

# 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

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

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

## LOVE AND TRUTH WILL MEET

"I'll meet anybody halfway," my mother-in-law often says. Also, "No one has all the answers." She's too advanced in years to run for Congress, and the Vatican is not likely to seek her input ahead of the next synod of bishops. But, God knows, both secular and religious institutions would be far healthier if "dialogue" was not met with derision, if "compromise" was not met with contempt. As it is, for Christians to meet others halfway is a bar too low—and paradoxically, a bar too high. Thank about it...

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:1, 14). There is nothing halfway about God's meeting us in the Incarnation. And there is certainly nothing halfway about God's love poured out for us when Jesus "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8).

If we truly believe this, it demands that we adhere to a slightly shorter and far more challenging principle: "I'll meet anybody." Period. Because in *any* body and *every* body, there is the Body of Christ. That's not pious piffle. It's fundamental to who we are as Christians. And it should be our filter every time we jump on social media or turn on the news. Because behind every headline and every issue—however you spin them—there are real human beings created in the image of God. Are we truly willing to meet them? To see in their humanity the *imago Dei*?

Too often our version of meeting "others" halfway is joining forces with like-minded people and yelling our certitudes louder and louder. But this is the antithesis of that beautiful place where "love and truth will meet" and "justice and peace will kiss" (Ps 85:11). Imagine, instead, if we had the humility to step out of our echo chambers and risk seeing and listening to the people behind the headlines and posts. Allowing them—and helping them—to tell their own stories. To share their hopes and dreams, their worries and fears. Listening to their questions. And their answers. These could be the very truths that set us free—free to see as God sees and love as God loves.

In this month of Mary, we turn to her as a model of such love. From the moment of her *yes*, heaven and earth were inextricably linked. God became human so we

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 5,631.60	\$ 52,981.15
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 52,673.69
Over/(Under)		\$ 307.46
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

could become divine. This was, and is, a mystery with flesh and bones. We pray it over and over in each mystery of the rosary. These mysteries—sorrowful and joyful, glorious and luminous—are full-on encounters. Encounters with Jesus and Mary, with the Communion of Love within the Trinity, with the Communion of Saints in heaven. And on earth.

Can we say *yes* to all this love? *Yes* to the Christ we carry, to the Christ others carry? So many portals to the face of God. Beatific visions we shouldn't so blithely pass by, eager as we are to get to heaven.

When one day we meet our Maker in eternity, we can expect the question of Love to be on the entrance exam. And our answer will have preceded us.

*Mary Stommes is an oblate of St. Benedict and editor of Give Us This Day.*

## PSR EDUCATION CLASSES

Our PSR classes have started! Classes are held on all Wednesdays USD 248 is in session. Grades 1-5 walk over after class and parents pick them up at 3:30pm. Grades 6-12 meet from 7-8pm. If you know someone that would still like to join us please contact Kristen Graham at 620-875-6133. You can also contact her if you would like to teach 1st Grade, substitute teach, plan holiday activities or parties, or donate snacks.

## Student Sacramental Classes Have Began

The Diocese of Wichita has now required that the grade for Confirmation be 6th Grade. This is an earlier age than we are used to, but the students in 6th grade the last few years have shown that they are ready! Please keep these students, and our 2nd graders soon to receive First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, in your prayers as they prepare for these important sacraments.

## 1st Grade PSR teacher Needed

Our 1st and 2nd Grade Religion classes are currently joined in the same class, but we, excitedly, have doubled our class numbers in these grades and now NEED to separate the two grades into different classes. If you are able to teach 1st Grade on Wednesdays from 2:15-3:30pm (6 students) please contact Kristen Graham at 620-875-6133.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Mary Davied, 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](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### The Gift of the Priesthood – The BIG Reveal

*Dt 6:2-6/ Heb 7:23-28 / Mk 12:28b-34*

Today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews invites us to ponder the gift of the priesthood. In this passage, we read of the beauty of Jesus' perfect priesthood, and all that was given to us in that sacrifice. It also calls to mind the beautiful sacrifices made by our earthly priests. But does it call to mind the beauty of YOUR own priesthood—the one to which you were anointed in Baptism? A key function of the priesthood is to open a way of access to God. Obviously, Jesus did this for us, and so do our parish priests today. How do your own sacrifices do this for you and those around you? How does your prayer life and your handling of suffering reflect the priesthood? If these are difficult questions for you, perhaps it is time for you to make a real connection with the priests around you. Invite one or two to walk with you as you grow in your faith. Learn and be inspired by them. And by all means, pray for them.

## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH FALL BAZAAR

St. Francis Parish in St. Paul will host their Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 7th from 11:00am to 12:30pm, carry-out meals only. Adults—\$10 and Children—\$5. The Fancy Stand will be outside the Parish Hall and the Harvest Sale will be held at Noon.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Due to elections on Tuesday, the K of C will have their meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7pm in the parish hall.

## FARM TOY SHOW

The 31st Annual SE KS Farm Toy Show will be held on Sunday, November 14th 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](mailto:napa_dave55@hotmail.com).

Mass Schedule and Intentions for October 30-November 7				
Oct	30 Sat	4:00pm	Ted Yoakam	Arma
		5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
	31 Sun	8:00am	Mary Dean Sandler	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
Nov	01 Mon	8:00am	All Saints	Girard
	02 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	03 Wed	8:00am	Charles Snow	Girard
	04 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
		8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
	05 Fri	7:00am	Karen Davied	Girard
		8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
	06 Sat	4:00pm	Violet Pazzie	Arma
		5:30pm	Jim O'Toole	Girard
	07 Sun	8:00am	Fr. Emil Kapaun	Arma
		10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend	
Saturday (11/06/21)	Sunday (11/07/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Trevor & August Amershek	Isabella & Elijah Walsh
E.M.E.: Linda DeGarmo	Linda Garrett
Lector: Mary Twarog	Doug Lopeman
Gifts: Mike & Donna Martin Family	Bob & Linda Moore

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