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**Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024**

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 8:30 AM -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.

**OCIA**

Order 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

### Jan. 27 – Feb. 4, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1/27</b>	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	†	Pro Populo Verdan Davied
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/28</b>	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	†	Geneva McGown Bill Duling
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/29</b>	No Mass		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/30</b>	5:30 PM (Arma)	†	Helen Normand
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/31</b>	6:30 PM (Girard)	†	Rose Ann Azember
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/1</b>	8:00 AM (Arma)	†	Betty & Wally Rons
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/2</b>	7:30 AM (Girard)	†	Scott & Beth Wilson Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/3</b>	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	†	Pro Populo Joe & Mary Jean Martin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/4</b>	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	†	Sharon Cizerle Rick Bland

## Dates of Importance

Jan. 30: Bible Study  
Feb. 1: OCIA  
Feb. 3,4: Blessing of the Throats  
Feb. 6: Knight of Columbus meeting  
Feb. 13: Daughters of Isabella

## Blessing of the Throats Feast of St. Blaise

The Blessing of the Throats will be given  
during all masses next weekend.



Scan this QR code,  
for today's Sunday Gospel  
activities for children.

## Bible Study

**Father offers a Bible Study for anyone that would like to attend.  
They are being offered in both parishes on Tuesday's.**

**10:00 A.M. in St. Michael Hall**

**4:15 P.M. in St. Joseph Rectory**

*We hope to see you there!*

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Saturday (2/3)</u>	<u>Saturday (2/3)</u>	<u>Sunday (2/4)</u>	<u>Sunday (2/4)</u>
	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
<u><b>Altar Servers</b></u>	Volunteers	Nolan Leonard Volunteer	Brayden Reese Zen Davied	Shelby Humble Quin Sisney
<u><b>EME</b></u>	Sharon Giacometti	Carrie Smith	Joan Black	Marilyn McCracken
<u><b>Lector</b></u>	Anna Meyer	Butch Reif	Joe Broyles	Beth Wilson
<u><b>Gifts</b></u>	Georganne Galichia Volunteer	Ryan & Savanna Ashmore Family	Mary Sayre Joyce Klinkon	Adam & Faith Paoni
<u><b>Ushers</b></u>	Mark VanLeewen Don Zornes	Dave Garrett (Lead Usher)	Ron Black Greg Bogina	Bob Davied (Lead Usher)



### St. Michael Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$2,527.85	\$111,770.49
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -	\$133,076.89
<b>Over/(Under)</b>		(\$21,306.40)



### St. Joseph Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$994.00	\$39,844.40
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -	\$59,742.32
<b>Over/(Under)</b>		(\$19,897.92)

### Daughters of Isabella

February meeting of Daughters of Isabella

St. Luke's Circle will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at St. Francis Parish Hall, St. Paul, Kansas.

The meeting begins at 6:30pm with the Audit meeting beginning at 6:00 pm. Hostesses are Joan Davied, Kathie Grosdidier and Susan Coeme. D of I is an international organization of Catholic Women.

\*All the ladies from St. Michael and St. Joseph parishes are invited to attend.

### Rosary Hospital

There is a small wooden box in back of St. Michael's Church. It is the "Rosary Hospital" for rosaries that need repaired. I have been repairing your bead rosaries for several years. Over this time, I have enjoyed seeing all your unique rosaries and figuring out how to make your beads useable again.

To use the 'hospital', place your broken rosary in an envelope with your name, phone number, and any other needed information. I will pick up the envelope the next time I am in the church. If there are any beads or medals missing, I will do my best to match the existing design. After fixing it, I will place it back in the 'hospital' box and TADA! Your rosary is ready to use again.

Sometimes, if I am out of town this process can take several weeks. The most important part of the repair is to put your name on the envelope. Because...it is a rosary 'hospital', not a rosary donation box. If you drop off a rosary and forget it, I will leave it in the box for several months, hoping the owner will come back for it. Again, this is why having your name on the rosary envelope is so critical.

You can support my work by praying on your rosaries. No payment is accepted.

