

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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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.

BLESSED ARE YOU

[S]omewhere in life, we find ourselves facing walls that will not move. We have a child who needs special care now—and will need special care all their lives. We lose the savings of a lifetime and all the retirement plans go with them. We develop a chronic disease that will not end our life but will certainly limit it severely. We watch the business fail through no fault of our own but so far beyond us there's not a thing we can do to save it.

Now, we find ourselves new people. We have become the spiritual beggars we never before understood. Except that even begging is useless now. And we know it.

So for what do we pray at a time like this? In fact, why bother?

The questions are important ones. It is possible that there is nothing to pray for that can possibly happen. We are lost in the land of nowhere to go but God, not to change the circumstances of our lives but to change our whole attitude about what life is really about.

We learn now in the throes of a heavy heart that the grace simply to be may be one of the greatest graces of life. We discover in the silent arms of God that it is enough to be loved, to be understood, rather than "saved," from things that are their own kind of salvation.

Sickness saves us from glorifying the cosmetics of life.

Need saves us from isolating ourselves from the rest of the world.

The limitations of others save us from self-centeredness.

Powerlessness saves us from the sickness of arrogance.

Then, when we go to prayer we go, not to be given something but to be quiet, to develop a heartbeat of acceptance, to become the calm that is calming. Humility makes listeners of us. And in listening to everything that happens to us, we find God's word for us. Sr. Joan Chittister, *The Breath of the Soul*

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 3,852.50	\$ 98,949.48
Expenses-January	\$ 16,155.54	\$ 98,970.61
Over/(Under)		\$ (21.13)
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 350.00	

Teach Us to Pray Praying for Patience Fr. James Martin

Many of Jesus' parables are about slow growth. The tiny mustard seed that gradually turns into a large shrub. The farmer who plants his seeds and trusts they will sprout. The small amount of leaven that slowly raises the dough. In these parables, Jesus stresses not only God's ability to make something large out of something small but also the importance of waiting. And the importance of patience.

This is not a virtue that many of us have! Even when I'm waiting for a subway train a few minutes down the track, I find myself checking my watch. Why the hurry? It will come. A few more minutes on the platform won't hurt me.

Some of our rebellion against waiting may be a reluctance to admit we are not in control. We can't make the seed grow any faster than it is meant to—nor can we make it sprout. But instead of seeing it as something we cannot do, why not see it as something God can do? God can create things that are better, fuller, and greater than we could ever imagine. But it takes time. And dwelling in that time takes patience.

What happens when you find yourself unable to dwell in that time? This is yet another occasion where prayer can be so helpful. "Give me patience, Lord," is one of my favorite prayers. Or as a friend once joked to me, "Give me patience, Lord . . . right away!"

James Martin is a Jesuit priest, editor at America Magazine, and author of many books, including The recently published Learning to Pray: A Guide For Everyone and In All Seasons, For All Reasons, A collection drawn from this column in Give Us This Day.



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

Blessed Are You

Jer 17:5-8 / 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 / Lk 6: 17, 20-26

Today's Gospel introduces us to what are commonly understood as the beatitudes, or the Sermon on the Mount. When Jesus says, "Blessed are you..." one might just as easily substitute the word "happy" for "blessed". Our lives are often spent in search of the next big thrill, achievement, or accomplishment, simply because we think it will bring us happiness. But Jesus shows us that happiness is not to be realized in the mere pursuit of pleasures like fine dining, entertainment, and admiration. Happiness is actually found in the little things of life, even when it involves suffering, if we first seek the Kingdom of God.

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/>.

ST. PAUL'S GROUP

Weather permitting the St. Paul's Group (widows, widowers, and single seniors) will meet on Sunday, February 20, at 1:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. (11th and Joplin, Pittsburg). Dinner, Bingo, and prayer. Food, fun, and companionship. Hostesses will be Midge Barley, Madeline Smith, and Sherry White. Questions call 620-231-4594.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for February 12-20

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
Feb 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
14 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
15 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
16 Wed	8:00am	Mary Dean Sandler	Girard
17 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
18 Fri	7:00am	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
19 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard
20 Sun	8:00am	Danny Black	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (02/19/22)	Sunday (02/20/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Carly Reif & Nolan Leonard	Sara Goble & Kaila Karhoff
E.M.E.: Carrie Smith	Anna Goble
Lector: Teresa Davenport	Ruth Duling
Gifts: Linda DeGarmo & Marilyn Bradshaw	Joe & Kim Curran Family

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