St. Michael Church 106 N. Western Girard, Ks. 66743

724-8717

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023

St. Joseph Church 100 S. 8th Arma, Ks. 66712

347-4525



St. Michael Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:30 P.M. Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Confessions:

Saturday: 2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Adoration: Friday 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.



St. Joseph Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:00 P.M. Sunday: 8:00 A.M.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

Adoration: Thursday 8:30AM -12:30 P.M.

St. Michael

Pastoral Council:

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Linda Broyles

Welcome Newcomers

With great joy, we welcome you to our parish family. We invite you to call the Rectory to register.

Baptism

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Baptismal preparation is required before your first baby is baptized in the parish.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for those interested in becoming Catholic or those inquiring about the Church. Please call the rectory.

<u>Bulletii</u>

Please have all bulletin items in the parish rectory by Noon on Wednesday.

Matrimony

Make an appointment with Father before setting your date of marriage at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

If you're approaching surgery or facing significant illness, connect with Father to receive the Anointing of the Sick. (a source of comfort and Spiritual renewal.)

Mass Schedule & Intentions Sept. 2 - Sept. 10, 2023

Saturday	9/2	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Bryce Reese Pro Populo		
Sunday	9/3	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard	†	† Rosemary Papish Wayne & Betty Coome	
Monday	9/4	No Mass			
Tuesday	9/5	5:30 PM (Arma)	†	Sharon Cizerle	
Wednesday	9/6	6:30 PM (Girard)	†	Kevin O'Brien	
Thursday	9/7	8:00 AM (Arma)	†	Helen Normand	
Friday	9/8	7:30 AM (Girard)	†	Evelyn Sevart	
Saturday	9/9	4:00 PM (Arma)	†	Lawrence & Mary Elle	
		5:30 PM (Girard)		Galichia Verl Diskin	
Sunday	9/10	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	†	Pro Populo Scott & Beth Wilson Family	

Dates of Importance

Sept. 5: K of C meeting

Sept. 6: PSR begins Sept. 7: RCIA Begins

Sept. 12: Daughters of Isabella

Sept. 13: St. Ann Altar Society

Sept. 16: EME retraining

Sept. 19: CPR class in hall

Oct. 22: Turkey Bazaar

We would like to offer congratulations to the families of:

Madeline Jeanne Franklin Brady Joseph O'Toole

in celebrating the Holy Sacrament of Baptism



Altar Ministers for Nevt Weeker

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	Saturday (9/9)		Sunday (9/10)		Sunday Gospel Activities	
	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>	for Sunday Mass/ mommoCatholicMom.com	
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Carly Reif & Charlotte Harrison	Volunteer	Seth Wilson & Volunteer		
EME	Volunteers	Janel Scales	Joan Black	Jerry Hanson	22 nd Sunday of	
Lector	Pat Westhoff	Donna Martin	Linda Broyles	Ruth Duling	Ordinary Time	
Gifts	Margaret Setina	Dean &	Mike & Janet	Mindi Garner F	amily	



Mındı Garner Family **Gifts** Margaret Setina Dean & Mike & Janet Gay Kranker Tonya Davied Ashbacher

Ushers Volunteer Joe Broyles & Ron Black

PSR REGISTRATION IS OPEN:

Online registration is now available for St. Michael's PSR program for the 2023-24 school year.

Students in grades 1-5 meet Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3:30.

Students in grades 6-12 meet for Mass on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, with PRS class following from 7 to 8. Returning families should have received an email invitation to update their information. Please don't send your link to any new registrations or other families as this link is specifically for your family.

For families new to the PSR program, the registration form can be accessed at bit.ly/stmichaelpsr. You can find New Family Registration Information in the back of the church and on Facebook. If you have any questions, contact Kristen Graham, Director of Religious Education, at (620) 875-6133.



St. Michael Collections:

Contributions: Expenses: Over/(Under) Last Wee \$4,828.25

July 2023 to Dat \$37,552.56 \$ -\$37,552.56



St. Joseph Collections:

Contributions: Expenses: Over/(Under) **Last Week** \$997 \$ - July 2023 to Date \$14,811 \$ -

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RCIA/Adult Ed. (St. Michael Hall)

On Thursday, Sept. 7th at 7:00 PM, we will be starting RCIA classes for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. The class can also serve any adult Catholic who would like to refresh their understanding of our Catholic faith. Please contact the office if you are interested or have anyone that is non-Catholic, to contact the office, or if they might want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches. Classes will be held every Thurs. @7:00PM.

PSR Beginning

Please note on your calendars September 6 as the beginning of PSR classes.

