

St. Michael Church
106 N. Western
Girard, Ks. 66743
724-8717
www.stmichaelgirard.com

Sunday, Nov. 5th, 2023

St. Joseph Church
100 S. 8th
Arma, Ks. 66712
347-4525
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

Pastoral Council:

Secretary: Paula Severt

Finance Council:

Tony Stonerock - Chair

DRE:

Kristen Graham
kristen.j.graham@gmail.com

Prayer Squad

Nancy Bauer
bauerbackes@yahoo.com
724-2051

Staff:

Pastor: Fr. Vacca
Email:
fathervacca@gmail.com

Secretary: Barb Duling
Email:
dulingbarb@gmail.com

Bookkeeper: Janel Scales
Email:
jmscales414@gmail.com

St. Joseph

Pastoral Council:

Pat Westhoff - Chair

Finance Council:

Linda Broyles - Chair

Hall Rent Manager:

Linda Broyles

Prayer Chain:

Bev Presley
bevpresley18@gmail.com
620-704-7693

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 Nov. 4 – Nov. 12, 2023

Saturday	11/4	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Helen Normand Bernadette Coomes
Sunday	11/5	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Evelyn Severt
Monday	11/6	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	11/7	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Sharon Cizerle
Wednesday	11/08	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Bryce Reese
Thursday	11/09	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Helen Normand
Friday	11/10	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Alice Davied
Saturday	11/11	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Madeline Yartz Pro Populo
Sunday	11/12	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Sharon Cizerle Stanley Thomas

Dates of Importance

Nov. 7: Bible Study in Rectory
Nov. 9: RCIA
Nov. 12: Farm Toy Show
Nov. 14: Daughters of Isabella
Nov. 15: St. Anne Altar Society
Nov. 27: St. Michael Altar Society

31st Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

**“Whoever exalts himself
shall be humbled;
and whoever humbles
himself shall be exalted.”**

Matt 23:12

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (11/11)

4:00 PM

Altar Servers Volunteers

EME Sharon Giacometti

Lector Barry Bedene

Gifts Georganne Galichia
Anna Meyer

Ushers Mark VanLeeuwen
Simon Bishop

5:30 PM

Carly Reif
Nolan Leonard

Linda DeGarmo

Butch Reif

Mark &
Trish Peak

Dave Garrett
(Lead usher)

Sunday (11/12)

8:00AM

Cody &
Tyler Burns

Tracey Bogina

Linda Broyles

Greg &
Tracey Bogina

Ron Black
Joyce Klinkon

10:00 AM

Seth Wilson
Harrison Burke & Andrew Graham

Eileen Bland

Michelle Puckett

Dan & Dana Augustine

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!



Scan this QR code,
for todays Sunday Gospel
activities for children.

**St. Michael Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$1808.00	\$68,392.26
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$68,392.26

**St. Joseph Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$923	\$24,759.25
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$24,759.25

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.

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. †

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. 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.

Bible Study (St. Michael)

The 10:00 A.M. Bible Study for Tues., Nov. 7th, will be held in the Rectory, due to election taking place in the hall.

Altar Society Meeting: (St. Michael)

St. Michael Altar Society will have a meeting on Monday, November 27th.

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

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.

**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)

Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

#8 The "presider" at a Mass is the priest who prays the three presidential prayers. The Opening Prayer is the first of these prayers. In it, the theme for that Mass is made clear, whether the Mass is for a saint, or a feast, or on a seasonal theme.

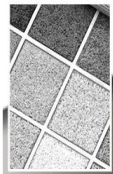
The Opening Prayer can be prayed from the altar, or from the presider's chair. That chair is where the presiding priest sits during the Liturgy of the Word. It is possible for the presider to not be the priest consecrating the Eucharist at the altar; we rarely see this except when an elderly Pope or bishop presides over a Mass, but a younger Cardinal or priest does most of the work at the altar.

The presidential prayers are in the Roman Missal which has become a larger and heavier book in recent years. A missal stand is the traditional way to hold the book open for its use without smudging and ruining the binding. They are very expensive books to replace.

The Laundry Basket
212 S. Ozark
Girard, Ks. 66743
724-4402



CARPET · TILE · VINYL · HARDWOOD · CABINETS
FURNITURE · AREA RUGS · MATTRESSES · LIFT CHAIRS · RECLINERS & MORE!



Locally owned and operated
in Brazilton KS for nearly 50 years!

DERAILED COMMODITY
FLOORING & FURNITURE
EST. 1967



620-395-2141

Bedene Funeral Home

Barry W. Bedene
517 East Washington
Arma, Kansas 66712
(620) 347-4200

Silver Trojans

M-F, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. @ Girard United Methodist Church

One-stop-shop for everything health and wellness
Strength, cardio, balance, fall prevention, flexibility, and more!

