

# 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

## REASONS FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION

I recall visiting with Fr. John Reinkemeyer about the Transfiguration of Jesus and asking for his thoughts. He said that this had been a subject of the Church Fathers and other noted theologians for centuries. Perhaps Raphael's greatest painting of the Renaissance Period, "The Transfiguration", 1518, tells the story of this event best. Raphael loved the painting so much that he never sold it, instead hung it over his bed, and at his death, he was said to have turned to look at it. Fr. Reinkemeyer, from his own research, reasoned that Christ wanted to bolster the faith of the Apostles prior to His crucifixion and death. In this way, they would recognize that, just as His divine glory is hidden beneath His human appearance, so, too, a real victory would be concealed in the apparent 'defeat of the Cross'. In addition, he supposed that the occurrence would cause them to know that Christ is truly divine, with Moses and Elijah bearing witness to Him, and the voice of God speaking from the cloud. Additionally, I am surmising that this might cause Christians to learn to hope for their own glory as they are transformed by God's grace. It was this image of the glorified Jesus that Raphael reflected on and labored over for years. He needed to see this transfiguration during his life and at the hour of his death to keep the faith. And so do we.  
-----Marcel Normand

## SIGN OF PEACE

The bishop has let us know that because of the Virus season and more so because of Coronavirus, we should not do the sign of peace have communion with the Precious Blood. Since we normally do not distribute the Precious Blood that is not a problem for us. Please be aware at the sign of peace that we will simply continue with the Lamb of God. Thank you for your understanding. Fr. Floyd

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ 3,196.95	\$ 94,073.80
Children's Offering	\$ 6.55	\$ 395.86
Expenses - February	\$ 11,216.67	\$ 95,400.08
Over/(Under)		\$ (930.42)
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 20.00	

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

I will be in Wichita this weekend for a Marriage Encounter. Pray for the couples who will be having a wonderful conversation as they enrich the love they have for one another. Fr. Lee will be celebrating with you at St Michael and Fr. David will be at St. Joseph. - - - Father

## 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>.

## RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Save the date... of April 2 at 7PM for a Reconciliation service at St. Michael in Girard. God's mercy is awaiting your presence.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in St. Francis Hall. Regular meeting schedule for 7:00 p.m. Chancellor, Lois Corn will reflect on the Rosary as the Spiritual reading to begin the meeting. Plans will be discussed as to how we will celebrate the circle's 97th Anniversary at the April meeting. Hosting the March (St. Patrick) meeting are Charlene Stottmann, Betty Schettler, Alice Schettler and Cynthia Jones. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening.

## ST. PAUL'S GROUP

The St. Paul's Group will meet on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall. Chicken dinner, brief business meeting, and bingo. All widows, widowers, and single seniors are welcomed. Hostesses will be Mary Cashero, Mary Bow, and Eldora Dundee.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Teresa Davenport, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Karen Davied, Mary Davied, Tom Kovach, 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. 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 [jmscales414@gmail.com](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## 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.

## 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@slcwichita.org](mailto:slc@slcwichita.org).

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for March 7-15

Mar	Day	Time	Intention	Location
07	Saturday	4:00pm	Terry Azember	Arma
		5:30pm	Geneva McGowan	Girard
08	Sunday	8:00am	Harry VanLeeuwen	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
09	Monday	NO MASS		
10	Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
11	Wednesday	6:30pm	Regina Cobb	Girard
12	Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
13	Friday	7:00am	Wayne Kanute	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
14	Saturday	4:00pm	Azember Family	Arma
		5:30pm	Special Intention	Girard
15	Sunday	8:00am	Bill Harman & Linda Davied	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (3/14/20)	Sunday (3/15/20)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: August, Trevor, Peyton Amershek	
Seth Wilson, Elijah Walsh, Evan Sisney	
E.M.E.: Rachel Ausemus	
Eileen Blanc	
Lector: Mary Twarog	
Faith Paoni	
Gift Bearers: Kate Wendt & Mary Nick	
Josh & Julye Smith Family	

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