

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

## From the Pastor,

How God created Adam and Eve is a wonder. The first reading starts with how it happened, God forming Adam from clay and giving him "the breath of life". And it continues with how God gave them the possibility for a life of happiness in the garden which we know as Eden. Then the account takes a turn as the devil, which we know as the serpent, tempts them into eating of the tree in the middle of the garden. The account is so familiar to us; we talk of the way Adam and Eve were tempted and gave up that possibility for a happy life. They knew what God had told them; if you eat of the tree in the middle of the garden, you will die. God had made them human with a free will, they could choose when there were options to explore. Then when we finish the readings for the weekend we notice that Jesus was tempted also, yet was able to turn away from the temptation. You could say that at our baptism we also were given our spiritual breath of life as we received the grace of God and the possibility to life as children of God. We too have the possibility to live a happy life if we follow the values that we received with the grace at our baptism. However, we too are tempted and we sometimes choose to follow the way of temptation and when that happens our life is not made better, we do not reach happiness. There may be a moment when we think that we have found a kind of happiness or joy but then the reality of how that moment is only fleeting reminds us that the temptation has taken us to a place that is at most temporary. May this time of Lent be for us a reminder that our sacrifices help us to be strong in temptation and because of our strength, we can find a happiness that is not temporary.

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,335.20	\$ 90,876.85
Children's Offering	\$ 5.55	\$ 389.31
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 84,183.41
Over/(Under)		\$ 7,082.75
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

## 'EVEN NOW', SAYS THE LORD, TO US

In Ash Wednesday's readings, we heard the prophet, Joel, speak: "Even now," says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart." And so we have begun Lent with those two small, but amazing words, "Even Now". God doesn't merely say, "Return to me". He says, "Even now, return to me", as in "Even now, after being away for so long; even now after everything you've said and done. Even now, though you have given up hope." Here is a real invitation without any restrictions, such as, "Even now, after the bad way you've treated your husband/wife; after your lies and deceit; or after your jealousy and unreasonable control." Even now, after 'fill-in-your-own-story-here'.

God wants you back, even if you are convinced that no one, especially God, could love such a person. He wants you back, even now! God is extending a loving invitation to us and we should answer Him. We do it by meditating on all of our sins, secret though they may be, especially those that weigh heavily on our hearts. Then form your own 'even now' and say to Him: 'Lord, I want to return to you, even now.' Perhaps going to Confession would be a good beginning to lift the burden as we go through these 40 days. If you do, you will have the most glorious Easter ever! ---Marcel Normand

## MAN FULLY ALIVE MEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's MAN FULLY ALIVE will be held at Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The conference will feature Catholic speaker, author, evangelist, and television host, Chris Stefanick of Real Life Catholic. Also featured are the stars of the hit documentary I'll Push You, Justin Skeesuck and Patrick Gray, two Christian men who deepened their faith and friendship with Jesus Christ and one another while on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Bishop Kemme will also be present for the entire day, celebrating Mass and leading men to continue to become fully alive as missionary disciples. For more information and to register, go to <https://manfullyalive.eventbrite.com>.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

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

## LENTEN NOTES

++Good Friday is an obligatory day 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. 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.

## DIOCESAN PRIEST MEETING

I will be in Wichita at a meeting for all the priests of the diocese on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 of this week. Pray for us in our decisions. No Mass schedule changes with the help of Fr. Lee.

## 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. 29-March 8

Feb 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
02	Monday	NO MASS		
03	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
04	Wednesday	6:30pm	Wayne Kanute	Girard
05	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
06	Friday	7:00am	Roger Westhoff	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
07	Saturday	4:00pm	Jerry Azember	Arma
		5:30pm	Geneva McGowan	Girard
08	Sunday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (3/7/20)	Sunday (3/8/20)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Jaxton Smith & Brandon Leritz
E.M.E.: Linda DeGarmo	Marilyn McCracken
Lector: Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
Gift Bearers: Cliff & Janel Scales Family	Missy Sisney Family

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