

St. Michael Church
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Sunday, Oct. 29th, 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. 28– Nov. 5, 2023

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
Monday	10/30	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	10/31	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Carol Battitori
Wednesday	11/01	7:30 AM (Girard) 6:30 PM (Girard)	† Kevin O'Brien Pro Populo
Thursday	11/02	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Ursula Parsons
Friday	11/03	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Pat Jr. & Vera Diskin
Saturday	11/04	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Helen Normand Bernadette Coomes
Sunday	11/05	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Evelyn Severt

Dates of Importance

Oct. 31: Bible Study
Oct. 31: 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass (Arma)
Nov. 1: 7:30 AM Holy Day Mass (Girard)
Nov. 1: 6:30 PM Holy Day Mass (Girard)
Nov. 2 : RCIA
Nov. 3 : Church Women United Lunch
Nov. 12: Farm Toy Show
Nov. 14: Daughters of Isabella
Nov. 15: St. Anne Altar Society

All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Oct. 31: 5:30 PM (Arma)

Wednesday, Nov. 1: 7:30 AM (Girard)
6:30 PM (Girard)



Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (11/04)

4:00 PM

Altar Servers Volunteers

EME Volunteer

Lector Pat Westhoff

Gifts Margaret Setina
Gay Kranker

Ushers Don Zornes
& Volunteer

5:30 PM

Gabby Graham
Jaxton Smith

Janel Scales

Linda Moore

Ryan Ashmore
Family

Dave Garrett
(Lead usher)

Sunday (11/05)

8:00AM

Jaxen &
Jace Shaub

Joan Black

Joe Broyles

Ron &
Joan Black

Dan Cole
Greg Bogina

10:00 AM

Aydin Sisney
Quin Sisney

Anna Goble

Denny Heidrick

Adam &
Faith Paoni

Bob Davied
(Lead usher)



Sunday Gospel Activities
for Sunday Mass/
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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!

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.

**St. Michael Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$2,024.20	\$66,584.26
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$66,584.26

**St. Joseph Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$919	\$23,836.25
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$23,836.25

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.

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

St. Mary's Annual Turkey Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 5th
St. Mary's Activity Center
11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Cost: \$10/Adult, \$5/Child (6-12)

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.

Be Aware!!!!!!

Please be aware of a phone scam that is going around. It preys on parishioners.

If you ever receive a text or email that claims to be from Father Vacca, asking for money, please ignore it!!

Father will never uses his cell phone and will never send an email asking for money

This has been happening in other parishes and there is nothing we can do about it, except to warn our parishioners and make you aware.

Book of Remembrance

For the month of November, positioned at the front of the church will be our "Book of Remembrance".

If you have a loved one that has passed in the past year, please sign their name in this book, so we can be mindful of them during this month of remembering our deceased. †

Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Turkey Bazaar at St. Michael a great success.
We served 477 people!

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), at at the 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.

**Church Women United****November 3rd at 12:00**

We will have a luncheon at the First Christian Church in Girard. Bring a covered dish of your favorite food to share.

Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

#7 The Glory to God is not used on Sundays of Lent or Advent. It begins with the song of the angels when Christ was born, and so it is for joyful occasions – feasts. It is a hymn, which is why it is more appropriate to sing it, especially during Christmas and Easter seasons.

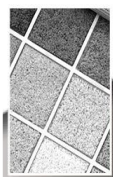
It is also used on the Ordinary Sundays of the year. Easter is the most important feast of the Church, but every Sunday is like a mini-Easter when we celebrate anew the Resurrection of the Lord. Sunday became the Lord's Day for the early Christians, also known as the eighth day.

The Jewish Sabbath is Saturday – the day of rest, for God "rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done." The Third Commandment for Jews pertains to the Sabbath, but the Resurrection event on the eighth day points to eternal life, a day that will never end, and so Christians keep the Third Commandment by observing each Sunday the day of the Lord's rising from the dead.

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FORGIVENESS; THE GREATEST ACT OF LOVE

Jesus is the one who told us that forgiveness is the greatest act of love. His death on the Cross was an act of love and forgiveness of our sins. When you forgive, you die to self. St. Paul told the Romans, "none of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master." That statement is very counter-cultural, for it is not the so-called popular way. Contrary to pro-choice thinking, God is the author of life. Also, opposed to Dr. Kevorkian, a popular euthanasia supporter, God is still the Master of death! Every moment of life we have is entrusted to us by God to give back to Him.

You may recall a gospel parable not long ago when Jesus was presented this question: "How often must I forgive my brother?" We've all asked this, for it is a common human question. Peter offered "7 times". Jesus said, "7 times 7" because He wanted His listeners to realize that there's NO LIMIT TO FORGIVENESS! Think about it. God doesn't put a limit on His forgiveness of us. Examples are: the "Our Father" and "the Beatitudes". You may remember the parable of the heartless king, who, when settling his accounts, noted that some of his servants had squandered his assets. When they begged forgiveness, the king denied them. Servants who witnessed this were badly shaken. Don't we all, if we seek forgiveness and it is not forth-coming? It is a powerful story and, like most parables, it was about you and me. Jesus is telling us in this short narrative that His Heavenly Father will treat us the same way, unless we FORGIVE from our hearts.

The day we were brought to Holy Mother Church for Baptism, we were IN DEBT with Original Sin. He washed it away. Then, as our former pastor, Fr. Donald Thissen told us years ago, "He gave each of us \$9 million worth of grace to aid us through our lives." The Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation, Confession,) restores us to our original innocence at baptism. Think for a moment how blessed we are to have a church to attend and hear the Word of God spoken to us by a PRIEST! Many places in the world may have a building to go to, but priests are scarce and others fill in with the readings. We should take this opportunity to model to the world through our actions to teach and inform. Bishop Fulton Sheen once said in a homily: "We can cure illnesses with our kind words and deeds." Don't you respond when a stranger looks toward you with a smile and perhaps a kind word? Of course you do! There are so many who do not, that makes it a rarity in today's world. But, in negative contrast, do we commit acts that harm the meaning Christ portrayed when He hung on the Cross? Think of the numerous times and events that have negated His love: wars, depression, the A-bomb, the current Hamas-Israeli War, abortion. What meaning can life have if we destroy it at its beginning? Daily life teaches us forgiveness if we observe. How many of our thoughts and actions go awry (wrong) each day? We need forgiveness.

Before concluding, we should mention two important days in our church calendar next week: All Saints Day on Nov. 1 and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Hallows Eve or 'Halloween' is how it is called in the secular (non-religious) world. All Saints celebrates all who have gone to Heaven. The 2nd important feast day is Nov. 2, All Souls Day, not one of obligation, but, in my estimation, a most important day for Catholics. This Mass offers us an opportunity to pray for souls in Purgatory or for all who have died--our relatives or friends and hoping for their entrance to Heaven. Speaking to the Lord is highly recommended for we need to form a close relationship with Him. It will help us face death realistically. Your love for Him increases as you learn more about Him. When two love one another, there is dying to self. Remember Nov 1 and 2--both important days for our souls.

---Marcel Normand