

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.

THIS IS HEAVEN

A question I regularly pose to children when teaching catechesis: "How do you imagine heaven?" Actually, I like asking young people and adults the same question. How can we speak about something we have never seen? How can we describe that which escapes our understanding because it is beyond even our most sophisticated categories? Yet everyone seems to have something to say about heaven.

Heaven is like a fiesta, a banquet, or a playground. Heaven is like a day at the beach, a trip to the mountains, or a retreat by a lake. Heaven is like gathering with friends or being with those we love most. Heaven is being in the presence of God. Nothing else matters.

The Book of Revelation describes the celestial Jerusalem as being radiant like a precious stone, high walls, twelve gates guarded by angels, with solid foundations. What a wonderful imagery. But the overall theme of this Sunday's readings seems to suggest that, more than a place or a pleasant image, heaven is peace. Not the peace we build with our human efforts, but peace as the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

When the Spirit is present, division is no more; then we experience God's peace. When the Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts, we know who God is and what God wants for us; then we experience peace divine.

One day a young person answered my question saying, "For me heaven is to know that God wants me to be better every day." That's it, heaven on earth; peace in the Spirit.

Hosffman Ospino is associate professor of theology and education at Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry.

COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2021 to Date
Contributions	\$ 4,305.38	\$ 150,807.38
Expenses	\$ -	\$ 128,524.13
Over/(Under)		\$ 22,283.25
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

SERRA

Serra in Southeast Kansas will meet on Wednesday June 8th from 6-7pm at St Pius X Catholic Student Center on PSU Campus (Newman Club) 301A E. Cleveland, Pittsburg. Fr David Voss, a priest for the Diocese of Wichita, will be our speaker. All are welcome. For more information please call Angela at 620-870-9580 or email vowel-la@gmail.com

22ND ANNUAL MIDWEST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

"For the Life of the World". Start a new family tradition by coming to the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 5-7 in Wichita, KS. Listen to great speakers and take advantage of daily mass, adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic procession. Save up to \$30 with Early Bird Registration by June 28. Register online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

As a part of the world-wide and diocesan Synod on Synodality, St. Bridget in Scammon will be hosting a **Regional Synodal Experience on May 25th from 6:00-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall**. All parishioners from surrounding parishes are invited to attend this event.

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "Journeying together" happening today in your parish community? What steps does the Holy Spirit invite the Church to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?

This will be a chance for you to have the opportunity to pray, reflect, and share your experiences with a small group. The fruit that will come from these discussions will be used to help our parishes and diocese become more aware of where the Holy Spirit is leading us and where we are being called to grow in Synodality.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19g76oC8Aa4Eu2yRsYp0nJZvTc7fdCQpw0xrIVKfJLR8/edit>

For more information about the Synod and for a list of other regional gatherings around the diocese, please visit <https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/synod/>

If you have any questions, please email the Diocesan Synod Team at synod@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Mary Daved, 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!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Memorial Day Mass at St. Aloysius in Greenbush on May 30, 2022 at 10:am. Legion at 9:am.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Controlled Burn

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

Happy Easter! Occasionally, our faith will be challenged and our peace disturbed by something we witness or hear. Have you ever experienced a "controlled burn"? Here in Kansas, it is a common occurrence. It could be a pile of wood, an acre, or hundreds of acres. It is a sight to see, and the heat it produces can be overwhelming. It is just so powerful! Then, it happens. A flame or ember gets away. The next thing you know it isn't a controlled burn. Peace quickly escapes with the rogue fire. In today's first reading, the early Church was confronted with a one of those rogue fires—"unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." What resulted was the Council of Jerusalem. Sometimes, it is necessary to fight fire with fire. The fire of the Holy Spirit can move quickly, too, and did back then, as it does in our time. Discussion ensued and blossomed into Church teaching. When the peace of Christ escapes you, remember what our Lord said, "do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." God is always in control, even when the fire gets away.

SEK Ulteva:

St. Andrew Parish, in Independence, will be hosting Ultevas 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 Men's Weekend is scheduled for June 16th - 19th.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for May 21-29

May 21 Sat	4:00pm	Seniors	Arma
	5:30pm	Donna Little	Girard
22 Sun	8:00am	Ted Yoakam	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
23 Mon		NO MASS	Girard
24 Tues	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
25 Wed	8:00am	Regina Butler	Girard
26 Thurs	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
27 Fri	7:30am	Donna Little	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
28 Sat	4:00pm	Jean Wilson	Arma
	5:30pm	Mary Ann Lepoglow	Girard
29 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (05/28/22)	Sunday (05/29/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Aydin & Marli Sisney	Sara Goble & Kaila Karhoff
E.M.E.: Makayla Ausemus	Anna Goble
Lector: Nancy Bauer	Ruth Duling
Gifts: Dave & Mary Twarog	Hank & Carrie Smith

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