

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.

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	\$ 2,035.25	\$ 119,853.48
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 110,618.26
Over/(Under)		\$ 9,235.22
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 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.

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. Desserts 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.

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

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, 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.

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

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend	
Saturday (04/02/22)	Sunday (04/03/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Trevor & August Amershek	Evan & Quin Sisney & Aiden Ashbacher
E.M.E.: Carrie Smith	Austin Smith
Lector: Teresa Davenport	Ryan Severt
Gifts: Wayne & Ruth Leritz	Jerry & Diane Hanson

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