

St. Joseph 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

Before all Masses, anytime by appointment

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www.stjosepharma.com

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Thursdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm

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

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

THE JOY OF THE PARTY

Jesus told the glorious parable of the prodigal son because his enemies “complained” at this partying with sinners. The Greek word is more fun: it has a rumbling sound, and evokes the complainers’ inarticulate muttering and mumbling. What Jesus is doing makes no sense, holding parties for sex workers and filthy collaborators with the enemy. Of course not. He embodies a new way of being alive. Paul says, “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.”

In our cautious, risk-averse world, where people look over their shoulders nervously at lawyers, government inspectors, and journalists, do we dare to do crazy things that will certainly be misunderstood? We have not begun to preach until we have done things which seem a bit mad. Imagine two mad things you can do for Lent. Inviting the local sex workers to a party might be a start. What would be another?

What liberates the imagination from the “old creation” is the joy of the party. Imagine everyone dancing in a circle, perhaps around the young man who has come home! The older brother, sulking on the edge, fears to surrender his resentment, of which he is the center. Herbert McCabe, OP, wrote, “We are the kind of being that finds its fulfillment, its happiness and flourishing only in giving itself up and getting beyond itself.” Sin is being a wallflower on the edge of the dance of the New Creation.

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe
Timothy Radcliffe, OP, is former master general of the Order of Preachers and author of Stations of the Cross (with art by Martin Erspamer, OSB) as well as Alive in God: A Christian Imagination.

COLLECTIONS		
	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,042.00	\$ 44,232.29
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 41,411.62
Over/(Under)		\$ 2,820.67

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 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 Ultreva:

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.

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 in Girard, for the unborn babies and that “Value Them Both” will be voted into law.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Baby Tucker, Scott Aldrighetti, Jan Harman, Bob Lauck, Lisa Pitts Martin, Margaret Setina, and Randy VanLeeuwen 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

Reckless Love

Jos 5:9A, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Today we read the parable of the prodigal son — a familiar story to most of us. We have learned to study the three main characters in the story: the unconditionally forgiving father, the righteous older son, and the sinful younger son. Chances are, each time we read this story, we find that we relate to a different character. But let’s consider this story from a stewardship perspective. The younger son took all the gifts he was given and spent them selfishly and sinfully. He thought he was living life to the fullest, but quickly found that to be untrue. The older son protected the gifts he received out of obedient devotion to his father but, in the end, he seems to resent doing so. Only the father in this story gives recklessly. He gives abundantly of himself, knowing how each son will react to the gifts, and he forgives in incredible proportions when the boys realize their mistakes. It is the father who disciplines his sons and it is he whom we should emulate each day of our lives. Being fully alive as disciples means receiving the gifts we’ve been given and sharing them in incredible proportions!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Tuesday during Lent, 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

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12th at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:00pm. To celebrate our 99th anniversary we will have a salad dinner. Deserts will be provided by hostesses. A rosary was said for Betty Schettler, deceased. State D of I Conference will be held at All Saints Parish in Wichita on March 25-26.

CONFIRMATION

Owen and Gianna Waterman will have their Confirmation on March 30th at 6:30 at Our Lady Of Lourdes in Pittsburg if anyone from the St. Joseph Parish would like to attend. The SJ parish have watched these 2 grow up from infants and they represent the amazing Catholic youth and our Parish.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for March 26-April 3					
Mar 26 Sat	4:00pm	Joe Maghe	Arma	5:30pm	Donna Little
27 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma	10:00am	Pro Populo
28 Mon		NO MASS	Girard		
29 Tues	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma		
30 Wed	8:00am	Mary Davied	Girard		
31 Thurs	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Apr 01 Fri	7:00am	Rosemary O’Toole	Girard	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Girard		
02 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma	5:30pm	Gerald Davied
03 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma	10:00am	Elaine Sauer

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend	
Saturday (04/02/22)	Sunday (04/03/22)
4:00pm	8:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Cody & Tyler Burns
EME: Linda Carpino	Joan Black
Lector: Anna Meyer	Joe Broyles
Gifts: Margaret Setina & Gay Kranker	Mike & Janet Ashbacher
Ushers: Volunteers	Ron Black & Mike Ashbacher

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