

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
Rectory: (620)724-8717
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PARISH WEBSITE:
www.stmichaelgirard.com

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

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

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

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.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,596.15	\$ 44,659.70
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 52,673.69
Over/(Under)		\$ (8,013.99)
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

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 forms 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S ANGELS

If anyone is interested in heading up this project this holiday season, please call the office or email Janel for details.

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.

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, 620-724-2743 or by email at napa_dave55@hotmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY

There is a basket in the entrance of the Church for any food donations you would like to donate to the Community Food Pantry. This is an ongoing project in conjunction with the Ministerial Alliance. Monetary Donations are accepted as well, by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked “Food Pantry”. Thank you for supporting this need.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Mary Daved, Gary Dowling, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, 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!

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.

AMAZON SMILE

For those who shop on Amazon you can have ½ of one percent donated to St Michael church. All you have to do is go to Amazon Smile and register by putting in St Michael Girard as your charity of choice during your registration process. That means you are linked to us as your choice of charity.

myEoffering

Just a friendly reminder...myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient. If you are interested, you can find instructions on how to get set up on the parish website.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for October 16-24

Date	Time	Intention	Parish
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)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales & Jaxton Smith	Evan & Quin Sisney
E.M.E.: Macy Reif	Chris Sponsel
Lector: Butch Reif	Michelle Puckett
Gifts: Mark & Katy Karhoff Family	Randy & Lisa McAtee

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