

St. Michael Church
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Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023

St. Joseph Church
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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

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Linda Broyles - Chair

Hall Rent Manager:

Linda Broyles

Prayer Chain:

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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.

Bulletin

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. 23 - Oct. 1, 2023

Saturday	9/23	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Helen Normand Clifford Bud Scales
Sunday	9/24	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Alice Davied
Monday	9/25	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9/26	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Sharon Cizerle
Wednesday	9/27	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Bernadette Coomes
Thursday	9/28	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Carol Battitori
Friday	9/29	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Ruth Leritz
Saturday	9/30	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Bryce Reese Linda Mills
Sunday	10/1	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Kevin O'Brien

Dates of Importance

Sept. 25: St. M. Altar Society Meeting
Sept. 26: Bible Study begins
Oct. 1st: PSR Mass
Oct. 1st: Life Chain in Pitt.
Oct. 22: Turkey Bazaar

Prayer Chain (St. Michael)

To be a member of the prayer chain or to request prayers, contact Nancy Bauer. She can be contacted by, phone, text or email
Phone: 724-2051
Email: bauerbackes@yahoo.com

Prayer Chain (St. Joseph)

To be a member of the prayer chain or to request prayers, contact Bev Presley. She can be contacted by, phone, text or email
Phone: 620-704-7693
Email: bevpresley18@gmail.com

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (9/30)

4:00 PM

Altar Servers Volunteers

EME Volunteer

Lector Anna Meyer

Gifts Margaret Setina &
Gay Kranker

Ushers Mark VanLeeuwen
Simon Bishop

5:30 PM

Aiden Ashbacher
Easton Clark

Linda Garrett

Linda Moore

Dave & Linda
Garrett

Dave Garrett
(Lead usher)

Sunday (10/1)

8:00AM

Cody & Tyler
Burns

Cindy Ashmore

Joe Broyles

Greg & Tracey
Bogina

Mike Ashbacher
Joe Polhlopek

10:00 AM

Aydin Sisney & Quin Sisney
Brinley Weir

Anna Goble

PSR Students

PSR Students

Bob Davied
(Lead usher)

25th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Turkey Bazaar

It will be held on **Sunday, October 22**, at St. Michael Hall from 11:00am until the food runs out!

Tickets will be sold at the door only!

We have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for you to sign-up for food and work areas.

*Cash donations can be left in church collection (in specified envelope), dropped off at parish office or will be accepted on the day of Bazaar at the door.

PSR REGISTRATION

For families new to the PSR program, the registration form can be accessed at bit.ly/stmichaelpsr. If you have any questions, contact Kristen Graham, Director of Religious Education, at (620) 875-6133.

**St. Michael Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$4,341.00	\$48,347.85
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$48,347.85

**St. Joseph Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$979.00	\$18,166
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$18,166

Food Pantry Donations

The food pantry is asking for donations of Hamburger Helper. We had several 1# packages of hamburger donated.

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



Sunday Gospel Activities
for Sunday Mass/
mommoCatholicMom.com

RCIA/Adult Ed. (St. Michael Hall)

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 are being held every Thurs. @7:00PM.**

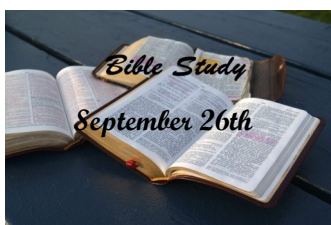
October 1st -The National Life Chain

This is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world.

More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 1.

You are invited to meet at 9th and Broadway in Pittsburg at 3:30 PM

Please save the date and plan to stand in support of all life!

**Bible Study (Starting Sept. 26th)**

Father will be offering a Bible Study for anyone that would like to attend. They will be offered in both parishes on Tuesdays, starting September 26th.

10:00 A.M. in St. Michael Hall

4:15 P.M. in St. Joseph Rectory

We hope to see you there!

St. Michael
Altar Society Meeting

Monday, September 25th
at St. Michael Hall
6:30 PM.

PSR Mass / October 1st

All PSR students will be participating in our 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday Oct. 1.

The Altar Society will be serving donuts and coffee in the Hall after Mass. Also, the PSR classrooms will be open for parents to see.

We hope to see everyone there!

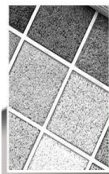
**Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)****#2**

As the priest arrives at the sanctuary during the Entrance procession of the Mass, he and the ministers genuflect to our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament. He will do so again at the end of Mass upon leaving the sanctuary. The only time this is not done is when the tabernacle is not kept in the sanctuary or when it is empty as on Good Friday.

