

St. Joseph Catholic Church

100 South 8th Street
Arma, KS 66712
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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
Before all Masses, anytime by appointment

RECTORY HOURS
Thursdays 9:00am-Noon
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PARISH WEBSITE:
www.stjosepharma.com

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Thursdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm

**Bulletins are being posted on the website once again.

**Quarterly Mass Duty schedule is also posted on the website.

JEAN WILSON

One of St. Joseph's older parishioners, Jean Wilson, passed away a few weeks ago. We've lost a faithful member of the church and a committed convert. She married Jack Wilson, a loyal Catholic who never missed Mass. Jean was not of the faith, but she accompanied him each weekend. Jean's outstanding quality, I believe, was her kindness to everyone. That ever-present beam was directed to all she encountered. Years passed and Jean came to love Jack's faith and took it for herself when she joined the Church. She loved attending Mass and it was evident from her willingness to learn all that she could about it.

Jack and Jean lived most of their married lives in Arma, raising two children: Janie and Jerry, whom I taught in catechism. They married and presented four grandchildren to their parents: Jessica, Jackie, Rebecca, and Katie. Jean loved her family in a selfless way. She felt the same with all the little ones she taught, first at Erie, and in 1965, when my wife, Helen, left her kindergarten job at Arma Elementary to begin a family. Jean took her position and kept it for decades until retirement. Jean was a gentle, ordinary woman, who performed extraordinary deeds for the many she taught here at Arma. She had the gift of faith; she had sought it on her own. Pray for her, that she is welcomed into God's kingdom as she had planned.

---Marcel Normand

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

St. Paul's Group for widows, widowers, and single seniors will meet on Sunday, October 17, at 1:00. Knight's of Columbus Hall, 11th and Joplin. Come enjoy dinner, bingo, prayer, and friendly companionship. Cost \$8.00. Questions call Rosemary Patterson 231-4594.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,109.00	\$ 18,590.00
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 15,231.01
Over/(Under)		\$ 3,358.99

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Scott Aldrighetti, Jan Harman, Aaron Kranker, Lisa Pitts Martin, Margaret Setina, and Randy VanLeeuwen 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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Do Whatever We Ask Of You

Is 53:10-11 / Heb 4:14-16 / Mk 10:35-45

In today's Gospel, we see James and John, the sons of Zebedee, make a couple of bold moves. First, they say to Jesus, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." Seems a bit forward. And then there is the actual request: "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." As appalling and as arrogant as these statements may seem, they reveal two beautiful things about these disciples. First, their behavior reminds us that the disciples are not saints — they are ordinary men with ordinary desires. Second, they have maintained a steadfast faith in Jesus. Even when others have abandoned Him, these brothers insist on seats of honor with Jesus. Like James and John, we may occasionally make high demands of our Lord. We may forget to be humble. But if our requests come from a place of love and faith, then perhaps our hearts are in the right place.

PRAYER FOR LIFE AND DIGNITY

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, bless us with the courage to defend all life from conception to natural death. Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples from east to west, from north to south, so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen. -United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

FARM TOY SHOW

The 31st Annual Southeast Kansas Farm Toy Show will be held on Sunday, November 4th from 9am to 3pm in the St. Michael's Parish Hall. Raffle for door prizes every hour... \$2.00 Admission/10 & Under—Free! **Lunch Available** For more information, contact Dave Garrett by phone at 620-724-4888, 620-724-6166, or 620-724-2743 or by email at napa_dave55@hotmail.com.

PSR
We are excited to announce that this year's Parish School of Religion program started on Wednesday, October 6. Elementary students (1st-5th) will walk over from the school and have class till 3:30pm. Middle School and High School will have class from 6:30-8pm every Wednesday night. The Family Registration have been emailed out, but if you know anyone new that would like to join our program (1st grade or older) please have them contact Kristen Graham either at 620-875-6133 or kristen.j.graham@gmail.com.

UPDATE AVAILABLE

Longtime parishioners may recall that after writing a 'History of St. Joseph Catholic Church' in 2009, I made copies available. As new priests came, I updated it and I've just finished updating Fr. Floyd's 5 year tenure with us. If you still have a copy of 'History', you can get the update p. 16 and p.17 to add to your original copy. I re-did p. 16 so you can replace the one you have with the newer p. 16 to include Fr. Floyd McKinney's time here. These two pages will be at the back of the church as you exit.

For those of you who have never received a copy of our church's history, I'll soon place complete copies at the back of the church if you'd like a copy. I'll place the notice in the bulletin the week that the copies are in back of the church. ---Marcel Normand

JESUS REALLY WANTS TO KNOW

Jesus must have known what was in their hearts when James and John approached him with such astonishing audacity. Surely he had seen their ambition, their competitiveness with Peter, seen how their love for him and desire to be with him was tainted by self-interest and pride. It would have been an obtuse request at any time, but especially after Jesus had predicted, for the third time, his Passion. Their words must have rubbed salt into his loneliness, a bitter reminder of his failure to convince even his own disciples of the way of radical self-giving.

But because Jesus is a great high priest who can "sympathize with our weaknesses" he asks them, with generosity, patience, and openness, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

He asks us the same question every time we approach him in prayer. He really wants to know. In the silence of his waiting we speak our desires. Or do we? Are we willing to be transparent before Jesus? Surely he knows us as well as he knew his disciples. Will he think less of us if he hears out competitiveness? Do we hide behind fig leaves of respectability? Do we blush with shame when we hear what we want? Can we hear the unspoken supplication behind our prayer, when a blessing for us is a curse for our neighbor?

Jesus' silence allows us to be honest. And then he teaches us what it means to imitate him, even unto death. An ignoble death on a Cross that was the doorway to Paradise—for a penitent thief and for us.

Rachelle Linner
Rachelle Linner is a freelance writer, reviewer, and a spiritual Director. She has a master of theological studies from Weston Jesuit School of Theology and a certificate in spiritual direction from the Franciscan Spiritual Direction Certification Program.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for October 16-24				
Oct 16 Sat	4:00pm	Gerald White	Arma	
	5:30pm	Wayne & Betty Coomes	Girard	
17 Sun	8:00am	Dan Black	Arma	
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard	
18 Mon		NO MASS		
19 Tues	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma	
20 Wed	8:00am	NO MASS	Girard	
21 Thurs	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma	
		NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma	
22 Fri	7:00am	Deceased Daughters of Isabella	Girard	
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard	
23 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma	
	5:30pm	Azember Family	Girard	
24 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma	
	10:00am	George Stonerock	Girard	

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend	
Saturday (10/23/21)	Sunday (10/24/21)
4:00pm	8:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME: Sharon Giacometti	Terry Cleland
Lector: Pat Westhoff	Ron Pommier
Gifts: Agnes Goodman	Ron & Joan Black
Ushers: Don Zornes & Mike Polhlopek	Joyce Klinkon & Ron Black

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