



St. Michael Catholic Church

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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



From the Pastor

What is it called? The grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in joy of God and neighbor. The answer is "Stewardship". Everything that we have and all that we are...are gifts from a loving God, whose love for us is abundant! We begin to increase our Faith by becoming Fully Alive ourselves! Let's focus this week on the "intimate knowledge of the many blessings received."

The nation is going to hell in a handbasket. "I see how stiff-necked this people is," continued the LORD to Moses. Sometimes I wonder if we are living again like the people in the time of Moses. When we look at the news, or the internet, and see all that is happening in our time, it is easy to worry. I suppose the good news is that Moses spoke on behalf of the people and the Lord responded: "So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people." Much like the Gospel of the prodigal son; dad welcomes him home without question. Our God is a forgiving God who wants to show love even when we turn away from the concern and connection that is available to us. On the individual level; God reaches out to us, calling us to come and receive the mercy of the sacrament of reconciliation. When we are talking about our nation, that may be a different story. As individuals we cannot change the atmosphere of division in our "stiff-necked" world. We can be like the prodigal son, who acknowledged his mistake, or we can be like the other son who did not want to admit how much he had received from dad. So what good does it do to say our nation is not grateful for the blessings we have received? Each of us who recognize that God is with us can proclaim the wonders around us. Each of us who are living our faith can be the drop in the bucket that changes the atmosphere of our nation.

<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 Sept. 14 - 22

Sept. 14	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Clair Weston	Girard
15	Sunday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
16	Monday	NO MASS		
17	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
18	Wednesday	6:30pm	Special Intention	Girard
19	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
20	Friday	7:00am	Daughters of Isabella	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
21	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
		5:30pm	Betty Madl	Girard
22	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Jack Battitori	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	9/21/19	9/22/19
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Dawson & Kooper Stegman, Camden Leonard	Macy & Carly Reif, Aiden Ashbacher
<u>EMHC:</u>	Carrie Smith	Chris Sponsel
<u>Lector:</u>	Teresa Davenport	Denny Heidrick
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Tony & Rhonda Stonerock	Jeremiah & Jeanene Walsh family

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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!

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.

26th ANNUAL GREENBUSH DAY

The 26th Annual Greenbush Day is this 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!

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.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The St. Paul's Group will meet for dinner and bingo this 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Michael's Altar Society will meet at the hall on Monday, Sept. 23 at 6pm. Please join us and help stuff envelopes for our upcoming Parish Bazaar on Oct. 20th. Also, since this is

COLLECTIONS	Last Week	July 2019 to date
	Contributions	\$2,084.00
Children's Offering	\$6.00	\$126.80
Expenses - August	\$28,965.57	\$38,811.45
Over / (Under)		(\$14,520.06)
Building Fund Contributions	\$0	

our new year beginning, it is time again to pay our \$5 dues for each member of St. Michael's Altar Society. Please drop them in the collection basket and mark it "St. Michael's Altar Society". Thanks so much for your continued support. We need all of you to make it successful!

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.

DIOCESAN PRESENTATION

There will be an Informational Night for Parents with a Child with a Disability on Monday, October 7, from 6:30 - 8:45pm at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center, 437 N. Topeka Street in Wichita. Topics will include Guardianship, Financial Planning, Independent Living, and Mental Health. Please see information on bulletin board in front of church.

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.

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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