

St. Michael Church
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Sunday, Oct. 22nd, 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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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. 21- Oct. 29, 2023

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
Monday	10/23	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	10/24	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Madeline Yartz
Wednesday	10/25	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Bill O'Toole
Thursday	10/26	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Bernadette Coomes
Friday	10/27	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Bud Azember
Saturday	10/28	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Helen Normand Frank Doue
Sunday	10/29	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Frances Ales Pro Populo

Dates of Importance

Oct. 24: Bible Study
Oct. 26: RCIA
Nov. 3: Church Women United Lunch
Nov. 12: Farm Toy Show
Nov. 14: Daughters of Isabella
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 (10/28)

4:00 PM

Altar Servers Volunteers

EME Volunteer

Lector Anna Meyer

Gifts Volunteer

Ushers Volunteers

5:30 PM

Aiden Ashbacher
Volunteer

Linda Garrett

Nancy Bauer

Bob & Linda
Moore

Dave Garrett
(Lead usher)

Sunday (10/29)

8:00AM

Cody &
Tyler Burns

Cindy Ashmore

Ron Pommier

Dave & Cindy
Ashmore

Mike Ashbacher &
Joe Polhlopek

10:00 AM

Elijah Walsh
Isabella Walsh

Marilyn McCracken

Ruth Duling

Kerry & Tammie
O'Brien

Bob Davied
(Lead usher)

Bible Study

Father offers a Bible Study for anyone that would like to attend.
They are being 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/stmichaelpsrs.

**St. Michael Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$2,291.00	\$64,560.06
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$64,560.06

**St. Joseph Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$1008	\$22,917.25
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$22,917.25

Daughter of Isabella Meeting

Daughters of Isabella will meet **Tuesday, November 14, 2023** at St. Francis Parish Hall at **6:00 PM**, with a meeting, pot luck dinner and a memorial service (remembering our deceased members). All ladies will be hostesses and are asked to bring a dish for the pot luck dinner. All ladies from St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parish are invited. Daughters of Isabella is an international organization of Catholic Women.

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.

Farm Toy Show**Sunday: November 12**

St. Michael Hall
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$2.00 Admission (10 & under - Free)

Raffle for Door Prizes every hour

Lunch available

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
/Girard/Arma Council

**Turkey Bazaar**

Will be held this **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 appreciated.

Church Women United

November 3 at 12:00, we will have a luncheon at the Farlington Methodist church. Bring a covered dish of your favorite food to share.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HISTORY:

Last week, copies of "History of St. Joseph's Church" were placed at the back of the church exit. If you've never had a copy, pick up one after Mass. If you already have a copy from previous years, pick up the 3 page update of Fr. Klag's tenure here to attach to your St. Joseph Church History. If we run out, there will be more soon. Marcel



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, and Farm Toy Show on Nov. 12. Chances are \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Winner will be drawn after the Farm Toy Show on Nov. 12.

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

#6 Latin is the mother tongue of the Catholic Church. But before Latin became a common language for Christians, Greek was widely used in the world at the time of Christ. Therefore, Mass was celebrated by early Christian communities in Greek as well as in Aramaic – the language Jesus and his apostles spoke.

To this day, when the Mass is celebrated in Latin, one part is still done in Greek: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Or: *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison; Kyrie, eleison*. This part of the Penitential Rite sometimes includes verses with it or it can be repeated on its own. As we pray these words, we recall those times in the Gospels when individuals said these words to Jesus as they asked for help: the blind, lepers, the possessed, and parents of the sick.

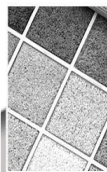
We stand before the Lord, with humility, as we always rely on His love and mercy.

