

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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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.

ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph's part in the nativity story is a familiar feature of every Christmas pageant. But for many centuries the Church paid him scant attention. Only in the sixteenth century did the Church officially encourage his cult, as St. Joseph began to figure as an ideal "provider and protector" of the Holy Family. In 1870 Pius IX declared him Patron of the Universal Church. Besides his feast day on March 19, an additional feast for St. Joseph the Worker was assigned by Pope Pius XII on May 1.

After Joseph and Mary were betrothed, Mary was discovered to be pregnant. Matthew's Gospel relates the story from Joseph's perspective. Here, the discovery of Mary's pregnancy precedes any divine reassurance, thus presenting Joseph with a terrible dilemma. According to the law, Mary should be stoned to death. But Joseph, "being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame," resolves to divorce her quietly. Fortunately, an angel appears in Joseph's sleep to explain the source of Mary's condition, and he is apparently satisfied. After Jesus' birth, Joseph is alerted in another dream to the threat from King Herod, and so leads his family to safety in Egypt.

Aside from his virtues as a father and man of faith, Joseph is also a poor workingman—a detail not without significance in the Gospels. Though linked to the house of David, he remains a carpenter from a Galilean town so miniscule that it serves as the butt of jokes. Thus, while Joseph recedes from the Gospel story, he remains a reminder of Jesus' humble origins—and an enduring reminder of his humanity.

"Is this not the carpenter's son?" -Matthew 13:55

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 3,135.55	\$ 117,818.23
Expenses-February	\$ 11,647.65	\$ 110,618.26
Over/(Under)		\$ 7,199.97
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

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 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. 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.



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

Fruitless Trees

Ex 3:1-8A, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

A seemingly minor player in today's Gospel is the fig tree that does not bear fruit. The owner of the orchard wants to cut it down because it is exhausting the soil. The gardener, however, asks for the opportunity to give the tree special attention, to cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. This, brothers and sisters, is discipleship! We are surrounded by fruitless fig trees...some of us may even BE the fruitless tree! Discipleship does not mean we stand and stare and complain about a tree's lack of fruit. It doesn't mean grumbling about the way it is exhausting the soil. Discipleship means helping that fig tree thrive by caring for it. Like the gardener, we have to get our hands dirty as we nurture the tree and help it bear fruit. This means praying for and with one another, going to Mass together, and discovering the unique "fruits" God has placed within each of us. Just as the fig tree cannot fertilize itself, neither can we alone sustain ourselves. Discipleship means recognizing others as gift and supporting one another.

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

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN & VALUE THEM BOTH

On Sunday, March 27th, the Knights of Columbus will be leading a rosary before the 10:00am Mass for the unborn babies and that "Value Them Both" will be voted into law.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Mass Schedule and Intentions for March 19-27				
Mar 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	
21 Mon		NO MASS	Girard	
22 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma	
23 Wed	8:00am	Regina Butler	Girard	
24 Thurs	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma	
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma	
25 Fri	7:00am	Mary Ann Lepoglow	Girard	
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard	
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Girard	
26 Sat	4:00pm	Joe Maghe	Arma	
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard	
27 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma	
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard	

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (03/26/22)	Sunday (03/27/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Brandon Leritz & Carly Reif	Isabella & Elijah Walsh
E.M.E.: Linda DeGarmo	Linda Garrett
Lector: Mary Twarog	Doug Lopeman
Gifts: Chris & Mary Leritz Family	Rick & Barb Duling

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