

# St. Michael Catholic Church

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**MASS SCHEDULE** GIRARD ARMA  
Saturday 5:30pm 4:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am 8:00am

**CONFESSION** GIRARD ARMA  
Saturday 2:00-2:30pm 3:15-3:45pm  
Weekdays before Mass, anytime by appointment

**RECTORY HOURS**  
Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-Noon  
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## LENT AND LEAP YEAR: COMING OBSERVANCES

For the shortest month, February contains many important dates, two of which occur very soon. Shrove Tuesday, or as the French named it, 'Mardi Gras', which in French, literally means 'Fat Tuesday', the day before Ash Wednesday—the official beginning of Lent. The French celebrate with carnivals all over the country. Carnival, in Latin, is carne & vale that translate to 'meat' and 'farewell' (to meat)! The festive activities were brought to our shores by French settlers in and around the New Orleans area. They brought these Catholic traditions with them. Shrove Tuesday is the 25<sup>th</sup> with Lent beginning on the 26<sup>th</sup>. 'Shrove' is the past tense of the verb, 'shrive', an archaic (ancient) term for hearing confessions to absolve sins. We 'shred' our sins to begin anew with Lent. It is also the last big party before the penitential period starts.

The Holy Season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday when we concentrate on Self-Denial, Almsgiving, and Prayer. The Church will offer the Blessed Ashes, a sacramental, to be placed on our foreheads to remind us of our death and that we must give an accounting to God, our Judge, for all that we have done while here. The ashes also recall to us our baptism commitment: Turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. Like Good Friday, the Church does not make this day one of Obligation, relying on us to recognize its tremendous value and make ourselves present. Just to receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday and do nothing more during Lent, will merit us very little, if anything. To gain merit for the ashes, we have to be willing to sacrifice for it. We need to remind ourselves during this holy season that the Catholic faith is not a religion of convenience. Our Lord never promised it to be easy. In fact, He said it was a cross and a yoke and all that He promised was that if the burden got heavy, He would refresh us. We need to keep this in mind as we proceed through our Lenten days with fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent. This is a serious obligation to assume. continued on next page...

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,077.00	\$ 88,541.65
Children's Offering	\$ 4.00	\$ 383.76
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 84,183.41
Over/(Under)		\$ 4,742.00
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

And the last of February's attempts to keep us on track will occur next Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> when an extra day is added to the calendar to keep the seasons timely and the calendar precise. It was the ancient Egyptians who figured out that their calendar actually didn't work without a leap year added every four years. The guy who stepped up and made it official was Roman Emperor Julius Caesar by adding a day to February. The calendar was later called the Julian calendar in his honor. It began with March 1 and ended with February 28 (or 29<sup>th</sup> every 4 yrs). Pope Gregory XIII altered it once more in 1582 by having the year begin with January 1 and end with December 31 which is the calendar that we use today. Those born on Feb. 29 will only get to celebrate their special day every four years. Furthermore, they'd have to live to be 116 before they could celebrate their 29<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>! Everyone enjoy your extra day of living next Saturday! -----Marcel Normand

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG LADIES

Fiat: High School is an event for freshman through senior women to encounter the beauty of religious life. There is a growing need to help and encourage young ladies discern their vocation. We can't become what we don't see. It is hard to discern a religious vocation without ever meeting religious sisters or witnessing the beauty and freedom of consecrated life. Fiat: High School allows young ladies to meet various religious sisters from various religious orders. The evening includes dinner, guest speakers, games, and prayer. Fiat Ministries wants to foster prayer and holiness in the hearts and lives of these young ladies. We are excited to offer this event because religious life is such a beautiful vocation in our Church. We invite and encourage all high school women to consider attending one of our Fiat: High School evenings. Please pass this invitation along to young women in your parish.

Our event will be at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Saturday, March 7 from 5:00-8:00pm. The religious orders assisting this year include: The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, The Marian Sisters from Lincoln, Nebraska; The School Sisters of Christ the King from Lincoln, Nebraska; and the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ from Prayer Town, Texas. Registration is open online at <https://fiatministries.org/fiat-high-school-registration/>. There is no cost to attend. For any questions please contact Emily Savage at [fiatministriesinc@gmail.com](mailto:fiatministriesinc@gmail.com).

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Teresa Davenport, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Karen Davied, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Nathan Leadstrom, Herman Masser, David McGowan, Samuel Bradshaw Morris, John Oplotnik, Tina Ruma, Edward Luke Walsh and Tom Weston who are ill or in need of prayers.

## LENTEN NOTES

++Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, so it is time to remind ourselves of the Lenten regulations which help us to live Lent as a sacrificial and spiritual time.  
++Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.  
++FASTING... For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.  
++ABSTINENCE or abstaining from... The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.  
++WAY OF THE CROSS...As we have done in the past... the Way of the Cross will be at 6PM on Fridays at Girard, come early at 5:50 for Benediction. In Arma, the Way of the Cross will be at 5:50 following 5:30 Mass, come early and worship with us at Mass.  
++Bible Study...There will be a bible study during Lent on Wednesdays at 5:30 in the St. Michael's Hall, starting on Ash Wednesday. The theme will be the Mercy of God.  
++After consulting the US Naval Observatory for the median time of sunset in our diocese, the additional time to be considered "nightfall", and taking into account other pastoral considerations: on April 12, 2019, because it better reveals the reality of the Light who is Christ coming into our darkness, the Easter Vigil is to begin at or after 8:30 p.m. ... So our Easter Vigil will be at 8:30PM this year THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AT 4PM IN ARMA ON APRIL 12.

## PSR ASH WEDNESDAY

The Elementary School PSR students' Ash Wednesday service will be at 3pm and is open to all parish members. It is not a full mass as Holy Communion will not take place.

## CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Senior Adult Ministries invite you to come hear Marilyn Henry, International Ministry Coordinator for the Catholic Grandparents Association on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Spiritual Life Center. Come get support and learn what you can do if you want your Grandchildren to be Catholic. The cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch. To register, call 316-744-0167 or email [slc@slwichita.org](mailto:slc@slwichita.org).

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for Feb. 22-March 1

Feb 22	Saturday	4:00pm	Bud Azember	Arma
		5:30pm	Dave Gall	Girard
23	Sunday	8:00am	Andy Gesslein	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
24	Monday	NO MASS		
25	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
26	Wednesday	7:00am	Betty Madl	Girard
		12:00pm	Edwina Waterman	Arma
		6:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
27	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
28	Friday	7:00am	Special Intention	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
29	Saturday	4:00pm	Edwina Waterman	Arma
		5:30pm	Wayne Kanute	Girard
Mar 01	Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (2/29/20)	Sunday (3/1/20)
5:30pm	10:00am

Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales Sara Goble & Isabella Walsh

E.M.E.: Janel Scales Anna Goble

Lector: Teresa Davenport Ryan Severt

Gift Bearers: Dave & Mary Twarog Jim & Michelle Puckett

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