

St. Michael Church
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Sunday, Oct. 8th, 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

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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.

Bulletin

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

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.

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

Oct. 7- Oct. 15, 2023

Saturday	10/7	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Madeline Yartz Pro Populo
Sunday	10/8	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Geneva McGown Mary Ann Lepaglow
Monday	10/9	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	10/10	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Bryce Reese
Wednesday	10/11	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Evelyn Severt
Thursday	10/12	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Ruby Westhoff
Friday	10/13	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Mary L. Davied
Saturday	10/14	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Madeline Yartz Verl Diskin
Sunday	10/15	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Scott & Beth Wilson Family

Dates of Importance

Oct. 7th & 8th: Tootsie Roll Drive
 Oct. 10th: Bible Study
 Oct. 10th: Daughter of Isabella
 Oct. 12th: RCIA
 Oct. 14th: America Needs Fatima Rally
 Oct. 22: Turkey Bazaar
 Nov. 15: St. Anne Altar Society

Tootsie Roll Drive

Join the Knights of Columbus on Oct. 7th & 8th for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive! Help us make a difference in our community as we raise funds to support individuals with disabilities. Your generosity will bring smiles and hope to those in need. Together, we can make a sweet



Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (10/14)

4:00 PM

Altar Servers Volunteers

EME Sharon Giacometti

Lector Barry Bedene

Gifts Volunteer

Ushers Mark VanLeeuwen
Simon Bishop

5:30 PM

Carly Reif
Charlotte Burke

Linda DeGarmo

Nancy Bauer

Wayne &
Ruth Leritz

Dave Garrett
(Lead usher)

Sunday (10/15)

8:00AM

Cody Burns
Tyler Burns

Tracy Bogina

Ron Pommier

Mary Sayre &
Joyce Klinkon

Dan Cole
Greg Bogina

10:00 AM

Seth Wilson
Aiden Ashbacher

Jerry Hanson

Beth Wilson

Hank & Carrie Smith

Bob Davied
(Lead usher)

Sunday Gospel Activities
for Sunday Mass/
mommoCatholicMom.com

Bible Study

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

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

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

We hope to see you there!

PSR REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be accessed at bit.ly/stmichaelpsr.

**St. Michael Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$8508.56	\$59,179.61
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$59,179.61

**St. Joseph Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$1913.25	\$20,873.25
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$20,873.25

Daughter of Isabella Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th: Meeting at 6:30 PM in the St. Paul Hall

Theme: Halloween

We will be discussing the installment of officers.

Oct. 14th – America Needs Fatima Rally (Public Square Rosary Crusade)

in St. Paul church parking lot at 12:00 PM.

Ladies come have a fun evening with games and treats by our committee members

Marilyn Bradshaw, Mary Alice Disking, and Lois Corn.

Sunday, October 15th: Meeting in Emporia, Ks.

*If any ladies are interested in the Daughters of Isabella call Linda DeGarmo 724-8905 or come to a meeting to find out more about our organization.

St. Anne's Altar Society

St. Anne's Altar Society held an election of officers at their September meeting.

The new slate of officers includes:

Linda Broyles, President, Gay Kranker, Vice-President,

Joan Black, Secretary, Susie Polhlopek, Treasurer

We would like to thank outgoing officers, Margaret Setina and Barbara Esposito, for their numerous years of service. They have been loyal and dedicated leaders. We also want to thank Joan Black and Gay Kranker for their past years of service and their willingness to continue to serve.

The next meeting of St. Annes's Altar Society is scheduled for

November 15, 2023. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Entry Cabinet (In Church entrance)

The Knights are selling chances for a one of a kind entry cabinet.

It was beautifully made by Jeremiah Walsh (Westhoff Interiors).

The wood is mahogany and madrone burl.

The proceeds will go locally to Coats For Kids.

Chances can be purchased in the office between 9 AM & 12 PM (Mon - Fri). They will also be sold at the Turkey Bazaar on Oct. 22.

Chances are \$5 each or 3 for \$10

**Turkey Bazaar**

Will be held on **Sunday, October 22**, at St. Michael Hall from 11:00 AM - until the food runs out!