Every Catholic genuflects upon entering and leaving the church to acknowledge our Lord's presence. It's a way of saying "Hello, Jesus" and "Goodbye, Jesus". We remember that this is His house that we have entered and He is at home. The burning red sanctuary candle tells us that He is here; we can speak to Him in prayer for He is present in the tabernacle.

Once we have acknowledged His presence there is no need to genuflect again as we move about the church or the sanctuary until we are ready to leave. Ministers moving within the sanctuary during Mass are directed to simply bow. The priest will genuflect again at the Consecration when our Lord is newly made present on the altar and when closing the tabernacle. But it is always to our Lord & King that we bend the knee and to no one else.

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PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: HONORING THE SERVANTS OF GOD

September 24, this weekend, is designated as Priesthood Sunday when Catholics recognize their parish priest and all priests serving God. The Catholic Advance took a statement from Hebrews 5:4 saying "No one takes this honor upon himself, but only when CALLED BY GOD." Priests have said that they 'felt the nudge from God' while making this discernment. Helen and I are converts to Catholicism, entering the Church in our twenties. I've known many priests since then --those who pastored here and many whom I've met while attending conferences in Wichita. I've only known a few bishops---strong resolute men like Bishops Carroll, Byrne, Maloney, Gerber, Olmstead, Jackels, and our present bishop, Carl A. Kemme. We've had outstanding priests here at St. Joseph's. First, coming to mind, for me of course, was Fr. John Reinkemeyer because he instructed us and brought us into the Church in 1964. His homilies were often basic catechism. Other priests whom I remember well included Fr. Thissen, Fr. McElwee, and Fr. Lumbre to name a few. Through their homilies, these priests always left us with serious thoughts to reflect upon or apply to our lives, much like our present pastor, Fr. Vacca. He doesn't speak at length, but it is telling that each word was planned for us to know Jesus better!

There are coincidences that have occurred between our Wichita Diocese & the Jefferson City Diocese of Mo. Those of you who read the Catholic Advance perhaps know Mr. Christopher Riggs, its quality editor who runs a tight ship and demands a good quality newspaper. To most of you, no doubt, the Jefferson City diocesan publication is less familiar. The editor there is Mr. Jay Nies (pronounced 'nease'), a friend of mine, due to our mutual friend, Fr. Reinkemeyer, who grew up in Rich Fountain, Mo. within the Jeff City Diocese. Mr. Nies is similar to Mr. Riggs when it comes to the philosophy of editing a religious newspaper. He's very exact, thoughtful, and has a knack when it comes to feature stories about locals in his diocese. He has known Fr. Reinkemeyer for decades and whenever Father came home to Rich Fountain to celebrate Mass in his home church, Sacred Heart, Mr. Nies would come to visit him. The present bishop of the Jeff City Diocese, W. Shawn McKnight, was a priest from the Wichita Diocese when he was named a Bishop in 2017. Fr. Reinkemeyer knew him well because Fr. McKnight's family lived in Kingman, Ks, while Fr. Reinkemeyer was pastor of St. Patrick's Church there. He saw him grow up & become an excellent priest in his own right. Fr. Reinkemeyer once predicted to his secretary, Doris Brand: "Watch that Fr. McKnight. He's going to be a bishop someday." Some 15 yrs later, when Pope Francis appointed Fr. McKnight in 2017 to succeed Bishop John Gaydo as Bishop of Jeff City Diocese, Doris Brand made a phone call to Jay Nies, editor of the CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN a few hours after the Pope's announcement. She told Jay that when she heard the good news, she smiled. looked up to heaven and said to Fr. Reinkemeyer, who had died in 2012, "You had something to do with this, didn't you?" This is but one of the many connections that the two dioceses have. Doris recalled a priest friend of Fr. Reinkemeyer's, once noted: "There are no coincidences in God's design."

And so, on this Priesthood Sunday, we must renew our gratitude to all of our priests who are servants of God. They're on call 24/7 each day. everyday, whenever we need them. Despite the burdens, young men continue to think and pray about the possibility that God wants them. God speaks loudly; hopefully, young men will hear Him. And we at St. Michael's and St. Joseph's wish to thank Fr. Vacca for his notable service and outstanding homilies to us, his parishioners.

----Marcel Normand