

St. Michael Church  
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**Sunday, Nov. 12th, 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

### Nov. 11 – Nov. 19, 2023

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

### Saturday (11/18)

#### 4:00 PM

**Altar Servers** Volunteers

**EME** Volunteer

**Lector** Teresa Bishop

**Gifts** Volunteer

**Ushers** Pat Westhoff  
Volunteer

#### 5:30 PM

Jaxton Smith  
Volunteer

Carrie Smith

Donna Martin

Butch Reif  
Family

Dave Garrett  
(Lead usher)

### Sunday (11/19)

#### 8:00AM

Jaxen &  
Jase Schaub

Terry Cleland

Ron Pommier

Dave &  
Cindy Ashmore

Mike Ashbacher  
Joe Polhlopek

#### 10:00 AM

Elijah &  
Isabella Walsh

Jerry Hanson

PSR Students

PSR Students

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>
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$4,166.20	\$72,558.46
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Over/(Under)</b>		\$72,558.46

**St. Joseph Collections:**

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

**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.**



**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time**

**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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### 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, louse-ridden 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 traffic. ---Marcel Normand

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