

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

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, Bob Moore, Samuel Bradshaw Morris, John Oplotnik, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, Janel Scales 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!

ASCENSION; OUR LORD'S 'BLAST OFF' FROM THE EARTH!

How did Jesus say 'goodbye' 40 days after His Resurrection? He gathered his apostles one last time and told them He had to leave to be with the Father. He was much like us---He WANTED to be with the Father and He knew that after his departure, the Holy Spirit would come. Jesus is still with us today in the Eucharist and He's present here to redeem us at our will. He wants us as His witnesses, to speak in His behalf, to even sacrifice, if necessary, to even die for Him.

Fr. John Reinkemeyer, my mentor, had a unique way to think of the Ascension. Here are his thoughts: "Remember years ago, when the world thrilled at the words, 'Blast off', as our scientific genius made it possible for man to travel in outer space? To me, these happenings should actually strengthen our faith. We could think of Our Lord's ascension (and our own, too, eventually), as a 'blasting off' from this earth on the strength of grace and virtue instead of rocket fuel! If you're wondering what a glorified body is like, think of the beauty of heaven, the grandeur of God's creation that overwhelmed the astronauts, or the weightlessness of outer space. Now, think of the rigorous fidelity to the laws of science that had to be observed in making possible man's flight into outer space. How often did 'take-off' have to be postponed because some little part of the unbelievably complicated machinery wasn't functioning exactly as it was supposed to!

Well, here's some serious news for all of us----Our all-important flight from earth to eternity is governed by rigorous fidelity to laws, too - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. The only problem here is that there is NO WAY you can postpone your 'take-off', if you haven't got all the parts in working order beforehand. So, let's pray for one another that when our time comes, we will hear: 'Come you blessed of my Father, enter the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'. " ---Fr. John

The Ascension is the proof that Jesus can show us the way home. The 'gift' is REAL! We have only to follow with a well-oiled flight pattern to reach our eternal destination. ----Marcel Normand

Mass Schedule and Intentions for May 23-31

Date	Time	Intention	Location
May 23 Saturday	4:00pm	Frank & Barb Doue	Arma
	5:30pm	Ron Breneman	Girard
24 Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Frank Oplotnik	Girard
25 Monday	NO MASS		
26 Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
27 Wednesday	6:30pm	Wayne Kanute	Arma
28 Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
29 Friday	7:00am	Members of Altar Society Lvg/Dec.	Girard
30 Saturday	4:00pm	John & Della Busse	Arma
	5:30pm	Betty Jo Peak	Girard
31 Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Bernadine Shively	Girard

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 109,800.40
Children's Offering	\$ -	\$ 400.86
Expenses-May	\$ 7,956.18	\$ 109,501.03
Over/(Under)		\$ 700.23
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

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/>

PRAYER ON MEMORIAL DAY

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask through Christ our Lord.

PRIEST RETREAT

I will be on retreat the week of June 22 to 26 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. There will still be the regular schedule of daily Mass with the help of Fr. Lee. Prayers for all the priests who will be on the retreat are welcome. Fr. Floyd

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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