**We will also move Wednesday Mass to 6:30pm beginning that evening.

<u>CPR</u>

Girard Medical Center will be hosting a CPR class in St. Michael hall on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:00 PM. The parish will cover the cost for parishioners. Please sign up in the entrance of the church, so GMC can plan accordingly.

St. Ann Altar Society Meeting

Sept. 13th 10:00 AM St. Joseph Parish Hall

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:30 pm. We are collecting canned goods for the Food Pantry. Please bring canned goods to the meeting if you would like to donate.

All ladies of St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes are invited. The Daughters of Isabella is an International Organization of Catholic Women.

Eucharistic Minister Retraining

All of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in both parishes are needing to renew. A retraining is scheduled at St. Michael Hall on Saturday, September 16 from 9am - 10:30am, with someone coming from Wichita to conduct the retraining. Eucharistic ministers are authorized by the Diocese for a set term of years; this retraining will enable you to be authorized by the Diocese for another term.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Please return Time and Talent forms to the Church office, in the mail, or place them in the folder/basket in back of church.

If you didn't get one, and there are no more in back of church, please contact the office.

Food Pantry Donations

The food pantry is asking for donations of Hamburger Helper.

All donations can be left in the baskets in the Church entrance.

Thank you for your generosity!

Knights of Columbus Meeting

There will be a meeting held at the St. Michael's Hall on September 5th at 7:00PM.

All K of C members from both parishes are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Sherman Township Fire Dept. Hog Roast

Sunday, Sept. 10th

11:00AM - 1:00 PM

Farlington Methodist Church

Free Will Donation

Help Support the Sherman Township First Responders

Turkey Bazaar

St. Michael's Altar Society is happy to announce they will be hosting their annual Turkey Dinner this year! It will be held on **Sunday, October 22**, from 11:00am to 12:30pm or until the food runs out! The menu will be the same as in years past. Since it has been several years since our last Turkey Dinner, we have a new sign-up sheet in the back of the church for you to sign-up for food and work areas. Please note that you do not have to sign-up for the same food or work area as you have in the past. Available time slots to work and recipes for the food to be prepared will be on the sign-up sheet.





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IDENTIFYING MARKS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, PT. II

Last week, we began the topic of recognizing the four identifying marks of the Catholic Church. No other church possesses these standards on a world-wide basis. As we noted last week, Jesus wanted His Church to be recognized, so He gave it FOUR MARKS which sets it apart from others:

1) THE CHURCH IS ONE. Christ established only ONE Churchbecause the Church IS Christ. Christ cannot be divided.

2)THE CHURCH IS HOLY because it was founded by Christ, Himself! Through her teachings and the seven sacraments, His Church possesses all the means for the sanctification (free from sin) of everyone. Strong evidence of the Church's 'holiness' is the long list of SAINTS to which she has given birth! In every age, the Catholic Church has produced men and women of heroic sanctity--living proof that the Body of Christ (the Church) possesses and communicates the holiness of her Head. (Christ, Himself)

...just as Christ also loved the Church, and delivered Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, cleansing her in the bath of water by means of the Word; In order that He might present Himself, the Church, in all her glory, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she might be HOLY and without blemish. ----Ephesians 5:25-27

3)THE CHURCH IS UNIVERSAL. This is the 3rd identifying mark of the Church. In the Old Testament, the people of God were the people of only one nation, Israel. However, the Mystical Body of Christ isn't confined in its membership to only one race, nation, or class of people. Jesus Christ died for ALL people. The Church He founded, therefore, is 'catholic'. Catholics are found in ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD and in every civilization.

This is NOT TRUE IN PROTESTANTISM. Have you often heard of an English Baptist or a German Lutheran? The reason is that Protestants usually form their sects around certain nationalities or geographical areas. Catholics live all over the world; all nationalities and beliefs are the same for Catholics.

4). THE CHURCH IS APOSTOLIC.

---you are built upon the foundation of the apostles & prophets with Jesus Christ, Himself, as the chief cornerstone.

----Ephesians 2: 19-20

When Christ began His public life, He selected twelve men to be His apostles. They were at His side during His three years of preaching, teaching, and working miracles. He instructed and trained them well, for they were the men on whom He was to rely to extend His Kingdom throughout the world.

It was on these twelve apostles that Christ founded His Church. The apostles are among us today in the person of their successors, the Bishops of the Church. Peter, the first Pope, is among us in the person of his successor, our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Christ is among us---teaching. sanctifying and ruling through the hierarchy (the clergy arranged in order of rank) of the Church.

We'll complete the FOURTH MARK next week.

---Marcel Normand