

St. Michael Church
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Sunday, Jan, 7th, 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

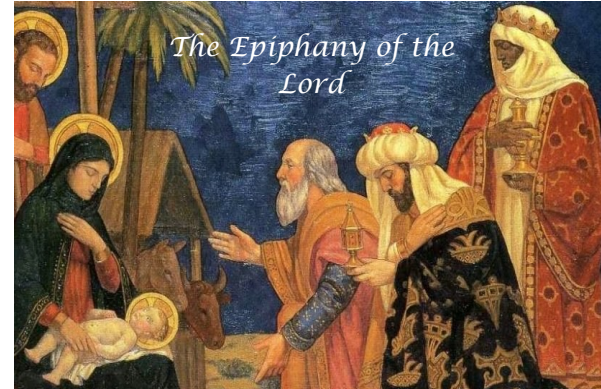
If you're approaching surgery or facing significant illness,
connect with Father to receive the Anointing of the Sick.
(a source of comfort and Spiritual renewal.)

Mass Schedule & Intentions Jan. 6th – Jan. 14th, 2024

Saturday	1/6	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Betty & Wally Rons Pro Populo
Sunday	1/7	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Bill Harman & Linda Davied Alice Davied
Monday	1/8	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	1/9	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Helen Normand
Wednesday	1/10	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Evelyn Severt
Thursday	1/11	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Bryce Reese
Friday	1/12	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Mary Jane Cavanaugh
Saturday	1/13	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Sharon Cizerle Richard Saporito
Sunday	1/14	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Kevin O'Brien

Dates of Importance

Jan. 9: St. Joseph Finance Council
 Jan. 10: St. Anne Altar Society
 Jan. 10: PSR resumes
 Jan. 14: St. Joseph remove Decorations
 Jan. 16: St. Michael Parish Council



Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Saturday (1/13)</u>	<u>Saturday (1/13)</u>	<u>Sunday (1/14)</u>	<u>Sunday (1/14)</u>
	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>5:30 PM</u>	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Volunteers	Jaxton Smith Aiden Ashbacher	Jaxen & Jase Schaub	Gabby Graham Shelby Humble Quin Sisney
<u>EME</u>	Sharon Giacometti	Linda Garrett	Tracey Bogina	Jerry Hanson
<u>Lector</u>	Teresa Bishop	Donna Martin	Ron Pommier	Ruth Duling
<u>Gifts</u>	Volunteers	Mark & Trish Peak	Mary Sayre Joyce Klinkon	John & Trish Humble family
<u>Ushers</u>	Volunteers	Dave Garrett (Lead Usher)	Dan Cole Greg Bogina	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 today's Sunday Gospel
 activities for children.



St. Michael Collections:

	<u>Last 2 Weeks</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$5,937.40	\$103,409.29
Expenses:	\$ -	\$133,076.89
Over/(Under)		(\$29,667.60)



St. Joseph Collections:

	<u>Last 2 Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$3180.02	\$35,693.40
Expenses:	\$ -	\$59,742.32
Over/(Under)		(\$24,048.92)

St. Michael Parish Council Meeting

St. Michael Parish Council will have a meeting on January 16th, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Special Birthday Wishes

Happy 4th Birthday
to Peter Graham!!

Our Prayers are with Peter and his family
during his upcoming treatments.

Thank You

To our St. Michael PSR students and all volunteers
who helped make last weeks Christmas Play a success.
We appreciate your hard work and time that was put into
making this happen.

We would also like to thank the
Wednesday "Craft ladies"
for baking the delicious cookies for the
PSR Christmas Program
Your donation was greatly appreciated.

Daughters of Isabella

Daughters of Isabella, St. Luke Circle,
will not have a meeting in January.

St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting

St. Joseph Finance Council will have a meeting on
January 9th, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

St. Anne Altar Society Meeting

St. Joseph Altar Society will meet on
January 10th, at 2:00 P.M. in the rectory.

St. Joseph (Christmas Decorations)

The Christmas decorations in the church will be taken
down after the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 14.
All volunteer help is always appreciated.

