

St. Michael Catholic Church

106 N. Western Ave.
Girard, KS 66743
(620)724-8717



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
In Case of Emergency: 316-619-5095

PARISH WEBSITE:
www.stmichaelgirard.com

STAFF Pastor: Fr. Mike Klag
Secretary: Faith Paoni
Bookkeeper: Janel Scales
Bulletin Editor: Janel Scales
jmscales414@gmail.com

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.

IN THE SIGHT OF SUCH LOVE

"You are my beloved . . . With you I am well pleased."

I find, even among people of faith, a certain reticence to being told they are God's beloved. We often sidestep the issue; "Well, God only loves Jesus like that, not me."

Even now, as you're reading this, you might be squirming a bit. It all feels a bit *soft*, a bit too *lenient*, a bit too *intimate*. After all, John the Baptist preached judgment, repentance, a little fire and brimstone—and the people were "filled with expectation" that he was the Christ. And then out of obscurity and into the water walked Jesus, meek and humble of heart, breaking not "a bruised reed" - and *he* was revealed to be God's Beloved Incarnation.

And from this bountiful sense of belovedness, Jesus heals the sick, forgives sinners, eats with outcasts, and spreads the Good News to all he encounters. He shares this sense of being God's beloved with us too, for we are baptized *into Christ*.

There's a wonderful icon, often called the "Harrowing of Hell," where the newly risen Christ breaks down the gates of hell and pulls Adam and Eve out of their graves. Below him, baptismal water flows, sanctifying the realm of the dead and despairing. Are Adam and Eve, dead for centuries, sunken in their sin, squirming at the sight of such love? No, they grab the hand of their beloved, who restores to them their own original belovedness. Today, in light of our own baptism, let's take Christ's hand, and follow their lead.

Michael J. Sanem

Michael J. Sanem, a former Bernardin Scholar at Catholic Theological Union, Ministers in Kansas City, where he lives with his wife and three sons. He writes regularly at incarnationiseverywhere.com.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 2,577.78	\$ 82,951.38
Expenses-December	\$ 9,516.86	\$ 82,815.07
Over/(Under)		\$ 136.31
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

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, Richard Mason, Herman Masser, Ronnie Michael, Bob Moore, Joseph Muia, John Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Sheila Reif, Tina Ruma, Dan Wendt, and David Westhoff 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!

VALUE THEM BOTH

You are invited to a presentation on "Value Them Both" by Father Bernie Gorges. It will be held on Friday, January 14th at 6:30pm in the St. Michael parish hall.

What is "Value Them Both?"

VALUE THEM BOTH is the proposed state constitutional amendment for life supported by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. The amendment is crucial because the Kansas Supreme Court recently created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion, including taxpayer-funded abortion, teens seeking an abortion without parental knowledge or consent and late-term abortions. Once passed, the VALUE THEM BOTH will help protect mothers and their unborn babies from the abortion industry. Please pray for passage of VALUE THEM BOTH.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Given in Baptism

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

In baptism, Jesus is given his public mission and ultimately, his destiny on the cross. Today's Gospel should lead us to ask, then, what were you and I given in baptism? The most important answer is redemption, but there is much more. We were given our identity in Jesus Christ. We were given a place to belong in God's Kingdom. We were given an indelible mark, making us members of the Body of Christ. We were given the Holy Spirit, and the gifts that He blesses us with. We were given grace! Some people approach baptism for their children out of obligation, but if they understood all that it meant, they might approach this sacrament with more enthusiasm! Jesus' baptism signifies his deep devotion to God and His plan for Salvation. Take some time today to reflect on your own baptism and all that it means to you!

EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

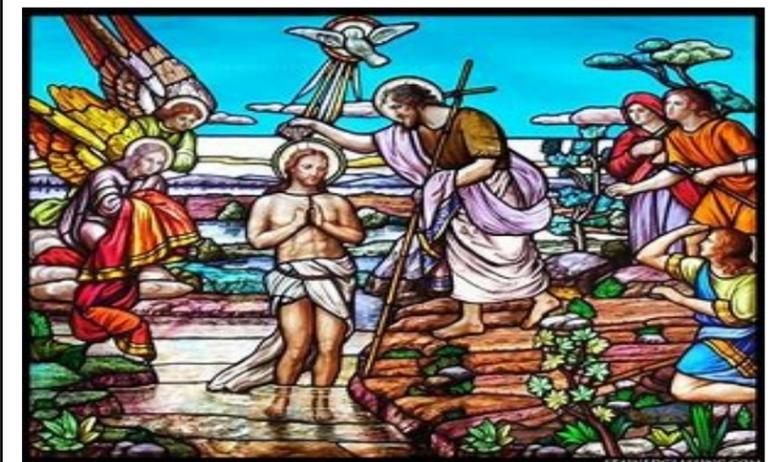
Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Mass Schedule and Intentions for January 8-16

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
Jan 08 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma
	5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
09 Sun	8:00am	Bill & Linda Harman Family	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
10 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
11 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
12 Wed	8:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
13 Thurs	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
14 Fri	7:00am	Elaine Sauer	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
15 Sat	4:00pm	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	5:30pm	Wayne & Betty Coomes	Girard
16 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Mary Lepoglow	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (01/15/22)	Sunday (01/16/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales	Aydin & Marli Sisney
E.M.E.: Janel Scales	Eileen Bland
Lector: Donna Martin	Denny Heidrick
Gifts: Kandell Amershek Family	Chris & Connie Sponsel

Farmers Bank
A BRANCH OF GOPPERT STATE SERVICE BANK
WALNUT | HEPLER | ST. PAUL | GIRARD
(620)354-6435 (620)368-4311 (620)449-2800 (620)724-4774

O'TOOLE CONSTRUCTION INC.
LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS
952 W. 47 HWY GIRARD, KS 66743
Improve Your Land-Increase Your Worth
Margaret O'Toole office 620-724-8536
Ronnie O'Toole 620-632-5165 620-724-2754 c
Tim O'Toole 620-724-8990 620-238-0430 c

CARPET · TILE · VINYL · HARDWOOD · CABINETS
FURNITURE · AREA RUGS · MATTRESSES · LIFT CHAIRS · RECLINERS & MORE!
Locally owned and operated in Brazilton KS for nearly 50 years!
DERAILED COMMODITY
FLOORING & FURNITURE
EST. 1967 620-395-2141

ESB EXCHANGE State Bank
108 E. St. John PO Box 187
Girard, KS 66743 620-724-4911
Banking with friends!
Go Mobile www.esbks.com
Member FDIC

PAINTED BARRELS
ON · THE · SQUARE
DECOR · GIFTS · VENDORS · CONSIGNMENT
127 S. Summit, Girard, KS
www.paintedbarrels.com

BEDENE FUNERAL HOME
Barry W. Bedene
517 East Washington
Arma, Kansas 66712
(620) 347-4200