

# 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  
Rectory: (620)724-8717  
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**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
www.stmichaelgirard.com

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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.

## XENOPHILIA

Most dictionaries do not include the word “xenophilia” (love of strangers) in their listing because, unfortunately, there are few occasions in which the word is used. They do admit “xenophobia” (fear of strangers) because this is something that many of us learn from an early age. Those who are different are strange, foreign, alien, and presumably hostile—and, therefore, best avoided.

How different is the attitude shown by Abraham, who begs the strangers to allow him to take care of them. And he goes to considerable trouble to make good his offer. However, the story does not end there. The strangers leave behind an incomparable gift for Abraham and Sarah: the promise of a son.

Real hospitality involves reciprocity: both parties give and both receive. Of the household in Bethany, one part gives (Martha), and one part receives (Mary). While Martha busies herself taking care of Jesus, he in turn takes care of Mary, feeding her with the warming words that flow from his mouth.

Pope Francis is tireless in exhorting us to go out from our safe havens into the margins, to look for the stranger, the immigrant, and the poor and to take care of them. But the story does not end there. When we practice self-forgetful hospitality, we quickly discover that we also are its beneficiaries. Our care and loving concern are mysteriously and abundantly repaid by the One who was hungry and was fed by us.

If, at our funeral, we are lauded for our xenophilia, then our friends can be comfortably assured that in our lives we have passed the ultimate test, and now enjoy the hospitality of heaven.

Fr. Michael Casey, a Cistercian monk of Tarrawarra Abbey in Australia, is a retreat master, lecturer, and the author of many books, including *The Promise of Deliverance: Reading Second Isaiah*, *Coenobium: Reflections on Monastic Community*, and *The Road to Eternal Life*.

## COLLECTIONS

	Last Week	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$ -
Building Fund Contributions	\$ -	

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### Gifted Martha

*Gn 18:1-10a / Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 / Col 1:24-28 / Lk 10:38-42*  
Imagine Jesus and Martha from today’s Gospel speaking with one another, “Martha, Martha, have you not read how when Abraham was approached by three strangers, he dropped everything he was doing, and prepared a feast?” “Yes my Lord, I know the story well.” “Martha, Abraham didn’t take it on himself to do all the work himself, he delegated, and invited others into his mission. He surely would have depleted himself, and his effort to make the strangers welcome would have been a different experience altogether.” Abraham needed help, so he went and got help. Martha needed help, but demanded our Lord to tell Mary to help. Just like Abraham and Martha, we all need help. We have all been given different gifts through the power of the Holy Spirit to help in our own, capable way. Our Diocese is providing a great opportunity to discover your gifts that can be put in the service of others through Called and Gifted. Do you want to discover how the Holy Spirit wants to work through you? Visit [www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/stewardship/called-and-gifted](http://www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org/stewardship/called-and-gifted) to learn more. If you have difficulties—ask for help!

## TEACHERS NEEDED FOR PSR

St. Michael's Parish School of Religion is in need of several teachers for this coming school year. At the present time, we need 1 Elementary teacher (Wed. 2-3:30pm) and at least 2 teachers for the Middle school and High School grades (Wed. 7-8pm) and we are always in need of substitute teachers. If your time is available at these times, please prayerfully consider helping our parish in this important ministry! Any Religion teacher you ask will tell you that they have grown and learned so much during their time teaching and I am right there to help in any way! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Graham at 620-875-6133.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The D of I, St. Luke’s Circle will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9th at St. Francis Parish Hall, St. Paul, KS. All members are asked to bring school supplies to be donated. All ladies from St. Michael’s and St. Joseph’s parishes are welcome!

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Audrey Casassa, Jerry Davenport, Mary Davied, Gary Dowling, Rosemary Gardner, Fred & Marjorie Giefer, Jessica Goff, Lisa Goff, 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](mailto:jmscales414@gmail.com). Thank you!

## TOTUS TUUS

Let's welcome the Totus Tuus four-person team with our great St. Michael's hospitality! They will arrive on Saturday, July 16 and depart on Friday, July 22. During their stay with us they will provide fun activities for our youth and help our youth grow in their relationships with the Lord as they learn about prayer, our Father, and the Luminous Mysteries. We also need volunteers to provide lunches and dinners for the four-person instruction team. Lunches will need to be brought to the parish hall and dinners may be brought there or provided in your home. Getting to meet and visit with these inspirational young adults is always a joy! We are blessed with a parish the size to accommodate these needs with each family only needing to take one one meal or task. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance of the church or feel free to contact Beth Wilson 620-724-3380 by text or call. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

Permission forms are also available at the church entrance to register your youth. There is no charge, but it would be appreciated if you could send a snack that your child enjoys that will be shared and offered at snack breaks (fruit, package of cookies, chips, crackers, fruit snacks, etc). Our youth are invited to bring friends and share their faith and fun. Students attending Totus Tuus during the day will also need to bring their own lunch. Schedule for classes at the parish hall during the week of July 17-22, 2022 is: 1st-6th grade - 9:00-3:00 Monday-Friday and 7th-high school - 7:30-9:45 PM Sunday-Thursday.

## MASS SCHEDULE—TOTUS TUUS WEEK

With Totus Tuus this week, Girard morning masses will be at 11:15am Monday thru Friday, not at their regularly scheduled times. There will still be Adoration on Friday from 8am-5pm.

## HOLY HOUR

On Sunday, July 31st from 3pm-4pm at St. Michael’s, there will be Holy Hour with Adoration to pray for the passage of Value Them Both Amendment and to pray for the legal protection of right to life for the unborn.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for July 16-24

Date	Time	Intention	Minister
July 16 Sat	4:00pm	Aaron Kranker	Arma
	5:30pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
17 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard
18 Mon	11:15am	Rosemary O’Toole	Girard
19 Tues	8:00am	Verl & Ursula Parsons	Arma
	11:15am	Melissa Grant	Girard
20 Wed	11:15am	Gerald Butler	Girard
21 Thurs	8:00am	Donna Little	Arma
	8:30am - 12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
	11:15am	Bernadette Coomes	Girard
22 Fri	11:15am	Loretta (Butler) Vice	Girard
	8:00am - 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
23 Sat	4:00pm	Aaron Kranker	Arma
	5:30pm	Regina Butler	Girard
24 Sun	8:00am	Jean Wilson	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (07/23/22)	Sunday (07/24/22)
5:30pm	10:00am
Altar Servers: Volunteers	Seth Wilson & Aiden Ashbacher
E.M.E.: Rachel Ausemus	Eileen Bland
Lector: Linda Moore	Denny Heidrick
Gifts: Wayne & Ruth Leritz	Randy & Lisa McAtee

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