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Sunday, Nov. 12th, 2023

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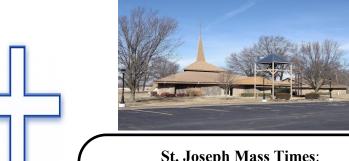
### St. Michael Mass Times:

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

## Pastoral Council:

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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.

#### 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.

#### Bulletin

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

#### 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. 11 - Nov. 19, 2023

Saturday	11/11	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	†	Madeline Yartz Pro Populo
Sunday	11/12	8:00 AM (Arma)	†	
Sunday	11/12	10:00 AM (Girard	,	Stanley Thomas
Monday	11/13	No Mass		No Mass
Tuesday	11/14	5:30 PM (Arma)	†	Helen Normand
Wednesday	11/15	6:30 PM (Girard)	†	Linda Mills
Thursday	11/16	8:00 AM (Arma)	†	Bryce Reese
Friday	11/17	7:30 AM (Girard)	†	Bill O'Toole
Saturday	11/18	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	†	Linda Carpino Bob Niggeman
Sunday	11/19	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	†	Alice Davied Pro Populo

## **Dates of Importance**

Nov. 14: Bible Study

Nov. 14: Daughter of Isabella Nov. 15: St. Anne Altar Society Nov. 16: **RCIA in Rectory** 

Nov. 19: PSR Mass

Nov. 23 & 24: No Adoration

Nov. 27: St. Michael Altar Society

## **Office Closed**

The Church Office will be closed Monday, Nov. 13 - Thurs. Nov. 16.

Emailed bulletin ads or columns will be added to bulletin as usual.

## No Adoration (Nov. 23 & 24)

Adoration will be canceled Thursday, Nov. 23 in Arma and on Friday Nov. 24 in Girard, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. \*There will be mass on both days at regular times.

# Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Saturday (11/18)</u>		<u>Sunday (11/19)</u>	
	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Jaxton Smith Volunteer	Jaxen & Jase Schaub	Elijah & Isabella Walsh
<u>EME</u>	Volunteer	Carrie Smith	Terry Cleland	Jerry Hanson
<b>Lector</b>	Teresa Bishop	Donna Martin	Ron Pommier	PSR Students
<u>Gifts</u>	Volunteer	Butch Reif Family	Dave & Cindy Ashmore	PSR Students Bob Davied
<u>Ushers</u>	Pat Westhoff Volunteer	Dave Garrett (Lead usher)	Mike Ashbacher Joe Polhlopek	(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:

Contributions: Expenses: Over/(Under) Last Week \$4,166.20 July 2023 to Date \$72,558.46 \$ -\$72,558.46



St. Joseph Collections:

Contributions: Expenses: Over/(Under) <u>Last Week</u> \$1105 \$ - July 2023 to Date \$25,864.25 \$ -\$25,864.25

## **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. †

## St. Anne's Altar Society

The next meeting of St. Annes's Altar Society is scheduled for 10:00 AM on November 15.

It will be held in the St. Joseph rectory. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

## RCIA (St. Michael)

RCIA for Thursday., Nov. 16th, will be held in the Rectory, due to a function in the hall.

## **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
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## St. Michael Altar Society Meeting

St. Michael Altar Society will have a meeting on Monday, November 27th., 6:00 PM.

### **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

### **PSR Mass**

PSR mass for our Elementary students will be on **Sunday, Nov. 19th.** 

The CYM will be serving donuts and coffee after mass for a FREE WILL Donation.

## **Entry Cabinet**

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.

Tickets will be sold 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.





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

#9 Mass is divided into two basic parts: the Liturgy of the Word which centers around the lectern (or ambo), and the Liturgy of the Eucharist which centers around the altar.

The book called the Lectionary is the cycle of readings from the Bible used at every Mass for the Liturgy of the Word. On Sundays, we usually have an Old Testament passage for the First Reading, a Psalm, a New Testament passage for the Second Reading, and a Gospel. These readings are specifically chosen to follow a theme or to relate to each other in some way.