Tickets will be sold at the door only!

Food & work schedules can be picked up in the back of the church. Thank you so much for your help and support.

A BIG THANK YOU
to The Exchange State Bank
for paying for all of the turkeys for our dinner. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**St. Michael Women/
unclaimed dishes**

We have several dishes that have been left in the hall from previous functions. They can be picked up from the south entrance of the hall this week. If they are not claimed, we plan to donate them to a charitable cause.

Thank You!

Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

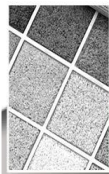
#4 As Father leads the Introductory Rites, we begin with the Sign of the Cross. It is a prayer unto itself and a profession of our faith in the Trinity.

Catholics are not the only ones to use this gesture; Anglicans and Orthodox also make the Sign of the Cross. The cross, for us, is not a negative symbol, for we rejoice in the Cross by which we were saved. It is a sign of God's love for us.

Then Father greets the people as St. Paul does in many of the New Testament letters. It is either simple: "The Lord be with you." Or it can be more elaborate: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

The response – "and with your spirit" – has been the Latin response for centuries. Our modern thinking doesn't appreciate the classical distinction that we are made up of body, soul and spirit. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" means that His Spirit accompanies my spirit, and so we wish for everyone that the Lord be with your spirit.

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BEING A CATHOLIC ISN'T EASY

Life was easier as a child, remember? Your imagination could take you anywhere & you enjoyed your trip. A ten year old could sit in Dad's truck and pretend he was Dad. He'd put his hands on the steering wheel & dream he was driving to see his friend, yet in reality, the gear was in PARK and he wasn't going anywhere! Relating this to faith, I think that some believers are 'parked' like the little kid, going nowhere. Their plan is to reach Heaven, but they have their gearshift in P.

Many of us are what is known as 'born Catholics' because our parents & grandparents were Catholic. Others choose to be Catholic and have accepted the doctrines of the faith and were baptized into the Church. Few of us have our lives planned entirely by ourselves. Oftentimes, they're planned by God, regardless of our approval. In our daily living, most of us attempt to do God's will as we know it, yet may find ourselves doing things we never expected to do. We come to church on the weekend---something within our control, but other times, we're surprised at what we are doing, maybe something we hadn't arranged to do, such as taking a neighbor to the hospital or accompanying our daughter to traffic court!

To be alive is to grow and change. Things never stay the same as you well know. That 'turkey & Swiss' that you planned to order last night at Arby's? You were told by the clerk that it had been removed from the menu! That special bread that you've been buying at Dillons? You learned that they stopped making it. Choosing a vocation may be so challenging that it may require much effort & study before making the final decision.

Many Catholics would say that it's hard to be a Catholic in this secular world because of the demands which are expected of us---our time, intellect, talent, and treasure. Oftentimes, becoming a Catholic can bring division within a family--dad may object to his son joining the church or a parent may exert pressure on their daughter to raise their children in the Church despite her husband's doubts. Division can also occur within an individual, himself, as he ponders admittance to the Catholic Church---a battle between his heart and his head. This could bring about much distress. Fr. Bob McElwee of our diocese once told me, "Joining a church should be like finding shoes that fit. It feels right to you." Good advice may be to visit with your priest either socially in his office or privately in the confessional.

Following God's plan isn't always easy; however, we have no other option if spending eternity with Him is our goal. It's up to each of us to discern God's will as He attempts to lead us to Heaven.

Personally, I've always felt that you don't just 'join a church'; you have to make a serious conversion, perhaps changing habits and even cultural values in order to recognize the road you must take to save your soul, which should be one's primary objective as a serious Catholic. The Church gives us God's message: We are loved! Nails didn't hold Jesus on the Cross; His love for us kept Him there. We're lovable because God loved us first. So you see, if you want to make your life mean something, there's work to do and first, we must get our lives out of P (park) and listen to the Lord. Our faith is the 'light at the end of the tunnel' that will ultimately show us the way to Heaven.

You can't drive a 'parked' car!

---Marcel Normand