

St. Michael Catholic Church

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From the Pastor

Sometimes at our family reunion one of my nephews or nieces will call me uncle Floyd. That simply means to them I am their uncle but I am also a priest. So you could say that I wear two hats. We can add to that that I am a brother to my four brothers and three sisters, another hat. I am also a son to my dad and mom and a great-uncle to other family members. In all of these relationships I am still the same person. Since we understand all of these 'connections', there is no question as to how each one of us is related to one another.

Today we celebrate another relationship that is a mystery never to be understood in this human condition of ours. Even though we do not understand it, we do know about God because of the words, the book that was given to us to help us learn about the God that we cannot see. We can 'interpret' the ideas that are given to us and become acquainted with the one God who is three persons.

Genesis, Chapter one, verse twenty-six is the first 'hint' in the bible that God is more than one... "Then God said: Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness." The next appearance of God is to Abraham in the eighteenth chapter of Genesis when he sees three men outside his tent. This is only two of the many examples to show us that God is eternal in the three persons of the Trinity.

The idea of God that I like is that of family. We know that people in a family are connected to one another and form one family, with the generations that all are connected, because of the family tree. Of course it is not the same as God but we can understand the connections in one family which has many people and it helps us to imagine our God who is three persons.

We the family of the church continue to adjust to the present virus and will take the necessary measures to help preserve our health and safety. There are

Mass Schedule and Intentions for June 6-14

Date	Time	Intention	Location
June 06 Saturday	4:00pm	Dave McGowan	Arma
	5:30pm	Bernadine Shively	Girard
07 Sunday	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Special Intention	Girard
08 Monday	NO MASS		
09 Tuesday	5:30pm	No Intention	Arma
10 Wednesday	6:30pm	Ann Oplotnik	Girard
11 Thursday	8:00am	No Intention	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
12 Friday	7:00am	Altar Society	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
13 Saturday	4:00pm	Joe & Linda Broyles	Arma
	5:30pm	Betty Jo Peak	Girard
14 Sunday	8:00am	Audrey VanLeeuwen	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

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

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Fridays from 8:00am to 6:00pm

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Nancy Church, Allie Davied, Gerald 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!

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2019 to Date
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 113,289.60
Children's Offering	\$ -	\$ 400.86
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 109,501.03
Over/(Under)		\$ 4,189.43
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

various ideas as to what we need to do to be safe and yet move forward with the present situation. Some are wearing masks and some do not; some are living the social distancing to a greater level, some are not. We as a church do not want to put anyone in 'danger' therefore we are hopefully living the maxim Better Safe than Sorry. If you see me doing something that you are uncomfortable with, let me know. The diocese is also helping us by giving us guidelines as to how we are to move forward.

PRIEST RETREAT

I will be on retreat the week of June 22 to 26 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Fr. Lee will hopefully be able to say daily Mass on Thursday and Friday. Prayers for all the priests who will be on the retreat are welcome. Fr. Floyd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gerald and Mary Davied are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 18th. Because of the Coronavirus restrictions they will not be able to have a public celebration. The family is requesting a card shower. Please send cards to Gerald and Mary Davied 256 South 20th St, Walnut, Ks 66780. Thank You.

GIRARD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive is on Tuesday, June 16th from 11:30am to 5:30pm at the St. Michael Catholic Hall. To schedule your life-saving appointment please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Amazon is thanking donors June 1-30 with a \$5 Amazon Gift Card by email. During this uncertain time, the Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donations to prevent another blood shortage as hospitals resume surgical procedures and patient treatments that were temporarily paused earlier this spring in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

A MYSTERY THAT WILL NOT BE SOLVED

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is one of the most profound mysteries of our faith. This is so because it concerns the very nature of God. Western theologians, since the time of St Augustine, have argued and reasoned on the subject. The word, 'Trinity', was first used by the theologian, Tertullian, one of the early Fathers of the Church around 180 A.D. (anno domini) Before that time, theologians struggled to find a way to describe the three persons in one God. They tried to make the Trinity acceptable, but early teachers lacked available terms that the many nationalities could believe. Most of us don't care for mystery, for it can defy (oppose or dare) us and we do not like to be defied! To get our attention, give us a list of 5 steps to reach a goal or 8 rules or commands to follow for holiness. Don't give us mystery!

The late Fr. William Carr, from the Wichita diocese, spoke of the Trinity another way: "It is a total mystery; beyond our limited minds to understand. Therefore, we should be content with the simplicity of our faith and seek not to inquire into that which God wished to remain hidden." My religious mentor, Fr. John Reinkemeyer, said it this way: "The Church reminds us that there are two other Divine Persons in the Trinity---the Father, the Son, as well as the Holy Spirit. A great mystery, but one that is wonderful beyond words. From all eternity, the Father begets the Son; the Son (the Word) is born of the Father; and the Father and the Son breathe forth the Holy Spirit from outside of time, yet the Son was born IN TIME---without which we would not have been redeemed! Thank God for the gift of faith that you have received." The philosopher, Dallas Willard, framed it like this: "God has hidden from humans the glory of their souls, that they might not be overwhelmed by pride."

Mystery is everywhere, but God, Himself, is the biggest mystery of all. The Apostle Paul tells us so: He writes of 'knowing'-----not 'solving'---the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge'. (Col.2:2-3) God is not a mystery to be solved. He is a mystery to be adored. -----Marcel Normand

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