



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

I heard once of someone who had two bosses and both were telling the person what they should be doing with their time. They did not know what to do because it was not possible to decide which boss to follow. We hear Jesus in the Gospel say: "No servant can serve two masters...You cannot serve both God and mammon." Whether good and evil, material and spiritual, or any other opposites that pull us in two directions, we all have two "bosses" trying to guide our way.

Today we have a puzzling Gospel: A master says to his steward, "Prepare a full account of your stewardship". The dishonest steward then commits fraud. Instead of sending him to jail, the master praises him: He "commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." What's going on?

Jesus tells a parable meant to deliberately shock. The steward - a kind of financial administrator - is about to lose his job. He's too weak for manual labor, too ashamed to beg. So he does something desperate. "I know what I shall do," he says. He cooks the books, reducing a few people's debts. He hopes that when the master puts him out, somebody will remember what he did and take him in.

It's crazy. But the master praises him. Why? Because he takes action. He assesses his situation, realizes he could lose everything and he acts. What do we do with all the 'stuff' that we have in our lives. We won't have it long. When multi-billionaire John Rockefeller died, someone asked his accountant, "How much did he leave?" The accountant answered bluntly, "All of it." So will you and I. Despite great medical advances, the mortality rate is still 100%. Jesus says, "make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so when it fails you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings". Now is the time take action. "No servant can serve two masters...You cannot serve both God and mammon."

<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. 21 - 29

Sept. 21	Saturday	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
		5:30pm	Betty Madl	Girard
22	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Jack Battitori	Girard
23	Monday	NO MASS		
24	Tuesday	5:30pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
25	Wednesday	6:30pm	Bernadine Shively	Girard
26	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
27	Friday	7:00am	Wayne Kanute	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
28	Saturday	4:00pm	Betty Rons	Arma
		5:30pm	Marie Pyle	Girard
29	Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
		10:00am	Jim Davied	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Next Saturday	Next Sunday
	9/28/19	9/29/19
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Broc & Kaleb Scales	Jaxton Smith & Seth Wilson
<u>EMHC:</u>	Janel Scales	Joan Davied
<u>Lector:</u>	Butch Reif	Michelle Puckett
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Dave & Mary Twarog	Chris & Connie Sponsel

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ST. MICHAEL'S ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Michael's Altar Society will hold their next meeting on Monday, Sept. 23, at 6pm at the parish hall. Please come and join us. We will be stuffing our Parish Bazaar work list to be distributed in the back of church on the weekends of Sept. 28/29, and Oct. 5/6. Thank you again for supporting our annual Bazaar.

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!

CYM REGION 1 YOUTH LOCK-IN

Save-the-date for a Region 1 CYM Lock In for high school youth. This will be Saturday, October 5th at St. Michael's in Girard, starting with 5:30pm mass. Your CYM Advisor will have more information about this event or you can contact Autumn VanLeeuwen (Girard CYM) at 620-238-0150. Admission is \$5, and participants are asked to bring a 2-liter of soda or a snack. Permission forms will be required as well as one chaperone per 6 youth. There will be mass, adoration, confession, pizza, dancing, basketball, games and more! RSVP to Autumn VanLeeuwen (238-0150 or autumnvanleeuwen@gmail.com) by Wednesday, Oct. 2.

CHURCH DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS

If you have yet not scheduled your photo session for our new Church Directories, please call Carrie Smith to do so: 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. If you scheduled a session but don't remember your time, call Carrie.

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.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	\$3,096.19	\$27,260.78
Children's Offering	\$7.00	\$133.80
Expenses		\$38,811.45
Over / (Under)		(\$11,416.87)
Building Fund Contributions	\$340.00	

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.

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.

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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