Jessica Jones- 620-240-3344

Qualifying insurance may pay for membership!



EXCHANGE
State Bank

108 E. St. John
PO Box 187
Girard, KS 66743
620-724-4911

Banking with friends!



Farmers Bank

A BRANCH OF GOPPERT STATE SERVICE BANK

WALNUT · DEPLEY · ST. PAUL · GIRARD
620-724-4911 620-724-4911 620-724-4911 620-724-4911



O'TOOLE CONSTRUCTION INC.

LAND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS

Improve Your Land-Increase Your Worth

952 W. 47 HWY

GIRARD, KS 66743

Jim O'Toole 620-724-8536

Ronnie O'Toole 620-632-5165

Tim O'Toole 620-724-8990

620-724-3225 c

620-724-2754 c

620-238-0430 c

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS, DID YOU NOTICE?

The 20th century is said to be the boldest in human history. Airplanes were invented & we took to the sky. A few decades later, the urge to explore the atmosphere dominated scientific thinking & the 1960s saw great advances in space that climaxed with placing a man on the moon in July, 1969. During WW II, we created the atomic bomb with the potential to destroy the world. Toward century's end, we built up our technology to the point that we've placed the entirety of human knowledge at our fingertips and we carry it around on our person daily!

It's called a cellphone! We also decided we could outsmart Time by changing our clocks twice a year & adopting a new time known as Daylight Savings Time, hereafter referred to as DST. We've had it for a century now, but most of us don't really understand its workings yet.

DST has many parents since we can point to half a dozen scientists who contributed to its adoption. Benjamin Franklin is credited with the idea for DST when he served as our ambassador to France in the 18th century (1700s). He had noticed that the French slept in, far too long each morning--sometimes until 10:30 a.m. before rising. He wrote an essay suggesting it made better sense to arise earlier and get more work done during daylight hours. He even wrote an essay in satire, explaining his plan. He wanted to add more time to the summer months, saying it would delay nightfall one hour in early spring, which meant they could save candles in the evening with fewer night hours. Few took him seriously and not until WW I did the U.S. institute it as an emergency war measure to save power & help blackout periods. After the Big War, the idea lapsed & then came WW II when DST was begun again. DST still didn't catch on with the people when WW II ended & the law was repealed. Br. Prime Minister Winston Churchill supported it however. Why was DST reinstituted soon after the War? The national government had dropped it at war's end, but that allowed States & local governments to set their own time & this resulted in chaos. Many time zones were formed & travel brought confusion to those passing through the various zones. In 1966, Pres. Lyndon Johnson signed a bill making DST national and it continues today. We do have a couple of States who do not observe it: Hawaii & Arizona have opted out for various reasons---in Arizona because of its desert climate & Hawaii's distance proves difficult to maintain a time zone. Most of our U.S. territories such as Guam and Puerto Rico have their own time zones. 64% of Americans still support the present time zone system, yet several States have petitioned the federal govt to retain Standard Time permanently. Earlier this year, a couple of House members introduced a bill, the Sunshine Protection Act, to stay on DST permanently, but the bill made no headway. The Senate passed a bill unanimously last year to stay on DST, but the House took no action. Many health experts have said that having one permanent time zone for the nation would contribute to better health. They said that the human body is not designed to reset its internal clock. Any health problem is made worse by poor sleep. Even churches report lower attendance on the Sunday of change. We need one year-round standard for time, many continue to say. The world probably would be better off if Ben had kept his idea to himself!!

On another important matter, this coming Tuesday, Nov. 7, is election day for most school boards and city & county commissions. Many folks ignore these elections, thinking that State & national elections affect the average citizen most. Do not be led to think that local elections are unimportant. On the contrary, the old saying, "all politics is local" is true. We must start by insuring that good, solid, leaders near home administer our schools and also keep our cities & counties running smoothly and efficiently. If you feel unqualified to judge such leaders, check out your local newspapers who run stories that explain their qualifications for the offices. Some may ask why elections are held on the 1st Tues. after the 1st Mon in Nov every two years. In the beginning, States chose their own times for elections. Because this brought much confusion, in 1845, Congress passed a law stating that ALL elections--city, State, & national, would be held on the 1st Tues. after the 1st Mon. of Nov of even numbered years. November was chosen because, at that time, the majority of the labor force were farmers & by this time, the harvest was usually over, yet the weather was still mild. Tuesday was chosen for voting so as not to interfere with weekend church services or midweek marketing when farmers sold their crops on street corners in town. Travel was also a factor in this decision due to poor roads. In a democracy, voting is not only a privilege, but a duty. History shows when voting is ignored, a few, hungry for power, manage to take over the government. We've seen it happen in many nations. Exercise your voice in local government this Tuesday. If we don't vote, we lose our right to complain.

----Marcel Normand