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THE ROSARY: OUR DOORWAY TO KNOWING CHRIST

We live in dangerous times to be sure. War has begun in the Middle East as Israel has once again been targeted for destruction by her enemies in that area. Nearly three dozen Americans have already lost their lives in the region these past couple of weeks and we all hold a hidden fear that our nation may be directly involved because of our open southern border and our indirect aid to our ally, Israel. All this fear-mongering isn't new to the Church, which has seen similar times in the past and even worse! The difference is that today, so many people no longer believe that prayer is the answer; in earlier times, most folks assumed that prayer was vital and many turned to Jesus for peace to return. The Church still holds to the truth that prayer helps and many of us will, or have already, turned to our rosaries for comfort and consolation. Great saints of the past turned things around by inspiring people to practice meditative prayer--especially the Rosary, which has formed millions of saints through the ages. It has been a very effective way to gain the graces that this powerful prayer can obtain.

For some who may not be as familiar with the rosary, let's begin by how we recite the rosary: 1)Holding the crucifix, we make the SIGN OF THE CROSS which sums up who we are, Catholic Christians. 2) we recite the APOSTLES CREED, a shorter version of the Nicene Creed that we say during weekend Masses. It contains the Truths of our faith. 3)we grasp the first bead and say the OUR FATHER, the perfect prayer because Jesus taught it to His people; 4)The next 3 beads represent the THREE HAIL MARYS to announce the Lord's Coming & gives adoration to the Blessed Mother; they also represent the 3 great virtues of Faith, Hope, & Love; 5)Then comes the bead for the GLORY BE, that sums up the 3 persons in One God after each Mystery is said. Following each 'Glory Be' is a short phrase, "OH MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS...."---a prayer that the Blessed Mother gave to the 3 children at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917 during WW I. She called for more prayer due to the chaos in the world; 6)At this time, we begin the FIRST MYSTERY which includes the Our Father, then 10 Hail Marys, & a Glory Be. We then go on to say the remaining 4 successive mysteries, using the same order of prayer as step 6 describes. All of the five mysteries in the rosary reveal a portion of Christ's life & death. 7)After finishing the 5th mystery, we conclude the rosary with the HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, an 11th Century addition to the rosary. Many dioceses throughout the world have added various other concluding prayers, dependent upon where one resides. Now, let's list the Four Sets of Mysteries that are available in the Rosary for prayer: 1 JOYFUL MYSTERIES speak of Jesus' birth and early life to coincide with the Church's 'Liturgical Seasons' in the year. We say the JOYFUL MYSTERIES during the seasons of Advent & CHRISTMAS; 2. SORROWFUL MYSTERIES tell of His suffering & death & they are said during the season of Lent; 3. GLORIOUS MYSTERIES are used during the Easter season, up to Advent and during designated Ordinary times. 4. LUMINOUS MYSTERIES were added to the Rosary by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. They emphasize Christ's public life and are said mainly during Ordinary Time and alternating with the Glorious Mysteries. As to which days should we say certain mysteries, the Church has designated the following: Joyful Mysteries on Mondays & Saturdays; Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesdays & Fridays; Luminous mysteries on Thursdays; and Glorious mysteries on Wednesdays & Sundays. These are not hard & fast rules; thus allowing the individual to say whichever set seems appropriate, depending upon their situation.

To those who find the rosary repetitive or boring, (yes, I heard this from my high school students), I used Fr. John Reinkemeyer's response: "Anyone who prays the rosary will never lose faith. He/she cannot. Jesus will always be on their minds and hearts. His Mother will be there to see to it that Her Son deals kindly & mercifully with him/her. The Blessed Mother never gets tired of hearing that we love her." I would also tell young people if they have a girlfriend or boyfriend, did they ever tire of saying that they loved or admired her/him? Of course not! That is repetition! The Rosary is the unfolding of the Greatest Story Ever Told. To help kids keep their minds on the mysteries as we prayed the rosary in class, I devised a series of meditations to say aloud just prior to saying the 'Hail Mary'. Students each had a one-line meditation to read aloud and it worked very well. I still have those meditation sheets for each of the four sets of rosary mysteries if anyone would like a free copy, let me know.

---Marcel Normand