



# St. Michael Catholic Church

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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.

<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

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**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
[www.stmichaelgirard.com](http://www.stmichaelgirard.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Fridays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

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

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

	Next Saturday 10/26/19 5:30 pm	Next Sunday 10/27/19 10:00 am
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	August, Trevor & Peyton Amershek	Jaxton Smith & Evan Sisney
<b>EMHC:</b>	Rachel Ausemus	Linda Garrett
<b>Lector:</b>	Teresa Davenport	Faith Paoni
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Gerald & Jan Azember	Michael & Joni Benso family

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## **ST. MICHAEL'S FALL BAZAAR**

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

## **EVENING PSR**

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

## **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!!

## **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).

## **COLLECTIONS**

	Last Week	July 2019 to date
Contributions	\$2,106.19	\$37,695.16
Children's Offering	\$10.50	\$182.53
Expenses		\$46,730.81
Over / (Under)		(\$8,853.12)
Building Fund Contributions	\$585.00	

## **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, 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.

## **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.

## **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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