

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Sharing What We Are Given

1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of the poor widow who Jesus watched as she put two small coins into the treasury. Comparatively, Jesus watched as many rich people put large sums of money in. Yet, Jesus praises the poor widow for her gift because she gave from her poverty, whereas the rich people gave from their surplus. We have often heard the phrase, "God loves a joyful giver," but perhaps this Gospel passage shows what this phrase truly involves. The word "sacrifice" is often associated with the idea of giving something up, which for some suggests pain, suffering or discomfort. But a sacrifice is actually an offering, in which we give back a portion of what has been entrusted to our care. The poor widow recognized that what little she had was actually a gift that had been given to her from God's bounty. Before taking account of what she could afford to give to God, she first considered what God had given to her to begin with. Likewise, let us not consider what we can "afford" to give, but instead share with a spirit of gratitude and generosity.

PRAYER WHEN VISITING A CEMETERY

May God bless all the company of souls here, may God and Mary bless you. You too spent awhile here just as we are now and we too will join you soon. May we all be adorned in the beauty of the bright King of heaven.

—The Glenstal Book of Prayer

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

God of our ancestors who set their hearts on you, of those who fell asleep in peace, and of those who won the martyrs' violent crown: we are surrounded by these witnesses as by clouds of fragrant incense. In this age we would be counted in this communion of all the saints; keep us always in their good and blessed company. In their midst we make every prayer through Christ who is our Lord forever and ever. Amen. —Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,408.98	\$ 57,390.13
Expenses-October	\$ 9,096.24	\$ 61,769.93
Over/(Under)		\$ (4,379.80)
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

HOLD NOTHING BACK

It would be easy to look at today's stories of the two widows simply as cautionary tales, there to remind us to be generous. But generosity is just a surface-level interpretation of what is laid out for us, probably because that interpretation is more comfortable and less inconvenient than the truth. The actions of these two women—relegated to the margins because of their status—focus not on if we give but how we give. The widow who makes a cake for Elijah has nothing remaining for herself or her son. Still, she trusts that all will be well and gives the last of what she has. The widow in the Gospel gives her last two coins, holding nothing back for herself.

Remember the early days of the 2020 pandemic, when toilet paper shelves were picked clean and hand sanitizer and disinfectants were nonexistent? When we donated to the parish food pantry, did we throw in one of our coveted packs of toilet paper, or did we donate the cans of soup that no one in the house liked? Did we give from our abundance or from our lack? So often we view our entire lives from a place of lack—even when we are well fed and living in comfort. We cling to our "stuff" in fear that at some point there won't be enough, and we'll need our stockpile.

The widows are not just the moral of a story but a compass for the journey.

Mary De'Turris Poust, a writer, retreat leader, and the author of numerous books on Catholic spirituality. She writes about the spiritual journey on her blog, Not Strictly Spiritual, and in her monthly column, Life Lines. She lives in upstate New York with her husband, Dennis, and their three children.

Concert: "GENESIS: A Symphonic Arche"

By H. John Hartmann, deceased member of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg. **FREE ADMISSION: Nov. 13, 7:00-8:45 p.m.,** Bicknell Family Center for the Arts, 1711 S. Homer, Pittsburg. <https://www.pittstate.edu/calendar/2021/11/genesis-a-symphonic-arche-concert.html> Depicting Earth's creation to the present, the concert features full orchestra with chorus of OLOL choir, Treble Clef Club member, and performance by Bells of the Balkans. The composer's widow, Dr. Mickey Xun, M.D., commissioned the concert as he wished: a free gift to the public. In his words, "The music's purpose is to speak within the soul invoking love, morality, courage and creative inspiration of the highest ideals."

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. Thank you!

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.

ANNUAL FALL TURKEY DINNER

St. Mary's Altar Society and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pittsburg, is hosting their Annual Fall Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 7th from 11am-1:30pm in the St. Mary's Activity Center, 9th & Elm, Pittsburg. Come join us for a delicious dinner, including turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert.

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.

Daughters of Isabella

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at St. Francis Parish Hall, St. Paul, Kansas at 6:00 pm. Daughters of Isabella is an international organization of Catholic Women. All ladies from St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parish are invited. The Audit will begin at 5:30, followed by a Pot Luck dinner at 6:00 and a meeting, finishing with a Memorial Service for deceased members.

Jerry Davenport Benefit

There will be a Benefit for Jerry Davenport on November 19th from 3pm to 11pm at the Girard American Legion. Our parish has been asked to furnish pies and cinnamon rolls for the Benefit. You can sign-up or donate money in the back of the church to help provide these needed baked goods. If you would like to donate money, please drop it in the collection basket, in a separate envelope marked "Jerry Davenport Benefit". Please have pies or cinnamon rolls delivered to the hall by noon on Friday, November 19th. Thank you so much for all the help in advance.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for November 13-14					
Nov 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		
08 Mon		NO MASS	Girard		
09 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma		
10 Wed	8:00am	Charles Snow	Girard		
11 Thurs	8:00am	Gerald White	Arma		
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma		
12 Fri	7:00am	Karen Davied	Girard		
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard		
13 Sat	4:00pm	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma		
	5:30pm	Stan Thomas	Girard		
14 Sun	8:00am	Bill & Linda Harman Family	Arma		
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard		

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend	
Saturday (11/13/21)	Sunday (11/14/21)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Bro & Kaleb Scales & Nolan Leonard	Aydin & Marli Sisney
E.M.E.: Janel Scales	Austin Smith
Lector: Donna Martin	Ryan Severt
Gifts: Jeanie Herod & Michele Meins	Rod & Barb Murphy

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