If there is an urgent need for repair, please reach out to me. Paula Severt 620.404.9570

### Give something more than flowers and chocolates this year!



This Valentine's Day give your spouse the greatest gift of all - your time and attention. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will allow you to reconnect and reaffirm your love for each other. It is a gift that will last all the days of your lives. For information or to apply for an experience visit [www.wmme4youandme.org](http://www.wmme4youandme.org) or scan the QR code.

#### Upcoming Dates

February 16-18th - Kansas City, KS  
March 15-17th - Carthage, MO  
June 15-16th - Kansas City, KS



### Pancake Feed

The Crawford County Junior Leaders will have their annual Pancake Feed on Sunday, February 4th.

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wildcat Extension Office

120 E. Buffalo St.



#### Menu:

Pancakes, homestyle garlic sausage, eggs, juice and coffee.

All **FREE WILL** donations go to support the Crawford County Jr. Leaders.

## Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

**#20** The Prayer over the Gifts is the second of three presidential prayers. It returns to the theme for the day as the preparation of the altar is now concluded.

Besides the bread and wine, the altar now has whatever vessels are necessary to facilitate their distribution, such as the chalice - or priest's cup, if needed a ciborium which comes with a lid to hold the hosts that are to be consecrated at the Mass, and a paten - or plate - for the large host. Linens on the altar include purificators to use with the cups and the corporal, which is the center square cloth on which the bread and wine were positioned by Father after blessing them. The corporal allows for easier clean-up of drips or crumbs once the Mass is over.

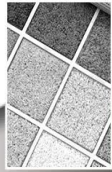
The "table of the Eucharist" once set is then the focus for the community gathered for the "sacrifice of the Mass".



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## St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

St. Thomas Aquinas is known for his great love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. His feast day will be observed by the Church on Monday, Jan. 29, since his day of observance is Jan. 28 which falls on Sunday this year. Thomas was born near Naples, Italy, in 1226. His parents wanted their son to become the Abbot, someday, of the huge Benedictine Monastery in nearby Monte Casino. He received an early start toward holiness when his father placed him with the Benedictines at age 5. He spent years studying there and at age 19, he entered the University of Naples where he was attracted to Aristotle's philosophy & joined the Order of Dominicans, much to his family's disappointment.

He left the university soon after to live with the Dominican priests. His parents took drastic steps to stop this & had his two brothers kidnap him from the Dominicans, bring him home, & locked him in the family castle for nearly a year. He finally escaped & returned to the Dominicans! Soon after, Pope Celestine IV summoned him to Rome & asked his family not to stand in their son's way of a Dominican vocation.

Thomas returned to the Dominicans & was soon sent to Cologne, Germany to study under the most respected teacher of that time--Albert, the Great. Albert, himself, would later be canonized a saint by the Church. At school, Thomas was labeled the 'Dumb Ox' by his companions because of his large size & silent manner. Later, Albert told the students, "I tell you that someday that Dumb Ox will bellow so loudly that the whole world will hear him!" History shows that it came to pass. Thomas was ordained a priest and taught as well as wrote several books on scripture, philosophy, & theology. The most famous of his books was the SUMMA THEOLOGICA, written to counter the arguments brought by pagans against Catholic theology. He spent 8 years on the SUMMA, but no single text displays his supreme wisdom more completely. The last part, he left unfinished, claiming that he wasn't satisfied with the content after having a profound mystical experience in early 1273 while saying Mass. He told his secretary, "Compared to what has been revealed to me, all that I have written seems to me like so much straw!" Pope Leo XIII, in his 1879 encyclical (papal document), officially confirmed Aquinas as the greatest theologian of the Catholic Church.

Three months later, 1273, Aquinas was summoned by Pope Gregory X to attend the Council of Lyons, France, to attempt a reconciliation between Rome & the Greek Church. He fell ill & died at his sister's house on Jan 28, 1274. He was canonized a saint in 1323 & named a Doctor of the Church in 1567. He is the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools.

His devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is best illustrated in his prayers & hymns. The best known are "Tantum Ergo" (bowing low, then offer homage....); and "O, Salutaris" (O saving victim, open-ing wide....) which are sung at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. One night, while he was praying before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord spoke to him, saying: "You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward shall you have?" To which Thomas replied: "Nothing but Thyself, O Lord!" This is sufficient evidence of his Holiness. Such greatness & humility seldom go together!

---Marcel Normand

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