

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

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

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

DEVOTION TO THE COVENANT

In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant is the humanity constructed piece of sanctuary furniture that symbolizes the divine presence of the Lord as Israel's covenant God. In Roman Catholic liturgy, the monstrance or ciborium containing the Body of Christ functions similarly. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, the monstrance is carried at the head of a procession of worshipers. This forms a ready analogy to the procession at the dedication of Solomon's Temple during which the Ark of the Covenant was transferred from the city of David to its resting place in the Holy of Holies (1 Kings 8, Monday). The symbolic character of the Ark depends on the faith of the worshipers. This cultic object must point to the divine reality that is present in the object but also transcends it. The temptation to treat the Ark as an end-in-itself is ever-present.

The procession with the Ark of the Covenant at the feast of Sukkot in the fall of the year (September-October) coincided with the start of the rainy season. Sukkot was a joyous seven-day celebration at the time of the grape and olive harvest, a celebration filled with gratitude for the Lord's bountiful gifts and with hope for the Lord's continued protection. The Ark, regarded as a footstool for the Lord as the Divine Warrior (Num 10:33-36) and Creator (1 Kgs 8:10-13), expressed the Israelites' belief that the Lord is the Sovereign Ruler who subdues the death-dealing forces of chaos and makes the world inhabitable.

The movement of the Ark into the Holy of Holies at the time of the dedication of the Temple supported the Israelites' belief that the Lord could answer all their needs. The cloud and glory of the Lord that overshadow the Ark accentuated the transcendent Lord's active intervention in the earthly sphere. These divine manifestations visualized how the eyes of faith are crucial to the recognition of the Ark as a symbolic object. The tablets of the Law placed in the chest-like structure of the Ark gave practical guidance for embracing the covenant relationship

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,979.20	\$ 95,096.98
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 82,815.07
Over/(Under)		\$ 12,281.91
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

(1 Kgs 8:9; cf. Exod 25:10-22).

Renowned as Solomon was for overseeing the building of the temple, and so much more, the Queen of Sheba praised his wealth and wisdom (1 Kgs 10:1-10). This text makes clear that the Lord as Gift-giver was fully capable of making life in the promised land into a utopia. But the narrative shortly thereafter indicates that Solomon was not able to sustain a heartfelt devotion to the Lord in the midst of such abundance. His marriages to foreign wives as part of treaties with surrounding nations led him to at least pay lip service to the deities of these nations and thus undermined his exclusive loyalty to the Lord (11:4-13). This sin of idolatry led to the eventual unraveling of Solomon's rule over the twelve tribes of Israel. The prophet Ahijah from Shiloh (1 Kgs 11:29-34), the place in which the Ark was kept in pre-monarchical times (1 Samuel 3), called Solomon to account for his idolatrous ways that focused more on the splendor of the earthly monarch than on the covenantal relationship with the heavenly Sovereign. Solomon's idolatrous actions support the criticism that the Canaanite architecture of the Temple tended to cover over the symbolism of the Ark rather than accent its holiness.

Then as now, trusting in objects or relationships over which we exercise some control can undermine the exclusive devotion that the Lord requires of us as covenant partners.

-Father Dale Launderville

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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, February 8th at the St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:30pm. All ladies of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parishes are invited. Daughters of Isabella is an International Organization of Catholic Women.

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, Tina Ruma, Anna Snow, 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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Be Not Afraid

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 5:1-11

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Simon to "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Perhaps a bit cranky and exhausted after having already fished all night with nothing to show for his labors, Simon suggests to Our Lord that doing as he says would simply be a waste of time. At this particular point in time, Simon, or Peter, was at a bit of a disadvantage compared to us, for he didn't yet fully know that Jesus was also God. Like Peter, we are also often asked by Jesus to perform tasks that we might be reluctant to perform; we might even be so bold as to think we know the better way. But the reassuring words that Jesus spoke to Peter, "Do not be afraid," are meant for us today, also. Let us not be afraid to cast our nets or to put out into deep water when we, too, are called by the Lord.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants. Your donation is desperately needed. The next blood drive to be held at St. Michael's Catholic Hall will be on Tuesday, February 8th from 11:30am to 5:30pm. If you are willing and able to donate, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) today to schedule your appointment.

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Mark your Calendars! Calling all Cursillistas and those interested in taking their faith to a deeper level! We are hosting a SEK gathering in Chanute, Sunday, February 20th, at 3:30 PM in the Knights Hall (325 W. 21st St). Our new Cursillo Chaplain, Fr. Jacob Carlin, will be joining us and it will serve as a time for old friends to reacquaint as well as an opportunity for those who would like to learn more about the Cursillo movement to gain information. We hope you will plan to join us and bring a snack to share, because when we meet, we eat! For more information about the Cursillo Experience in advance, handouts have been placed at the entrances of the church, or you can go to: <https://slcwichita.org/ministries/cursillo/>.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for February 5-13

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
Feb 05 Sat	4:00pm	Father Emil Kapaun	Arma
	5:30pm	Charley Lanzrath	Girard
06 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
07 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
08 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
09 Wed	8:00am	Elaine Sauer	Girard
10 Thurs	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
11 Fri	7:00am	Donna Little	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
12 Sat	4:00pm	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
13 Sun	8:00am	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (02/12/22)	Sunday (02/13/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales	Aydin & Marli Sisney
E.M.E.: Janel Scales	Linda Garrett
Lector: Donna Martin	Doug Lopeman
Gifts: Lenny & Anita Boatman	Michael & Joni Benso Family

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