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Sunday, Feb. 11, 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 **Feb. 10 – Feb. 18, 2024**

Saturday	2/10	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Frances Ales Pro Populo
Sunday	2/11	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Bill Harman & Linda Davied Rick Bland
Monday	2/12	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	2/13	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Bryce Reese
Ash Wednesday	2/14	5:30 PM (Arma) 7:00 PM (Girard)	† Sharon Cizerle Regina Edson
Thursday	2/15	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Helen Normand
Friday	2/16	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Joe George
Saturday	2/17	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Bill O'Toole
Sunday	2/18	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Geneva McGown Marjorie Geifer

Dates of Importance

Feb. 13: Bible Study
Feb. 13: Daughters of Isabella
Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
Feb. 15: OCIA
Feb. 15: Stations (Arma)
Feb. 16: Stations (Girard)

Ash Wednesday Schedule (Wed. 2/14)

St. Michael (Girard)
3:15 PM - Ashes only (No mass)
7:00 PM - Mass

St. Joseph (Arma)
5:30 PM - Mass

*Ash Wednesday is **NOT** a
Holy Day of Obligation.

Welcome Father Wachter!

Welcome Father Wachter! We appreciate you
helping Father Vacca out this weekend.

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Saturday (2/17)</u>	<u>Saturday (2/17)</u>	<u>Sunday (2/18)</u>	<u>Sunday (2/18)</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	Gabby Graham Volunteer	Jaxen & Jase Schaub	Charlotte Burke Harrison Burke
<u>EME</u>	Volunteer	Josh Smith	Tracy Bogina	Anna Goble
<u>Lector</u>	Barry Bedene	Nancy Bauer	Carol Cole	Michelle Puckett
<u>Gifts</u>	Volunteer	Dave & Linda Garrett	Dave & Cindy Ashmore	Kerry & Tammie O'Brien
<u>Ushers</u>	Volunteers	Dave Garrett (Lead Usher)	Dan Cole & Joyce Klinkon	Bob Davied (Lead Usher)
<u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>3:15 PM Girard</u> <u>No Mass (Just Ashes)</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> -	<u>EME</u> Chris Sponsel (Ashes)	<u>Lector</u> -	<u>Gifts</u> -
<u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>2/14 (5:30 PM)</u> <u>Arma</u>	Cody & Tyler Burns	Sharon Giacometti	Pat Westhoff	Volunteers
<u>Ash Wednesday</u> <u>2/14 (7:00 PM)</u> <u>Girard</u>	Aiden Ashbacher Seth Wilson	Linda Garrett	Denny Heidrick	Volunteers



St. Michael Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$2,518.20	\$116,356.69
Expenses:	\$ -	\$133,076.89
Over/(Under)		(\$16,720.20)



St. Joseph Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$1132.00	\$42,043.40
Expenses:	\$ -	\$59,742.32
Over/(Under)		(\$17,698.92)

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will begin next week.

***St. Joseph** (Arma) will be on
Thursdays at 12:30 PM, starting Feb. 15th.

***St. Michael** (Girard) stations will be on
Fridays at 6:00 PM, starting Feb. 16th.

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.

Lenten Rice Bowls

Next week you will find our CRS Rice Bowls at the entrance of
the Church.

Your Lenten donations help people experiencing hunger and
poverty in your local community and in more than 120 countries
around the world.

Please take a Rice Bowl for your home.

*Money can also be put in other containers.

It doesn't have to be the cardboard bowls provided.

You can also donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate.

*"We Christians are called to confront the poverty of our
brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take
practical steps to alleviate it."*

- Pope Francis

AED Defibrillators

Both parishes are now equipped with
AED Defibrillators.

St. Joseph has one in their parish hall.

St. Michael has one in the entrance of the Church and in
the parish hall.

Thanks to everyone that made it possible for our
parishes to have these life saving devices.

*Hopefully we never have to use them, but it is a great
piece of mind, knowing that they are here.

SEK Bus Trip to Benedictines of Mary Abby

On April 25th , 2024

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring a
Pilgrimage to visit Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster in
Gower Missouri for the Catholic Adults in
Southeast Kansas Parishes.

The bus fare is \$60/person. **Must be registered by April 1.**

*Pay online with a credit card at

<https://southeastkssrwilhelmina.eventbrite.com>.

*or write a check for \$60 made out to the

Catholic Diocese of Wichita

Office of Marriage and Family Life,

424 North Broadway

Wichita, Kansas 67202

(mail by April 1)

There will be two Pick-up and drop off locations:

8:15 a.m. In Parsons in the parking lot at the
Southeast Corner of the Walmart 3201 N. 16 th St.

