

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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CONFESSION - Before all Masses or by appointment GIRARD (Saturday 2:00pm-2:30pm) ARMA (Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm)

Parish Pastoral Council: Pat Westhoff (Chair), Dustin Ashmore, Joe Broyles, Debbie Amershek, Debbie Schaub

Parish Finance Council: Linda Broyles, Dan Cole, Joe Polhlopek, Judy Wingeback

Worship Committee: Chair (looking for a volunteer), Ushers /Greeters (looking for a volunteer), Joan Black (EMEs), Margaret Setina (Altar Society), Linda Broyles (Lectors), Jan Harman (Music)

COLLECTIONS		
	Last 2 Weeks	July 2022 to Date
Contributions	\$ 1,312.00	\$ 16,866.00
Expenses - September	\$ 4,559.00	\$ 17,487.50
Over/(Under)		\$ (621.50)

Mass Schedule & Intentions for October 15-23			
10/15 Sat	4:00pm	Wally Rons	Arma
	5:30pm	Verl Diskin	Girard
10/16 Sun	8:00am	Pro Populo	Arma
	10:00am	Mary Ann Lepoglow	Girard
10/17 Mon		NO MASS	
10/18 Tues	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
10/19 Wed	8:00am	NO MASS	Girard
10/20 Thurs	8:00am	NO MASS	Arma
		NO Eucharistic Adoration	Arma
10/21 Fri	7:30am	Rosemary O'Toole	Girard
		8:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration	Girard
10/22 Sat	4:00pm	Joe Cizerle	Arma
	5:30pm	Gerald Davied	Girard
10/23 Sun	8:00am	John Schaub	Arma
	10:00am	Pro Populo	Girard

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend		
	Saturday (10/22) 4:00pm	Sunday (10/23) 8:00am
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Bryce & Brayden Reese
EME	Volunteer	Cindy Ashmore
Lector	Volunteer	Carol Cole
Gifts	Lindsay Waterman Family	Scott & Susie Aldrighetti
Ushers	Don Zornes & Pat Westhoff	Dan Cole & Joe Polhlopek

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Holy Moses!

Ex 17:8-13 / Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 / Lk 18:1-8
 Do you ever just want to throw in the towel? Fed up with the lack of justice that is ruminating in the world? Tired of not seeing the fruits of your persistence? Not sure if God is listening? You are not alone. Look at Moses in today's first reading. He got tired, and when he did, we saw what happened—Israel began losing the battle against Amalek. Moses didn't give up, and he didn't go it alone. He got more comfortable and enlisted the help of Aaron and Hur. Look around—do you see a Moses fighting valiantly, yet growing weary? Perhaps it is your spouse, a friend or maybe your shepherd. If you see it, RESPOND!! Grab a friend and join in the battle! Not sure how you can get involved? St Paul gives us a stern charge in today's second reading: "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." Charge!!!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for parishioner Jan Harman, Bob Lauck, Lisa Pitts Martin, Mary Sayre, 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!

MASS DUTIES

If you would like to be added to the schedule as a lector, server, usher or greeter, please let Janel know. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Father, as there is special training involved. Thank you!

2022 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Join us for the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade at St. Francis Catholic Church Parking Lot, 208 Washington, St. Paul, KS on Saturday, October 15 at 12:00 Noon. For more information, please contact: Mary Jane Gouvion at 620-449-2654.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be passing out tootsie rolls after each Mass this weekend, October 15th & 16th. Donations will be accepted and appreciated!

KSU CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Attention KSU Wildcat parents: Do you know a struggling student? St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center has a support group for young adults dealing with anxiety, depression, etc. This is informal and student led. You are not alone! Email together@stisidores.com for more information.

CLOTHES CLOSET

We are looking for volunteers to work at the Clothes Closet in Girard. You would only have to volunteer once every 6-8 weeks on a Friday from 8:00am-1:00pm. The more volunteers we have, the less you have to work, so grab a friend and volunteer. It's a great way to add stewardship to your life! Please call Barb Mikrut at 620-249-9505 if you are interested or have any questions.



BLAZING LOVE

"I have come to set the earth on fire," Jesus proclaims, "and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49, Thursday). We might find his words unsettling, hitting a bit too close to home. Is Jesus condoning the fires raging across our earth? Is he calling for more death and destruction?

Quite the opposite. In this context, fire is not destructive but cleansing. Jesus is taking a prophetic stance, crying out for a new world order that will begin with an ultimate judgment, one not to be feared but yearned for, a blazing love that sets right and heals the world. He is crying out not in anger but in "anguish" (12:50), giving us a glimpse of his own inner turmoil. For this fire can only be unleashed through his death—the "baptism with which I must be baptized" -which will set in motion the already-and-not-yet of cleansing and renewal.

In a world of immense suffering, when the greedy and power-hungry seem to be devouring the earth, Jesus is promising that their vision is not the end vision; their blazing wrath is not the ultimate, devouring fire. It is a different fire Jesus is calling us to, one that spreads freely through readiness and determination and love.

In fact, it is only through a lens of love that we can truly understand Thursday's Gospel, especially when Jesus says that he comes not to bring "peace" but "division" (12:51). Again, he is taking the prophet's view, echoing Micah, who calls to God that there are no more faithful people in the land. Friends have become enemies, and households divide and rise up against each other (Micah 7:5-6). But, concludes Micah, "I will look to the Lord, / I will wait for God my savior; / my God will hear me! (7:7).

By drawing these prophetic words into his own speech—words likely familiar to his audience, for whom Scripture was inscribed on the heart—Jesus is also calling to God. His "from now on" in Luke 12:52 is a rhetorical device, summoning preparation and a radical reorientation. It is this summons that connects Thursday's Gospel to the readings throughout the week, which signal division not as the end game but rather the recognition that something else—God's salvation—is coming. Prepare for it, Jesus is saying. Proclaim it, even if it leads to discomfort and division. Truth is not always easy to bear.

This fire, this blazing, is an invitation. It is brought about not by natural elements but by human hands. We are the ones, Jesus is saying, who will set this world on fire. This is not a fire that spreads hatred, defensiveness, fear, despair. It is a fire of love and gentle strength and compassion, a fire that spreads only through deep spiritual groundedness, through peace surpassing understanding, through visioning a future wholeness. This is why Thursday's Gospel pairs so beautifully with the reading from Ephesians, the prayer that Christ "may dwell in [our] hearts through faith," that we may have the insight to comprehend the awe-inspiring, powerful vastness of Christ's love. If we are rooted in that Love, all things are possible.

Dare to set the world on fire, Jesus says. Set it on fire with your love and determination and hope. Oh, that the world was already blazing! -Mahri Leonard-Fleckman

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