The lector is the one who reads the First and Second Readings as we listen to what God wishes to reveal to us through His Word. We listen in order to obey. In fact, the word obey comes from the Latin word *obedire* – to listen to. To hear the Word of God is the path to obedience to God's Word.

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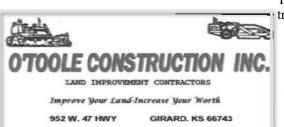
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### Land of the Free BECAUSE of the Brave!

This weekend, we celebrate and honor all of the brave men & women who have served our nation to preserve its freedom. Those who grumble about losing a three-day weekend should consider what this remembrance is all about. Veteran's Day began as Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m. in a boxcar in France where an armistice (ceasefire) was signed between the Allies (U.S. Br. Fr. & Italy) and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary & Turkey). This day became known as Armistice Day as W.W. It was supposed to be the "war to end all wars", but a year after Congress proclaimed it a federal holiday, 1938, W.W. II began in Europe when Germany invaded Poland and shattered the dream of a world without war. War has never been easy to explain as we watch today the clash of Israel v Hamas due to the latter's unexplained, surprise attack on Israel on October 7. Israel has sworn to obliterate (destroy) the Hamas terrorists who supervised the attack on their homeland, killing hundreds of Israeli citizens and terrorizing many. Their actions not only threatened peace in the mid-East, but possibly worldwide! Even our large college campuses are filled with student protests, mostly anti-Israeli, an ally whom the U.S. has long considered vital to our interests there. Fighting continues with no clear resolve at present, causing freedom to be at risk. Wars seem to give rise to heroes, no matter which side of the conflict. Usually the goal of either side in war is victory. At times, it doesn't matter who's right, for we must focus on 'who's left', the veterans who return home maligned in some way and often, unable to function in society because of injury both physical and/or mental. One such hero was Father Emil Kapaun, a Catholic military chaplain, who served his Church and his country during the Korean War in the early 1950s. He was called 'the bravest foot soldier' by those who knew him because, "By his very presence, somehow, he could turn a stinking, louseridden mud hut, for a little while, into a cathedral", according to Lt. Dowe, who soldiered beside him. He did much more than care for the men's spiritual needs. "He washed & tended the wounded as if they were babies." Dowe continued, "he traded his wristwatch for a blanket and cut it up to make warm socks for helpless men whose feet were freezing during that Korean winter. He did the loathsome tasks such as cleaning the latrines." As prisoners, their diets were restricted & they became weak and sick. That's when the Communists intensified their propaganda as taught by Marx & Stalin. Fr. Kapaun, often without losing his temper, would answer the lecturer, point by point, with a calm logic that set the comrade screaming! Father was not punished although he was threatened & warned of his outbursts. Lt. Dowe said they would bully & threaten Father, but, in Dowe's opinion, the Communists were actually afraid of Fr. Kapaun---his strength that they could not break or his spirit that they could not quell. (subdue) On Easter Sunday, he couldn't celebrate Mass because all of his Mass equipment had been lost at the time of his capture. Instead, he told the story of Christ's suffering to the men & how He died. Then holding in his hand, a rosary made of bent barbed wire cut from the prison fence, he recited the Glorious Mysteries. The next Sunday, Fr. collapsed while holding the Sunday service. He was weakened by dysentery, pneumonia, & infection of one of his legs & his eyes. During his last day with the men, Fr. Kapaun, in great pain & tears rolling down his face, told the story of the 7 Maccabees in the Old Testament. Lt. Walter Mayo said, "By that time, we were all crying. Soon, the Chinese came to carry Father to the hospital. A few days later, he died among the men he served." In 2015, at a Veterans Day program at St. Marys-Colgan High School, I heard a guest speaker, Herb Miller, tell us how he was saved from death by Father who carried Miller as the men walked for 3 days in a 'Death March' to the Korean death camps. Fr. Kapaun's actions earned him our nation's highest recognition, The Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously (after his death) to his family. The Catholic Church is working at present to see him named a Saint. Those who walk on the high road of humility are never bothered with heavy ---Marcel Normand traffic.



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