

# 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  
Rectory: (620)724-8717  
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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.

## THE BATTLE WITH SATAN

After his baptism Jesus confronts the devil in the desert. It would be a mistake to see this scene as a prelude or preparation for his ministry. This scene is his ministry. It expresses in dramatic terms what the mission of Jesus is about. Jesus came into this world to defeat evil, to oppose all that is against God's will. The devil in this scene represents the evil of the world which Jesus intends to destroy. This becomes more obvious when we understand that the Greek word in this text (which we usually translate as "temptation") literally means "test" or "contest." The devil comes not so much to tempt Jesus as to fight with him. This scene is a struggle, a battle with evil.

Subsequent scenes in Jesus' ministry continue the contest. When Jesus heals a man who is crippled, he is not simply performing an action of kindness for an unfortunate individual. He is declaring that it is God's intention to destroy every sickness, to eliminate whatever cripples human life. When Jesus heals a blind man, he is not just ministering to an individual who cannot see. He is declaring God's intention to eradicate every kind of blindness—the blindness that places greed above service or violence above love, the blindness that chooses coercion over respect and dialogue. These scenes are further engagements in the battle begun when Jesus first faces the devil in the desert.

Our faith stands on the conviction that the cross and resurrection of Jesus has struck the definitive blow against Satan and has inaugurated the ultimate defeat of evil. But that defeat is not yet complete. Even though the devil's back is broken, he continues to crawl through our world, spreading lies and discord. His final defeat will not occur until Jesus returns on the last day and destroys every evil forever. Until that day, our job is to take up Jesus'

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,280.20	\$ 109,515.68
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 98,970.61
Over/(Under)		\$ 10,545.07
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

mission, to fight with him against the evil that surrounds us, to undermine the power of evil in our world.

On the last day, we will be called before the Lord to give an accounting of our life. If we stand before him and say, "You know, I said my prayers, and I tried to be as holy a person as I could be," Jesus might say in reply: "Good. But did you contribute to the destruction of evil? Did you fight at my side against all that is opposed to God's will? Did you attach injustice, or did you ignore it? Did you oppose racism, or did you tolerate it? Did you reject violence, or did you feed it? It will be unfortunate for us, if that last day is the first time we realize that this is the work Jesus expects us to undertake.

Being a disciple of Jesus is taking up the battle against evil. It is more than avoiding sin. It is helping to create a new world. Following Christ is more than keeping ourselves pure. It is standing with Christ, facing the devil in the eye, and saying, "Your power stops with me."

*Fr. George M. Smiga, STD, teaches at St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology and speaks frequently on the topics of Scripture and homiletics. Author of the recently released book Angels in the Bible, his website is Building on the Word: A Resource for Scripture, Culture, and Faith.*

## K OF C COUNCIL #3316 FAMOUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will be serving their Famous Fish Fry at St. Bridget's Parish Hall in Scammon, KS on March 11, 18 & 25, April 1 & 8. The dinner consists of 4 shrimp and 2 pieces of catfish, baked potato with butter and creamy slaw for \$15.00. Utensils, napkins, cocktail and tartar sauce provided. Grilled cheese available upon request for \$2.00. Please call 918-694-4785 for carryout orders or information. Drive thru format only at St. Bridget's Parish Hall in Scammon, starting at 6:00pm.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" your clocks an hour next weekend!

## 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, Josie Oplotnik, David Peak, Betty Purdon, Frank Purdon, Tina Ruma, Anna Snow, 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](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Do Not Be Deceived

*Deut 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13*

Satan is often called the Father of Lies — the Great Deceiver. In today's Gospel, we see how Satan tempts Our Lord with lies and deceptions only to discover that Jesus is no ordinary man. Sadly, what Satan tried to deceive Our Lord with are the same empty offerings that Satan often uses to this day to tempt ordinary men. Promises of possessions, power, and invincibility are his most common tools of deceit. When the devil had finished tempting Our Lord, he departed from him, for a time. Now obviously, we know that even death on the cross would not bring Satan a victory and that in the end, God proved to be victorious. Truly, we too will be tempted in this life. The world, and the devil, will make us promises that cannot be fulfilled. But God will make promises that will always be kept. For our part, we must strive to resist the allure of empty promises and seek that which is truly good and truly from God.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next D of I meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th at St. Francis Parish Hall, St. Paul, KS at 6:30pm. All ladies from St. Michael and St. Joseph parishes are invited. Hostesses are Marlene Clark, Frances Bohrer, and Tammy Goodyear.

## MARCH 8 & 9 MASS SCHEDULE

There will be no 8am Mass on Tuesday, March 8th or Wednesday, March 9th.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Tuesday during Lent, starting March 8th and ending on April 12th, there will be three activities offered at St. Joseph in Arma to help nourish our souls and bodies.  
Activity I: Via Dolorosa Outdoor Garden Stations—3:30pm  
Activity II: Formal Stations in the Church—5:30pm  
Activity III: Dinner in parish hall 4:30pm-7:00pm

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for March 5-13

Mar 05 Sat	4:00pm	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
	5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
06 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Pat Jr & Vera Diskin	Girard
07 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
08 Tues	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
09 Wed	8:00am	NO MASS	Girard
10 Thurs	8:00am	Fr. Emil Kapaun	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
11 Fri	7:00am	Elaine Sauer	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Girard
12 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma
	5:30pm	Wayne & Betty Coomes	Girard
13 Sun	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (03/12/22)	Sunday (03/13/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales	Aydin & Marli Sisney
E.M.E.: Janel Scales	Chris Sponsel
Lector: Donna Martin	Connie Sponsel
Gifts: Dave & Linda Garrett	Steve & Jeanne Davied

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