



St. Joseph Catholic Church

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



From the Pastor

In this Sunday's gospel message, I found it difficult to understand. Upon first reading it, I thought Jesus was really 'putting it to us', very harsh words to swallow! But as I pondered over it, looking for hidden meaning between the lines, I remembered what Fr. Floyd has said several times---that Jesus and the Father are One and he was speaking in his role as a Father who loves us and wants us to make it to heaven. I think the message is: that the cost of 'discipleship' can be high. If we aren't willing to suffer persecution or ridicule from others for our strong Christian beliefs, we aren't really following Him.

I personally don't like the word "hate", and when I saw it in the gospel message, it made me try to analyze what Jesus really was saying. As I referenced other sources, I think that he meant 'to hate' in that context meant that we must renew and review our relationships and try to detect what might be the roadblock that's keeping us from Him. One book told me that the 'construction' parable that he speaks of is really about 'building A LIFE, not a Tower.'

The other example was the two kings about to go into battle with disproportionate troop numbers. He might have been talking about who do we go into battle with in this life? I believe that he ties it all up with 'virtue'. What stands between you and God? If we can answer that, we'll be on the way toward Jesus' plan for us to reach heaven.

—Marcel Normand

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
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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 Sept. 7-15

Sept.	Day	Time	Intention	Location
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
9	Monday	NO MASS		
10	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
11	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bob & Patty Haderlein	Girard
12	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
13	Friday	7:00am	Frank Oplotnik	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
14	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Clair Weston	Girard
15	Sunday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (9/14) 4:00pm	Sun. (9/15) 8:00am
Lector:	Anna Meyer	Ron Pommier
Usher:/ Greeter	Pat Westhoff & Don Zornes	Joyce Klinkon & Mike Aschbecher
EMHC:	Sharon Giacometti	Cindy Ashmore
Gift Bearers:	Linda Carpino & Agnes Goodman	Greg & Tracey Bogina
Altar Servers:	Allie Zornes	Cody Burns

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out a pretty clear path to discipleship: renounce your worldly possessions, plan like an architect, and prepare to battle with king-like strategy. This definition may be clear, but it is certainly daunting! Humans tend to seek a life of ease, and discipleship is anything but easy!! Jesus wants us to understand that discipleship does not lead to worldly fame and glory, and it will likely cost us everything that is dear to us. Being a true missionary disciple is so much more than simply being a follower of Jesus. Most of us will hesitate to leave everything behind in order to pick up our crosses in a true act of discipleship. Stewardship is so much more than writing a check or signing up for a ministry! It requires loyalty, sacrifice, perseverance, and faith in God.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our part in helping The Lord's Diner is providing volunteers. We had a good showing at the initial meeting and we do have a couple of volunteers, but there is still a need. If you are interested in helping, you may call Lisa Russell 620-704-4601 or be at the Golden Era at 4:45 on a Tuesday evening. If we have more volunteers, that means less work for all.

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.

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. We still need one more volunteer from St. Joseph parish. If you would be willing to help, please contact Carrie Smith at 238-0728.

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

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The new altar arrangements of fall silk flowers have been provided by Larry Black and the Forever Flowers Shop in downtown Arma. Thank you for helping transition from summer to the new fall colors of flowers!

26th ANNUAL GREENBUSH DAY

The 26th Annual Greenbush Day will be Sunday, September 15. Festivities include a free will donation hog roast, a silent auction, activities from the SEK Education Service Center and much more. Fun for the whole family. We hope to see you there!

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The St. Paul's Group will meet for dinner and bingo on Sunday, September 15, at 1:00pm the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pittsburg. All widows, widowers, and single seniors are welcome. Hostesses will be Margaret Bishop, Frances Merrell, and Edie Hobson.

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 parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jason Diskin, Lisa Pitts Martin, and George Stonerock who are ill or in need of prayers.



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