



St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

The other day someone wrote to an advice column saying that they did not receive a thank you note for some gift they had given. The answer included the idea that this was not uncommon; people are not showing gratitude as much in our society. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one returns to thank him. In the first reading when Naaman is cured of leprosy he is so grateful he wants to give a big gift. Leprosy was an incurable and isolating condition. It was a big deal. Of the ten who were healed, the only one who came back to thank him was a foreigner, a Samaritan. Jesus wonders why the others didn't return. Were they not grateful? This was seriously a big deal. And why did the foreigner come back, not his own countrymen? He might have expected his own people to show their gratitude, and might have thought the stranger would not. They had all asked for healing. When he passed, they cried out to him to have pity on them. They called him by name. They called him Master. They were asking specifically for a favor. But then when they received it, they did not give thanks, they just went on their way. Is our society like the group that received a cure that day? I would hope that we as children of God could do better. What else should people do but thank God constantly for everything they are given. In the Gospel verse today we are told to give thanks to God in all circumstances. In the first reading Naaman gives thanks and gifts for his cure. In the Gospel the Samaritan leper who thanks Jesus is told that his faith has saved him. Every day we enjoy the miracle of life. Every day we wake up we should thank God for everything we are given. What else should we do?

<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
Bookkeeper: Janel Scales
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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 Oct. 12 - 20

Oct. 12	Saturday	4:00pm	Wayne Kanute	Arma
		5:30pm	Clair Weston	Girard
13	Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
14	Monday	NO MASS		
15	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
16	Wednesday	6:30pm	No Intention	Girard
17	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
18	Friday	7:00am	No Intention	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
19	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Bernadine Shively	Girard
20	Sunday	8:00am	Betty Rons	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Next Saturday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
	10/19/19	10/20/19
	5:30 pm	10:00 am
<u>Altar Servers:</u>	Broc & Kaleb Scales, Camden Leonard	Seth Wilson & Isabella Walsh
<u>EMHC:</u>	Janel Scales	Austin Smith
<u>Lector:</u>	Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Rachel Ausemus family	Volunteers

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ST. MICHAEL'S FALL BAZAAR

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 20th. St. Michael's is holding their annual Turkey Dinner/Fall Bazaar from 11am to 1pm. You are invited to join them for a delicious meal, prize drawings, and fellowship! Please pray for good weather. We need everyone's support to make our Bazaar a success once again. Thank you so much!

ADVENT RETREATS

The Ministry with Persons with Disabilities is hosting Advent retreats in Wichita and Pittsburg in December. Following are the full details:

Advent Retreat for Persons with Disabilities – Wichita Area:

- St. Francis Parish, Wichita
- Saturday, December 7
- 1:30 – 4:30, followed by Mass at 5:00
- Cost: \$5
- Register by November 25
- Contact Myra Jacobs at 316-269-3900 or jacobsm@catholicdioceseofwichita.org

Advent Retreat for Persons with Disabilities – Southeast Kansas:

- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pittsburg
- Saturday, December 14
- 1:30 – 5:00, followed by Mass at 5:30
- Cost: \$5
- Register by December 2
- Contact Myra Jacobs at 316-269-3900 or jacobsm@catholicdioceseofwichita.org

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Wichita Diocese is offering Confirmation classes for persons with Disabilities. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 14, from 6:00–7:15 p.m. at the Chancery (424 N. Broadway, Wichita). Classes will continue on alternating Tuesdays until the end of April. To enroll, call Myra Jacobs at 316-269-3900 or email jacobsm@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.

KAPAUN'S MEN

The men's group Kapaun's Men has resumed meeting for their fall session. They meet Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m. All men of the parish are invited.

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.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	\$2,266.00	\$35,588.97
Children's Offering	\$8.40	\$172.03
Expenses		\$46,730.81
Over / (Under)		(\$10,969.81)
Building Fund Contributions	\$2,115.00	

BULLETIN EDITOR CHANGE

Janel Scales has graciously offered to take over the duties of bulletin editor for St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parishes. As of Thursday, Oct. 24, please send all bulletin requests and announcements to Janel at jmscales414@gmail.com. Thank you, Janel!!

THERE IS A MAGIC IN GRATITUDE

When I think of ingratitude, Shakespeare comes to mind, especially the first lines of the song in "As You Like It": "Blow, blow, winter wind! Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude!" Sometimes, Our Lord must wonder if He made man of flesh or of stone. We read in St. Luke's gospel lesson where Jesus asks, "Where are the other nine?" Only one of the ten returned to give thanks. We might ask if the average is any better today? And yet, we have SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR! Every moment of our life is a gift. We are so far behind in thanking God that we'll probably never catch up. When we stop and give thanks, we join OUR gratitude to Christ's gratitude in the Eucharist, so we see that it is great enough to be offered to God. And what are a few of His gifts to us? He gave us our lives, a mind that can think, faith if we will use it, the gift of the five senses, and the gift to love our family, spouse, the Church, and our nation. The gifts go on and on and some are handed to us by Him without our notice. He made the sun to shine, the rain to fall; His good things lie all around us, beneath us, above us, and within us. There is a magic in gratitude that transforms the ordinary into something special, the plain into something beautiful, and the dull into something exciting! Unselfish love is a force that gifts every person that it touches. We swim in God's love all day because in it, 'we live and have our being'. Every breath we take is the latest installment of a creation He continues in us minute after hour after day—and forever. And to admit that we do not deserve those gifts, but are happy in them is gratitude. A grateful person is always on the lookout for ways to say 'thank you or I love you'. Try it and you'll feel the magic.

-- -- Marcel Normand

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