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Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

#17 The General Intercessions at Mass allow us to intercede in a general way for various needs. They are called "General" so they are not intended to be too specific, but instead they utilize language, such as, "for all married couples" or "for all those who are sick".

Depending on the celebration, they can reflect a theme. Normally, they begin with one for the Church and include one for civil needs while finishing with one for the deceased or dying.

The General Intercessions are introduced by the presiding priest and concluded with a prayer by him as well. They are not required on weekdays since the Eucharistic Prayer already incorporates intercessions when it prays for the Pope and the Bishop and all the faithful and then remembers all who have died. But for Sundays and holy days the General Intercessions allow for a stronger sense of how we as Christians believe in the power of prayer and in joining our hearts and voices to ask the Lord to hear us.

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BAPTISM CHANGES YOU FOREVER

This Monday, the Mass will be the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I recall a Sunday when Fr. Sam Pinkerton filled in here at St. Joseph's and his homily centered on baptism. I had met him soon after his ordination when the bishop sent him to Our Lady of Lourdes in Pittsburg. He has always been enthusiastic about his strong belief in the Church and its teachings. He began his homily with, "Baptism isn't just something nice to do. It's more than having the grandparents come or getting the video camera out! It's more than a Christening. We are FOREVER CHANGED by it, permanently marked as one of God's own. We cannot be 'unbaptized' or 're-baptized'. Once done, it is done forever. The waters of baptism are lifegiving for us; they unite us with Christ. As Jesus came right out of the water & began teaching and preaching, we, too, start. We're not automatically saved. We must struggle against sin all of our lives. We know God, in Jesus, will help us to get up again and again". As I listened that morning to Fr. Sam speak on baptism, I picked up on the part where he quoted Matthew, saying that Jesus came DIRECTLY out of the water. Out of the water comes life. Without water, there is NO LIFE because all living things need water to live and that's probably why Christ chose water as the sign of our entrance into the Christian life. Water is also a sign of cleansing; we wash nearly everything, including ourselves, with water. Water, then signifies the washing away of the 'dirt' of sin. As to infant baptism, the New Testament isn't explicit on it. However, Msgr. William Carr has said, "Baptism is spoken of as a 'birth' and one is born as an infant. In the Acts of the Apostles, it speaks of the baptism of households & we can assume that there were children in these households." Some parents, unsure about when to baptize their child, often say he should mature first, then choose his or her religion. As parents, we make many choices for our children's welfare, including their name, their diet, their bedtime, and perhaps their education. When one of them is ill, we don't ask them if they want to take their medicine. We administer it without any thought for input by them, whether they are two or fourteen! To postpone baptism ends up meaning that you aren't very concerned with the religious well-being for your child. Parents give their children their very existence; in baptism, they set him or her on a course toward eternal life. How? Through family religious teaching and parental example followed by a solid education that includes religious instruction. As to the baptism ceremony, itself, the Church is clear about parties involved & their responsibilities. I acquired this doctrine from materials that had a print date of 2022. Godparents should be at least 16 years of age, one woman & one-man leading lives of faith. They should already have been confirmed and presently practicing Catholics who receive the Eucharist regularly. {Canons 872-874} The term, 'Godparent' isn't simply an honorary title; it is an important role of trust in the child's or convert's 'faith life'. They keep watch on the religious progression of the 'new Catholic' and should they wander even slightly from the faith, the godparent is there to consult and advise with parents and child in the matter. Fr. John Reinkemeyer taught that one's BAPTISMAL DAY was more important than his actual birthday, stating, "We know that our birthday signifies our beginnings here on earth, but our Baptismal Day marks the date when we become a member of Christ's Body, the Church, an heir of heaven, and the recipient of God's grace with the removal of Original Sin." Why did Fr. John say this? We should easily understand that no birthday gift could top what we receive at our baptism, whether we are converts or cradle Catholics. By the way, do you know the date (month, day, year) of YOUR Baptism? If not, this might be a good time to check it out while the new year is young. If you were baptized as an infant, your parents would know. If your baptism occurred as an adult or older child, check with older relatives in the family who may remember. It's important to you!

Happy New Year! ---Marcel Normand



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