9:00 a.m. in Pittsburg at Labette Community College
Cherokee Center 7186 KS-17.

*Bring extra money for stops, for lunch at Golden Corral,
snacks, and a tip for the bus driver.

Call Marlene Clark for questions at 620-687-4401.

Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

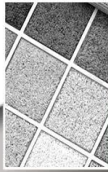
#22 It is in the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, in which we are given a glimpse of heavenly worship. St. John describes what he sees: an altar, incense, angels singing and people in white garments. Our worship is actually a joining in with the heavenly worship that lasts for all eternity; it is not just about ourselves gathered here in this place. So as the Preface says, we join our voices with the angels and archangels who are singing: "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts..."

This is why Catholic churches have images of saints and angels in them. It is as if we are leaving the world and entering into the Holy of Holies of the ancient temple – the House of God. St. John describes God's throne with the saints and angels present, and so in our churches, we remind ourselves of whose company we want to be in – that of the angels and saints – as we join with them in eternal worship of the living God.

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ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

This Wednesday, called Ash Wednesday, will mark the beginning of Lent. Ecclesiastes, Ch 3. tells us there's an appointed time for everything--a time to sow & a time to reap; a time to mourn & a time to dance. Lent is the time for renewing ourselves in our relationship with God & one another. The priest will place ashes on our foreheads and say, "Remember, man, that you are dust and to dust you shall return", a casual reminder that Death, which is always happening to someone else, will eventually happen to us. We should not get too concerned about the things of this earth. We need that reminder, for as humans, we tend to easily forget & the Church is there to help us on our way to Heaven--to see that we get there.

As we leave church on Wednesday, wearing badges of gray-dust, smudged on our foreheads, it may console you some to remember that even those who Don't observe Lent WILL observe death! So half of Lent's reminder is that we will eventually die & that penance is necessary. The other half of Lent reminds us of our Baptism, rediscovering our Baptismal call.

The first mention of "Lent", itself, was in the 4th century at the Council of Nicea in 325. They used the term in relation to the season of 'spring', for the word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon term, "Lencten", meaning 'spring'. By 339, a process for preparing for Easter was universal in the Church, originally a retreat for Baptism where catechumens(candidates for Baptism) prepared for their entrance into the Christian community at the Easter Vigil. For those already baptized, it became a time to renew their baptismal promises. Lent was six weeks of preparation with a Sunday dispensation (released from the obligation). This made 36 days of fasting, but in the 7th Century, the Church added 4 more days by starting Lent on the Wednesday before, making it 40 days. In 1099, Pope Urban II began using the term, Ash Wednesday, since ashes were distributed on that first day of Lent.

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday--when the faithful, especially in Europe, would go to confession in preparation for the Lenten season. They would be 'shriven' (to cut off) of their sins, for the word, Shrove, means 'to shrive or cut off'. The term, Mardi Gras, is French for 'Fat Tuesday' the final opportunity to eat well before the fast of Lent begins. Mardi Gras originated as one of a series of carnival days held in most Roman Catholic countries between Twelfth Night (Epiphany) and Ash Wednesday. The most famous modern Mardi Gras festivities is held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The word, carnival, comes from the Latin 'carne & vale', meaning 'meat & farewell'---a farewell to meat as Lent soon begins.

There's more to Lent than giving up candy---unless you're a kid! According to the Church, there are 3 major types of Penance or satisfaction for sin. 1)Self-Denial which involves fasting and abstinence. Our Lord told us plainly: "Unless you deny yourself, take up your Cross daily and follow Me, you cannot be my disciple." Pope Francis tells us that we fast (eat smaller portions) and abstain (to do without) such as meat on Fridays, to benefit others. 2)Almsgiving--giving to the poor or unfortunate; Almsgiving covers a multitude of sins. Visiting the sick & the lonely are recommended here also. 3) Prayer---has many types such as the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, attending weekday Masses, and private prayer.

If you can, make an effort to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass to receive the ashes. It means you commit yourself to 40 days of prayer, almsgiving, and self-denial. Jesus never promised it would be easy, telling us---"Unless you do penance, you shall perish." I read no leniency in that statement! A few years ago, Fr. Lanzrath visited us around Lent. As Chancellor of our Diocese, he told us: "There's something about Lent that touches the heart; something inherent in our minds that recalls Lent's warning: Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

---Marcel Normand



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