

St. Michael Church
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724-8717
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Sunday, Oct. 15th, 2023

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



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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St. Joseph

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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. 14- Oct. 22, 2023

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
Monday	10/16	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	10/17	No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	10/18	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	10/19	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	10/20	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Pat Jr. & Vera Diskin
Saturday	10/21	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Bryce Reese Pro Populo
Sunday	10/22	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Helen Normand Alice Davied

Dates of Importance

Oct. 16-19: **No mass**
 Oct. 17: **No Bible Study**
 Oct. 19: RCIA
 Oct. 22: Turkey Bazaar
 Nov. 15: St. Anne Altar Society



New Option for Communion Host!

Low-gluten hosts are now available in both parishes, upon request.

If interested in receiving low-gluten hosts, please tell Father before mass, so he can have it ready for you.

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (10/21)

4:00 PM

Altar Servers Volunteers

EME Volunteer

Lector Teresa Bishop

Gifts Joe & Linda Broyles

Ushers Pat Westhoff
Volunteer

5:30 PM

August Amershek
Volunteer

Carrie Smith

Butch Reif

Mike & Donna
Martin family

Dave Garrett
(Lead usher)

Sunday (10/22)

8:00AM

Jaxen &
Jace Shaub

Terry Cleland

Carol Cole

Mike &
Janet Ashbacher

Ron Black
Joyce Klinkon

10:00 AM

Marli Sisney
Gabby Graham

Chris Sponsel

Austin Smith

John & Trisha
Humble Family

Bob Davied
(Lead usher)



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:	\$3,089.45	\$62,269.06
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$62,269.06

**St. Joseph Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$1036	\$21,909.25
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$21,909.25

Father Vacca will be attending the Annual Clergy Conference this week in Wichita.

Due to him being gone, there will be:

NO MASS: Mon. Oct. 16 - Thurs. Oct. 19

NO BIBLE STUDY: Tues. Oct. 17

NO ADORATION: Thursday, Oct. 19 in Arma.

***RCIA classes will still be held on Thurs. 19th**

Let's keep Father in our prayers as he seeks spiritual guidance and wisdom to continue guiding our faith community.

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!



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

HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

In 2009, I, Marcel gave you a copy of the 'HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH' I have updated the "History..." to include the time Fr. Michael Klag was our priest here. Copies are in the back of St. Joseph church. NEW parishioners should take the thicker copy so they'll have a history of this Church. It includes Fr. Klag's tenure. LONGTIME PARISHIONERS should take from the shorter pile that contains only the summary of the time Fr. Klag was our priest for 2 yrs. Take it home and staple it to your larger "History of..." as it is only an update. I've done this with each priest who leaves us to keep the history of our Church updated. I did the same when Fr. McKinney left.

Let me know, you who already have the larger copy of the church history, if you're missing the one on Fr. McKinney. I'll get you a copy. The dates for each priests' time at St Joseph's is in the history so you can easily trace if any 'update' is omitted. Remember, as you leave today, check which one you will need. If we run short, there will be more there next weekend. MN

Daughter of Isabella Meeting

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

The next meeting of St. Annes's Altar Society is scheduled for **November 15, 2023**.

All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.



Sunday Gospel Activities
for Sunday Mass/
mommoCatholicMom.com

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



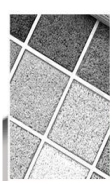
Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

#5 At the beginning of almost every Mass, we acknowledge our sinfulness before the Lord. We are a Church of sinners, and we continually rely on the Lord's love and mercy.

The Penitential Rite allows for our venial sins to be forgiven, if we are contrite of heart, before celebrating the Eucharist. Mortal sins require sacramental confession before receiving the Eucharist, that is why every church has confessions before the weekend Masses. But our everyday sins – the little things – can be forgiven by simply asking God from our heart.

There are different options for the Penitential Rite; sometimes the Confiteor is used which more specifically “confesses” sin “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault” at which we strike our breast. This is where the Latin phrase – mea culpa – comes from, and striking the breast is an ancient gesture of humility.

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THE ROSARY: THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF OUR FAITH

October is known by the Church as the month of the Rosary, partly because the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is held annually on Oct 7. The Rosary is a prayer in honor of the Blessed Virgin, consisting of a total of 200 'Hail Marys' (50 in each of the 4 Major Mysteries in the life of Christ) and 20 'Our Fathers' (5 in each of the 4 major mysteries) plus meditations on the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the early centuries of Christianity, there were many hermits, folks of all kinds, who couldn't read the psalms in the Old Testament so they would substitute "one Our Father" and "one Hail Mary" for each psalm. To keep track of the numbers, they used stones or beads strung on a cord. The word, rosary, means a wreath of roses. Each prayer said in the rosary is a spiritual rose offered to our Blessed Mother. It is believed that St. Dominic was the first to introduce the custom of substituting 150 Hail Mary's for the 150 Psalms. In his time, the Church only had 3 major mysteries in Christ's life to portray (joyful, sorrowful and glorious) until St. John Paul II added a 4th, Luminous mysteries, 2002. In the 13th Century (1200s), when southern France was plagued with heresies (rel. beliefs opposed by the Church doctrine), the Virgin Mary asked St. Dominic to preach to the people and pray the Angelic Psalter (Book of Psalms), which is where the rosary originated. Dominic, a cleric in the southern French city of Toulouse, began to fulfill her request, urging the people to return to God & His teaching. He was having little success so Mary again appeared to him as a mother to bring hope to her wayward children. She addressed him: Dear Dominic, In this kind of warfare, the 'battering ram' (a heavy beam to break down a gate) has always been the Angelic Psalter. He began to pray, and after his preaching, he would turn to the Psalms from the Psalter with 50 beads to guide his prayers. Later, it became known as the 'Rosary' or spiritual roses offered to Mary. The move was a success and the French people and their Church survived!

In the 16th Century (1500s), the Turks were overrunning Europe so Pope Pius V urged Christians to say the Rosary for victory. As the Christians were set to battle the Turks, the wind changed suddenly and Christian Europe was saved! The date was Oct. 7, 1571 so the Pope set Oct 7 for the Feast of the Holy Rosary and it is said each year in memory of the power of the Rosary. Since then, Divine Providence (God's loving care for us), has provided a Saint in every century whose devotion to the Rosary rekindled the people's faith in themselves and brought untold spiritual hope & protection to all who pray it consistently with devotion.

Another Rosary Miracle---France, 1858, Mary appeared at Lourdes France (pronounced 'Lourdes', not 'Lords') with the Rosary. She let the beads slip through her fingers as Bernadette said the prayers. And, during World War I, the Blessed Virgin became visible at Fatima, Portugal on Oct. 13, 1917, again, urging the world, through the 3 children who witnessed Her, to pray the Rosary. Her exact words were: "I am the Lady of the Rosary. Pray it everyday." And we should, in light of the times in which we live. The Rosary is our encyclopedia of faith. With it, we carry the outline of our faith from A to Z through the 4 sets of mysteries and the meditations of each decade.

Bishop Carl Kemme of Wichita recently asked the faithful to pray the rosary this month for the world's problems. He went on, "The rosary is a simple, but powerful prayer, which many of the saints identified as our greatest spiritual weapon, second only to the Sacraments." I would add that the Rosary is a priceless treasure from Mary, Our Mother, to use now and at the hour of our death. Next week, we'll look at the Rosary's parts and where the special prayers came from.

--Marcel Normand