTLES

Our littlest parishioners and their families are invited to the Hall following today's mass for a short Sunday School-style activity and some free play. Games, singing, and a lesson will only take 15 minutes, and then they can burn off some energy with free play with scooters, frisbees, and balls. This is not a drop-off activity; at least one parent or caregiver is asked to stay in the hall.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Barbara Unrein was a member of the St. Michael parish until she moved to be close to her son. She enjoys receiving cards. Her family is requesting a card shower for her birthday, which is Sept. 9. Her address is Barbara Unrein, Pioneer Ridge, 4851 Harvard Rd., Room 216, Lawrence, KS 66049. The family thanks you!

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.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Janel is out of town this week, so last week's financial information is not available. She will have updated figures in next weekend's bulletin.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	TBA	\$15,791.59
Children's Offering	TBA	\$67.54
Expenses		\$9,845.88
Over / (Under)		\$6,013.25
Building Fund Contributions	TBA	

CHURCH DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS

Volunteers from St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes will be available before and after this weekend's masses scheduling parishioners for upcoming photo sessions for our new Church Directories. You can also call Carrie Smith to schedule your photo session: 238-0728. St. Joseph photo sessions will be Sept. 23 & 24, and St. Michael's sessions will be Sept. 25 - 28. Monday-Friday sessions will be from 2:00 to 9:00pm, and Saturday sessions will be from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Please read the bulletin insert for more information.

INFORMATION FOR CAREGIVERS

If you are a caregiver to someone in your family there is a meeting for you if you are interested. Whether you provide support for a family member, friend, or give family guidance on elder care you will find this meeting helpful. This opportunity is another way WestRidge can provide support and information at no cost. This meeting will be at Westridge on Wednesday, September 11th from 6 to 7 in the evening.

YOUNG ADULTS CAMPOUT

Young adults, Nature is calling you this Labor Day weekend! Join us for the 26th annual Nature's Call Campout in Missouri! You and other young adult Catholics from across the Midwest will enjoy a relaxing getaway to Lake Pomme de Terre, where you can pitch a tent or simply hang a hammock on the several acres of land on the lake! You will meet and grow in friendship with 100+ young faithful while enjoying swimming, live music, dancing, hiking, a cooking competition, sports, and more! Holy Mass and Confessions will be available during the weekend. Food and beverages will not be provided. Stores are nearby for any necessities. The campsite does have restrooms with running water and shower facilities. To learn more and purchase tickets (\$25 online or \$30 at the door), please visit naturescall.camp. We look forward to seeing you!.



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