

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.

A NEW KIND OF FREEDOM

Where was he? Where was the man caught in adultery with this woman? No one commits this particular sin on his or her own. Indeed, the scribes and Pharisees say they caught the woman *in the very act* of adultery. Someone must have been with her. Where was he now?

I wonder if Jesus asked that question himself, if that's what he pondered as he scribbled in the sand. The law these men self-righteously cite is clear: In cases of adultery "both the man and the woman . . . shall die" (Deut 22:22). Yet they brought her, and her alone, to stand in shame. The hypocrisy is thick. The injustice is evident. And Jesus would have none of it.

In refusing to play their game, Jesus confronted the social structures, legal disparities, and cultural norms that would shield a man but stone a woman. This is not what God wants, his actions seem to say. Standing up to the crowd, Jesus questioned the conventional - tearing down the façade of fairness we tack up in our desperate attempt to hide the mess we make of the world.

But in pointing out injustice, Jesus didn't try to round up all the guilty parties. He didn't demand that the man be punished with equal force. That's *our* notion of justice. Instead, Jesus let everyone go, and so offered a new kind of freedom. What he said to the woman, he says to us - faithful disciples, Pharisees and scribes that we are—"Go . . . and sin no more."

Edward P. Hahnenberg
Edward P. Hahnberg, PhD, is the author of several books, including Theodore Hesburgh: Bridge Builder and Theology for Ministry: An Introduction for Lay Ministers. He is the Breen Chair in Catholic Theology at John Carroll University.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,906.70	\$ 121,760.18
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 110,618.26
Over/(Under)		\$ 11,141.92
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 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.

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 was held at All Saints Parish in Wichita on March 25-26.

CONFESSION TIMES

**Sunday, April 3rd - St. Michael's at 3:00pm
**Tuesday, April 5th - St. Joseph's at 6:00pm
**Friday, April 8th - St. Michael's at 6:30pm
**Sunday, April 10th - St. Michael's at 3:00pm
**Wednesday, April 13th - St. Michael's at Noon
**Friday, April 15th - After Veneration of the Cross at St. Joseph's

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, April 12th - NO 8am Mass at St. Joseph
**Wednesday, April 13th - St. Michael at 8am
**Holy Thursday, April 14th - Mass of Our Lord's Supper at St. Michael at 7pm (NO 8am Mass or Adoration at St. Joseph)
**Good Friday, April 15th - Veneration of the Cross at St. Joseph at Noon and St. Michael at 7pm
**Holy Saturday, April 16th - Easter Vigil Mass at St. Michael at 8:30pm (NO 4pm Mass at St. Joseph or 5:30pm Mass at St. Michael)
**Easter Sunday, April 17th - Mass of our Lord's Resurrection at St. Joseph at 8am and at St. Michael at 10am

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

Something Old, Something New

Isaiah 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / John 8:1-11

"Praise Be Jesus Christ!" This was the greeting you would receive from the Discalced Carmelites that lived in our diocese not long ago, whether in writing, in person or over the phone. Coming from a nun, it doesn't sound so surprising, but what if it came from your tongue? From the tongue of every believer? I'd bet the devil would be beside himself! People might even wonder why you would even say such a thing. Why would *you* say such a thing? Could you say such a thing? Give an answer as to why you believe, as we profess in the Nicene Creed every Sunday, "in one Lord Jesus Christ"? In today's Gospel, a woman is allegedly caught in the very act of adultery, and will be stoned to death, according to the law of Moses. Talk about despair! Fortunately, the Pharisees did something right, unknowingly, and brought the woman to the only judge in all of creation that can weigh the heart perfectly. Isaiah, in the first reading exhorts, "see, I am doing something new!" The Pharisees escort the woman in with the *old law*, and Jesus "springs forth" with the *new law*, mercy! There is a good chance she wants to know who just saved her from certain death. Guess what? Jesus did the same thing for you and I, and together with the woman, we are "Given" new life, and can proclaim—"Praise Be Jesus Christ!"

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The K of C will meet in the St. Michael parish hall on Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for April 2-10

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
Apr 02 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma
	5:30pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
03 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Elaine Sauer	Girard
04 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
05 Tues	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
06 Wed	8:00am	Donna Little	Girard
07 Thurs	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	8:30am-12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
08 Fri	7:00am	Mary Lepoglow	Girard
	8:00am-6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
09 Sat	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Girard
	4:00pm	John Schaub	Arma
10 Sun	5:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (04/09/22)	Sunday (04/10/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Broc & Kaleb Scales	Sara Goble & Kaila Karhoff
E.M.E.: Janel Scales	Anna Goble
Lector: Donna Martin	Ruth Duling
Gifts: Jeanie Herod & Michele Meins	Mary Ann Heidrick & Denny Heidrick

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