

St. Joseph 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

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.

LOOK WELL, AND YOU WILL SEE

[A] gospel like today's is not a gospel of doom. It is a gospel about distress, about pain, about dying.

That distress, however, is not the important thing. That pain is not the end. The dying is not the real sign.

Jesus made this clear in the parable he adds. In that story, he brings us before a tree that lost all its leaves during a drought or during wintertime.

He tells us: Look well, and you will see all over the tree small brown buds. You look at Jesus and you say: "So what?"

He says: "Keep looking, and you will see." And you do see some movement, change, life. The small buds open. The surrounding brown leaves give way. They crack, they bend, they break, they die. To them, this means disaster, the end, distress; yet new life is born, a pale green shoot. The old protecting leaves fall on the earth. They dry up in a sun that is darkening to them, fading away, while bringing new life to the shoot. Life and growth.

You might even use the more salient image in John [16:21], which is not bound to seasons like today's parable. It is the image in which Jesus compares the whole of creation to a woman giving birth. She is in pain, terrible pain. But it would be nonsense to only look at her pain, saying, how horrible, what distress, what drama. That pain is not the important thing. That distress is not the end. The pain is the sign of a new life being born. Once it is born, all that pain will be forgotten because of that new life.

Jesus teaches us how to look at the crumbling of the old world around us, at the falling away of so many things we are accustomed to. Jesus tells us how to interpret conflicts, wars, and starvation. He explains: "Be careful. Don't get confused. Don't let them frighten you! Don't worry! Keep going. In the end, all will be fine!"

Fr. Joseph Donders, *Praying and Preaching the Sunday Gospel*
Joseph G. Donders (d. 2013) was a member of the Missionaries of Africa and professor of mission studies at Washington Theological Union.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for November 13-21

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
Nov 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
15 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
16 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
17 Wed	8:00am	Charles Snow	Girard
18 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
19 Fri	7:00am	Karen Davied	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
20 Sat	4:00pm	Gerald White	Arma
	5:30pm	Charles Snow	Girard
21 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Stan Thomas	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (11/20/21)	Sunday (11/21/21)
4:00pm	8:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers Waterman	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME: Lindsay Waterman	Terry Cleland
Lector: Pat Westhoff	Carol Cole
Gifts: Agnes Goodman	Dave & Cindy Ashmore
Ushers: Joe Broyles & Mike Polhlopek	Dan Cole & Joyce Klinton

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 20,932.00
Expenses-October	\$ 3,541.14	\$ 18,772.15
Over/(Under)		\$ 2,159.85

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for December 11th at 6:30pm!

We're having a **Wine and Cheese night at SEAS** sharing the life-changing grace God's pouring out in Medjugorje!

Testimonies will be given from those who took part in this year's **Apostolate of Priestly Consecration's** pilgrimage, whose mission is to **provide priests free pilgrimages** to Medjugorje, and for whom Bishop Kemme has prayed and offered 42 masses for its success!

We'll have **hors-d'oeuvres and music to celebrate Mary** on this Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This will also be a **Fundraiser for Priests** with a *Silent Auction with items brought back and blessed by Mary in an apparition in Medjugorje as well as other services and items* - with all proceeds going to help the Apostolate bring priests to Medjugorje and Total Consecration.

3 pilgrimages are planned for both priests and laity during this 40th Anniversary year:

March 16-26, 2022, June 10th - 18th, 2022

and June 20th - 28th, 2022 - with 7 **priests already signed up**. So we already have a great need and rely completely on divine providence. All donations are tax deductible. **Please join us and come find out more about Medjugorje, God's rescue plan for our world, where every day for 40 years Mary has reportedly been appearing and giving messages!**

To find out more, to donate online, or to sign up for a pilgrimage - see priestlyconsecration.com or email Janet at miraclerosary@gmail.com

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

St. Paul's Group for widows, widowers, and single seniors will meet on Sunday, November 21st, at 1:00. Knight's of Columbus Hall, 11th and Joplin. Come enjoy dinner, bingo, prayer, and friendly companionship. Cost \$8.00. Hostesses: Dorothy Murphy, Mary Bow, and Mary Cashero.

FARM TOY SHOW

The 31st Annual Southeast Kansas 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, or 620-724-2743 or by email at napa_dave55@hotmail.com.

COPIES OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH READY

Copies of the HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH are now available in the back of the Church. Written originally by Marcel Normand in 2009, it has been updated with the arrival of all new priests who followed, beginning with Fr. Lawrence Carney in June, 2009. It has been updated this past June with the departure of Fr. Floyd McKinney and the arrival of Fr. Michael Klag. If you are someone who received the original copy earlier, all you will need are pages 16 & 17, near the full copies. If you've never received a copy, take a free copy as you leave.

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!

ARMA CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT

The Arma Christmas Cantata was cancelled last year but we were still able to provide 9 families including 35 children with groceries, Christmas stockings and gifts. Unfortunately, the Cantata is again cancelled this year but we will work with the Arma schools to provide a grocery bag and gifts for the children of selected families chosen by the school. We welcome donations. A box for donations will be located before Mass in the entry foyer of the Church Saturday and Sunday (20/21 and 27/28 November). Checks may be made to: Community Pantry, Arma Cantata Fund. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Be Prepared to Meet Him

Dn 12:1-3 / Heb 10:11-14, 18 / Mk 13:24-32

Since the day of the Ascension, people have been trying to predict when Jesus would come back. They have watched for signs and tried to warn others that "the time is near!" Today's Gospel suggests that that behavior is futile. Jesus says, "...of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Not even Jesus knows the moment of His return! This leaves us with a few lifestyle choices. We can live in constant fear, always worrying that we will be caught off-guard in our sinfulness. We can live in complete denial, putting off repentance until the very last moment. Or we can live every single day of our lives in preparation to meet the King. As His disciples, let us make every day fit for Him to see and at any moment be prepared to meet Him face to face!

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