



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

100 South 8th Street  
Arma, KS 66712  
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Pastor: Fr. Floyd McKinney



## From the Pastor

“Mom, can I have this? I’m starving.” “What are we having for dinner?” “When do we eat?” It’s a nightmare – the checkout aisle in a grocery store with two kids. It’s more than an hour to dinner, stuck behind someone who last shopped six weeks ago. Sometimes it may be easy to “tune out” the machine-gun questions, other times not so easy. Then we can ask ourselves if this is how God feels about our endless prayers for things that are the spiritual equivalent of junk food. Does he care if KU beats K-state? Today’s gospel from Luke invites us to reflect on how we communicate with God. “I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.” Jesus invites us to freely and persistently tell God about our needs, often our only form of prayer. But if this is what Jesus wants us to do, why does it seem that our prayers go unanswered? If only praying were like ordering a pizza. You tell God what you want and he delivers it. Of course, it’s more complicated. As I mentioned several weeks ago speaking and listening, that is communicating is a two way thing. You have to listen as well as talk and that’s true of communicating with God. Even a seeming non-response IS a response. It’s often a way of saying I heard you but I’m not doing what you ask and I have my reasons, like a mom turning down requests for chocolate in the grocery store. Today’s gospel suggests that a listening, loving God answers our petitions but not necessarily in the way we seek. There will always be mysteries about answers to prayers. Why do children die of cancer? Why are there wars or droughts? Why do people suffer despite our bombarding heaven on their behalf? There may be no good answers in human terms but we need to trust Jesus’ promise that if we ask God for help, he will respond in some way, if only to help us bear our suffering.

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

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Oct. 19 - 27

Date	Day	Time	Intention	Location
Oct. 19	Saturday	4:00pm	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		5:30pm	Bernadine Shively	Girard
20	Sunday	8:00am	Betty Rons	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
21	Monday	NO MASS		
22	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
23	Wednesday	6:30pm	No Intention	Girard
24	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Adoration	Arma
25	Friday	7:00am	Geneva McGown	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Adoration	Girard
26	Saturday	4:00pm	Ursla Sue Parsons	Arma
		5:30pm	Will O'Toole	Girard
27	Sunday	8:00am	Betty Kapler	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	Sat. (10/26) 4:00pm	Sun. (10/27) 8:00am
Lector:	Barry Bedene	Carol Cole
Usher:/ Greeter	Dave Petrey & Pat Westhoff	Dan Cole & Joe Polhlopek
EMHC:	Linda Carpino	Cindy Ashmore
Gift Bearers:	Donna & Denise Bertoncino	Janet & Mike Ashbacher
Altar Servers:	Volunteers	Cody Burns & Storm Rieck

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	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	TBA	\$16,994.00
Expenses		\$14,592.33
Over / (Under)		\$2,401.67

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**OFFICERS:**

Pat Westhoff- Chair, Debbie Amershek, Dustin Ashmore, Joe Broyles, Debbie Shaub

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Chair -  
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

**ST. MICHAEL'S FALL BAZAAR**

The St. Michael's Fall Bazaar is this Sunday, Oct. 20, from 11am to 1pm. Please join us!

**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 this Thursday, Oct. 24, please send all bulletin requests and announcements to Janel at [jmscales414@gmail.com](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you, Janel!!

**EVENING PSR**

Every class starts at 6:30 pm with Mass. This coming Wednesday, October 23rd there will be no Mass, but we are asking all students to be at the Church by 6:30 PM for a Rosary instead. Parents are always welcome!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jacobsm@catholicdioceseofwichita.org).

**PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Mary Jo Grano Anderson, Larry Brown, Jason Diskin, Lisa Pitts Martin, and George Stonerock 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](mailto:bauerbackes@yahoo.com). Thank you.

**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. in the St. Michael's Parish Hall. All men of both parishes are invited.

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Do you pray for, or think about praying for our parish priest as our Bishop suggested? If you want to begin praying for our priest, Fr. Floyd McKinney, on a regular basis, please sign-up on the sheet in the church entryway! We are blessed to have a priest that serves us! For more info, go to: [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org).

**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.



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