

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.

COUNTING THE STARS

In his account of the Transfiguration, St. Luke describes our kindred spirits: the hapless early disciples. They follow Jesus with baffled hearts. Peter, James, and John see, but they don't get it, even when they become "fully awake." But neither do we, most times. In Luke's telling, Jesus doesn't warn his friends to keep what they've seen secret. They just fall silent. They say nothing. But seriously, would we do any better? Would we get Jesus?

I read once that the initial builders of Notre Dame de Paris knew they would not live to see their work completed. What enviable faith! Centuries later, a college student abroad feeling worldly and agnostic, I visited Notre Dame. I'd happened upon a Sunday afternoon organ recital. I knelt, transfixed by the cathedral's ancient incensed majesty. My senses overtaken by the presence of God, by sight and sound so immense and soaring. I found myself crying. I didn't grasp it that day, but I suspect God knew I needed to be awestruck.

Maybe we confused and tepid believers occasionally need Jesus to take us up to the mountain. Maybe we need a sign from above, a dazzling face on someone we thought we knew, a commanding voice from a shining cloud that envelops us.

An incarnate faith lives between intimacy and awe. Between the "earthly things" that worry St. Paul and the sky full of countless stars over Abram's head, we balance as close friends with a God who amazes us.

Valerie Schultz is a freelance writer and essayist. She is author of the award-winning book Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 5,167.00	\$ 114,682.68
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 98,970.61
Over/(Under)		\$ 15,712.07
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 250.00	

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 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.

SEK Ultreya:

St. Andrew Parish, in Independence, will be hosting Ultreyas for area Cursillistas and those interested in Cursillo. The goal is to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month in the St. Andrew Parish Center. Mark your calendars now for Thursday, March 17th at 6:30 PM. Marlene Bannwarth will be our speaker, sharing her faith journey and providing us with some insight on new the Cursillo Weekend structure. Please bring a snack to share, because when we meet we eat! For those interested in attending a Cursillo: the next Women's Weekend will be April 28th - May 1st and the Men's Weekend is scheduled for June 16th - 19th.

SERRA CLUB

Serra Club is coming to Southeast Kansas. Serrans are lay Catholics - men and women of all ages and from all walks of life: lawyers, doctors, accountants, business people, nurses, engineers, sales people, clerks, retirees etc., all dedicated to promote and foster vocations for the priesthood and religious life.

Would you like to know more about praying and promoting vocations within the Catholic church? Come and join us for a brief Come and See Gathering hosted by Serra Club at our Lady of Lourdes Activity Center, 909 N Elm in Pittsburg. Saturday, March 26th 3:30-4:30 or 6:30-7:30.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Totus Tuus is scheduled for the week of July 17-22, 2022. More information to come!

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. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Transfigured and Transformed

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:20-4:1 / Lk 9:28B-36

Perhaps we may find it odd that the Apostles did not always seem to be aware of exactly who Jesus was. In fact, it took some time for most of them to recognize that Jesus was more than just an inspired rabbi. In time, Peter would be the first to profess that Jesus was the Christ, the Living Son of God made man. And yet, he still didn't always get it. In today's Gospel, after Peter sees Jesus transfigured and conversing with Moses and Elijah, his initial reaction is that they should put up three tents, symbolic of his temporal nature in this temporal world. This suggestion seems to be at odds with Peter's own profession just a few days earlier that Jesus is the Christ. It would not be the last time that Peter would stumble in his recognition of the Divinity of Jesus, and yet, Jesus would entrust him with the keys to the Church! Let us also remember all we have been entrusted with! Our Lord trusts us, like Peter, to be stewards of His church and one another. He wishes to use our discipleship to transform us from the ordinary to the extraordinary, from the temporal to the eternal.

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

LENTEN PRAYER

God our Father, your will is that everyone be saved and no one be lost. You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance. Grant that we may so follow Christ in love that our lives may help others and our weakness never hinder them. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

-The Glenstal Book of Prayer

Mass Schedule and Intentions for March 12-20

Mar 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
14 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
15 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
16 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
17 Thurs	8:00am	Ursula Sue Parsons	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
18 Fri	7:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Girard
19 Sat	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma
	5:30pm	Mary Ann Lepoglow	Girard
20 Sun	8:00am	Violet Pazzie	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (03/19/22)	Sunday (03/20/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Sara Goble & Nolan Leonard	Seth Wilson & Jaxton Smith
E.M.E.: Rachel Ausemus	Marilyn McCracken
Lector: Linda Moore	Beth Wilson
Gifts: Mark & Katy Karhoff Family	Ron & Jeanette Davied

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