

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

The Ascension: The Important, But Sometimes Forgotten Holy Day

When I took instructions in the faith in 1964, we learned that one of the six Holy Days of the Church was the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. It was celebrated 40 days after Easter and usually occurred on a Thursday in May. In more recent times, this solemnity has been transferred to the following Sunday, allowing for more Catholics to be present for the Holy Day liturgy. This year, the actual Holy Day occurs on May 21, but will be observed the following Sunday, May 24, in most archdioceses and dioceses in the U.S. Did you know that more Catholics go to Mass on Ash Wednesday than on the Ascension? This occurs for a variety of reasons, one being that Lent is such a season of preparation for the soul and many want to get a good start on their Lenten journey. As to the Ascension, I feel that we don't know enough about it nor do we spend time in or out of Mass talking about its meaning and how it affects us directly. If people understood the significance of the Ascension, perhaps more would want to be present for the celebration. We don't move Ash Wednesday to the people---the people move toward Ash Wednesday because they are acquainted with it and its importance to salvation.

This holy day has been neglected, no doubt, for this is the time when Our Lord Jesus Christ, gathered the apostles on a hill outside of Jerusalem known as the Mount of Olives. He gave His followers His last instructions, telling them that the Holy Spirit would descend upon them. He raised His hands and blessed them and told them to preach the Gospel to all nations and promised to be with them to the end of the world. And, while all looked on, He was raised up, BY HIS OWN POWER, and a cloud received Him out of their sight and carried Him up to Heaven. (Luke 24: 51) It all sounds like a 'good story', but there is powerful symbolism involved here. Matthew says that He came to earth to take on our humanity and rose to Heaven so we could take on His Divinity. Remember His promise to be with them 'til the end of the world'.

This is a very important Holy Day for the faithful to be present. There's much more to God's universe than our five senses can comprehend. Jesus' ascension demands that we take 'another Reality' into consideration---there is a life beyond this one! We believe in the visible and the invisible, these things that we know by faith, not by intellect. This feast is the SOURCE of our Hope (Heaven) and Glory (We'll share it with the Lord). Remember the Creed that we recite? "He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty." The Ascension is the proof that Jesus can show us the way home! The gift is REAL! We only have to follow. ---Marcel Normand

Mass Intentions for May 16-24

May 16 Saturday	Dave McGown	Arma
	Joe George	Girard
17 Sunday	Bill Harman	Arma
	Pro Populo	Girard
18 Monday	NO MASS	
19 Tuesday	No Intention	Arma
20 Wednesday	Wayne Kanute	Girard
21 Thursday	No Intention	Arma
22 Friday	Frank Oplotnik	Girard
23 Saturday	Frank & Barb Doue	Arma
	Ron Breneman	Girard
24 Sunday	Pro Populo	Arma
	Frank Oplotnik	Girard

++Father Floyd & Father Lee will be celebrating Mass privately, but will continue to honor the Mass Intention for that day.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ 5,111.20	\$ 109,800.40
Children's Offering	\$ -	\$ 400.86
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 101,544.85
Over/(Under)		\$ 8,656.41
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 255.00	

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald Davied, Karen Davied, Mary Davied, Cheryl Francis Greer (Fr. Greer's mom), Tom Kovach, Herman Masser, David McGowan, Samuel Bradshaw Morris, John Oplotnik, Bernard Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, and Edward Luke Walsh 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. Thank you!

The Lord's Diner Team Member, Pittsburg, Kansas:

The Diocese of Wichita is seeking an outstanding individual to serve as The Lord's Diner Team Member at the Pittsburg location. This individual will work 25-30 hours per week and assist in the kitchen, with volunteers, and in the dining area. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon, May 26, 2020. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/>



TOTUS TUUS

Please note that the Catholic Diocese of Wichita has decided to cancel all Totus Tuus programs that were scheduled for this summer.

Program Coordinator of St Dismas Ministry to the Incarcerated, Catholic Diocese of Wichita:

The Catholic Diocese is seeking an individual to serve as the primary liaison between detention and correctional facilities staffs and Catholic volunteers in order to establish and maintain Catholic worship, programming and materials for all the incarcerated in the Diocese of Wichita. The Coordinator is also responsible for oversight of the Mentoring program and the Ministry to Incarcerated Juveniles. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon, May 19, 2020. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers/>

MASS INTENTIONS

WHY REQUEST A MASS INTENTION? One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. The Church considers the Mass to be one of the greatest prayers of intercession. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each Mass for a particular intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. That intention can be for a living person's health and well-being, or for the eternal rest of a deceased person, or any other prayers you wish to be offered up to Christ for a loved one. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. Requesting Mass Intentions: Mass intentions make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, an intention for someone who is struggling with a serious illness or other life trauma. If you have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, you need to turn in the information at least a month in advance (Masses are scheduled that much ahead of time). Call the parish office to schedule OR place the information of who or what the Mass is for, and who is offering the Mass, along with a phone number in case we have questions. The suggested stipend for Mass intentions is \$10.00 payable via cash or check, you can donate less or more.

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