

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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SHELTERED AND SHAKEN

When I hear of the “kingdom of God” it is easy to just imagine a much better, kinder version of the world that surrounds me; I imagine the world as I would have it be. In that world everyone would navigate the roadways with courtesy, volunteer for local charities, and give spare change to panhandlers. We would all treat others with respect and look for respect to be returned in kind.

So, the words of the prophet hit hard. Isaiah pronounces not a significantly improved version of *my* world, but a radically transformed creation wherein the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and creation itself bursts forth with extravagant fecundity. The psalmist chimes in, singing of a world in which God liberates the oppressed, feeds the hungry, and protects strangers.

The prophet’s transformed world was no utopian fantasy. It was already breaking into human history centuries ago in ancient Palestine. There, moved by the infirmity of another, a Galilean Jew groaned to heaven and offered a healing touch that, like everything he did, announced the dramatic coming of God’s shalom—the world as *God* would have it be.

Yet, just a few decades later, the Letter of James tells us, a more comfortable, less unsettling world prevailed among Jesus’ followers. Gathered for worship, the well-coiffed were seated prominently, as surely was their due. It’s understandable; I too have earned a certain deference appropriate to my education and social standing. But the question I can’t shake is this: Could it be that in my yearning for respect and respectability I am missing the great reversal? Could it really be the ones deprived of all privilege and deference who will inherit the kingdom “promised to those who love him”?

Richard R. Gaillardetz

Richard R. Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College and the author of By What Authority? Foundations for Understanding Authority in the Church.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,387.51	\$ 24,517.84
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ 24,517.84
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Rosemary Gardner, Jessica Goff, Lisa Goff, Waylon Humble, Tom Kovach, Marita Lopeman, Mary Kay Mason, Herman Masser, Ronnie Michael, Bob Moore, John Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, and Dan Wendt 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!

Children's Religious Education Help Needed

We currently have teachers for 2nd Grade, 6th/Confirmation and 6/7th Grade. We NEED teachers for 1st, 3/4/5th, and all High School. We need your help! If you are willing to teach or be on a team of teachers please get a hold of Kristen Graham at 620-875-6133 or kristen.j.graham@gmail.com.

GREENBUSH DAYS

Due to COVID going strong again, we feel it is in the best interest of all concerned to once again cancel our Greenbush Day Pig Roast. While we miss seeing everyone your health and safety, as ours also, is our number one concern. WE plan on being back in 2022. So mark your calendars for the third Sunday in September 2022 and we will see you all again! Stay healthy and safe.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Constitution Week is September 17-24, please offer a prayer for our Country and our Service men and women during this week and September 17 weekend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a K of C meeting on Tuesday, September 7th, at 7:00pm in the St. Michael Parish Hall.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next D of I meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 at St. Francis Hall, St. Paul, Kansas. All ladies from St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes are invited. Daughters of Isabella is an international organization of Catholic Women. All members are asked to bring school supplies to be donated. Hostesses for the meeting are Jolene Born, Linda DeGarmo, Louise Jarboe and Jane Schibi. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening.

LABOR DAY PRAYER

God our Creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for the common good. Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor’s reward. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the great privileges of my life was living for 25 years in a town of 2,000 people, where my neighbors included a police officer, a farmer and rancher, a long-haul truck driver, and an attorney.

Knowing these people gave me more respect for what each of them does to serve the common good, and also a better understanding of the stresses they face. The farmer, who produces the food we all need, suffered the loss of much of one year’s income when a late-summer hailstorm destroyed his crop. But he didn’t give up; he planted winter wheat in the fall, and sunflowers in the spring. The truck driver missed many family milestones: wedding anniversaries and his children’s birthdays. The attorney endured a long, emotionally draining struggle to protect a child from abuse at the hands of drug-addled parents. The police officer confided that the hardest thing about his job was having to carry a gun. Fortunately, in all the years I knew him, the only shooting he did was on a target range.

In America, as neighborhoods are increasingly divided according to education and income levels, we risk losing perspective on the diversity of labor that we all rely on. People readily discount some work as “menial” and risk disrespecting the people who perform it.

When the pandemic struck in the spring of 2020, I began taking morning walks, both for exercise and prayer time. I noticed many others who were also out early, driving a city bus or a Handi-Van. People picking up garbage or delivering mail. Nurses walking to work at a nearby hospital. Health aides going to a neighborhood nursing home. Sometimes I was able to say “thank you” to them, but often it was just “good morning.” I was overwhelmed with gratitude for each of them, doing the essential work that keeps our society going even in difficult times.

It’s inspiring to see how many people engage with their work so deeply that it becomes a vocation. When my husband was suffering through cancer treatments, a hairdresser treated him with extraordinary kindness, dignity, and attention, always taking time to massage his scalp. The job was washing, cutting, and styling hair. But this man’s vocation was listening to people and ministering to them. I pray that we all may find such love and meaning in the work that we do.

Kathleen Norris is an oblate of St. Benedict and the author of many books, including The Cloister Walk and Acedia and Me.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for Sept 4-12				
Sept 04 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma	
	5:30pm	Jim O’Toole	Girard	
05 Sun	8:00am	Bill & Linda Harman	Arma	
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard	
06 Mon		NO MASS		
07 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma	
08 Wed	8:00am	Mary Lepoglow	Girard	
09 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma	
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma	
10 Fri	7:00am	Terry Azember	Girard	
	8:00am - 6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard	
11 Sat	4:00pm	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma	
	5:30pm	Claire Weston	Girard	
12 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma	
	10:00am	Regina Butler	Girard	

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend	
Saturday (9/11/21)	Sunday (9/12/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Trevor & August Amershek	Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher
E.M.E.: Rachel Ausemus	Marilyn McCracken
Lector: Linda Moore	Beth Wilson
Gifts: Rachel Ausemus Family	Michael & Joni Benso Family

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