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**Sunday, Feb. 25, 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.

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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. 24 – Mar. 3, 2024

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/24</b>	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Helen Normand <i>Bud Azember</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/25</b>	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Betty & Wally Rons <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/26</b>	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/27</b>	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Bill Harman & Linda Davied
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/28</b>	6:30 PM (Girard)	† <i>Pauline (Pat) Davied</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/29</b>	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Helen Normand
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/1</b>	7:30 AM (Girard)	† <i>Scott &amp; Beth Wilson family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/2</b>	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Pro Populo <i>Mary L. Davied</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/3</b>	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Francis & Virginia Buche <i>Greta Paoni Hauer</i>

## Dates of Importance

Feb. 27: St. Joe Soup & Salad  
Feb. 29: Stations (Arma)  
March 1: Stations (Girard)  
March 12: Daughters of Isabella  
March 22: St. Paul Serra Club  
March 27: Bible Study  
March 29: OCIA

## Meal Train

A “meal train” has been set up for the Doug and Kristen Graham family, from our St. Michael parish. They could use our support in providing meals to help out during 4 yr. old Peter’s treatments in KC.  
If anyone is interested in providing a meal, you can do so by logging into the link below, and following the steps to choose an available date.

**<https--mealtrain.com-g6kn33.url>**

\*Click on Meal Train Official Site

\*Go to “Find a Meal Train Page”

\*Go to where it says Paste link here” and type in **<https--mealtrain.com/g6kn33.url>**

## Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Saturday (3/2)</u>	<u>Saturday (3/2)</u>	<u>Sunday (3/3)</u>	<u>Sunday (3/3)</u>
	<u>4:00 PM (Arma)</u>	<u>5:30 PM (Girard)</u>	<u>8:00AM (Arma)</u>	<u>10:00 AM (Girard)</u>
<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>	Volunteers	<i>Nolan Leonard Volunteer</i>	Jaxen & Jase Schaub	<i>Marli Sisney Quin Sisney</i>
<b><u>EME</u></b>	Volunteer	<i>Linda Garrett</i>	Cindy Ashmore	<i>Jerry Hanson</i>
<b><u>Lector</u></b>	Pat Westhoff	<i>Donna Martin</i>	Joe Broyles	<i>Butch Reif</i>
<b><u>Gifts</u></b>	Margaret Setina Gay Kranker	<i>Volunteers</i>	Greg & Tracy Bogina	<i>Volunteers</i>
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	Volunteers	<i>Dave Garrett (Lead Usher)</i>	Mike Ashbacher Joe Polhlopek	<i>Bob Davied (Lead Usher)</i>



## Stations of the Cross

\*St. Joseph Stations (Arma) will be on Thursdays at 12:30 PM  
\*St. Michael Stations (Girard) will be on Fridays at 6:00 PM



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activities for children.

## Bible Study

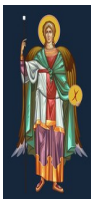
Father offers a Bible Study for anyone that would like to attend.

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!*



### St. Michael Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$4,568.00	\$124,012.69
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -	\$133,076.89
<b>Over/(Under)</b>		(\$9,064.20)



### St. Joseph Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$ 1515.00	\$44,582.40
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -	\$59,742.32
<b>Over/(Under)</b>		(\$15,159.92)



### St. Joseph Soup and Salad Dinner

St. Joseph parish will be hosting a soup & salad dinner on Tuesday nights during lent (except for March 19, election day)

The dinners will be after 5:30 PM mass and will go until 7:00 PM.

Free Will Donations accepted

**Everyone is welcome!!**

### SEK Serra Club

The SEK Serra Club will be hosting The Southeast Kansas 6th Grade Vocations Day on Friday March 22nd from 9am to 2pm at St Francis Parish in St Paul Kansas.

#### Activities for this day will include:

- \*Mass with Bishop Carl A. Kemme
- \*Presentations from a young married couple, priests of the Wichita Diocese and the sisters from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters.
- \*We'll also have the musical talent of Dustin Treiber for Mass and games for the students.

This is an event that helps the students be around priests and sisters in a fun setting.

*These priests and sisters will be able to answer tough religious questions and to tell the students their own discernment stories.*

All area 5th -8th grade students are welcome to attend, and **MUST RSVP by March 15th at [sekserraclub@gmail.com](mailto:sekserraclub@gmail.com)**

### Daughters of Isabella

February meeting of Daughters of Isabella St. Luke's Circle will be on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**, at St. Francis Hall, St. Paul, Kansas.

**The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.**

Hostesses are Marlene Clark, Mary Jane Gouvion, and Tammy Goodyear.

\*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

CRS Rice Bowls are 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](https://crsricebowl.org/donate).**

## Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

#24 Eucharistic Prayer #2 may be new since 1970, but it is actually from the work of a third century martyr, St. Hippolytus. It is the shortest of the Eucharistic Prayers.

Simplicity is one of the traditional characteristics of the Latin rite when compared to the Eastern rite liturgies that can go on for several hours. So the Latin tradition and prayers are known for being short and to the point.

The *epiclesis* is the calling down of the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine. The priest's hands are held flat over the gifts during this part and the bells can ring to draw attention to the significance of calling forth God's power to transform this bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

The consecration takes place as the words of Christ from the Last Supper are spoken: This is my body... This is my blood... Bells may ring each time His Body and the Chalice are elevated for the faithful to see and adore our Lord's Real Presence in our midst. The priest genuflects in his own act of adoration.



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### "Go...and sin no more."

God, the Father, looking down upon His Son, Jesus Christ, said: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt, 3:17 Through Christ, we have become 'adopted' children of God. As such, it should be our strong desire to live in such a way that merits His approval. To be pleasing to Our Father, we must avoid sin. Sin is the willful disobedience to God--an action, thought, desire, or an intention.

We probably will always have sin because people simply 'don't love God enough'. Sin is man's refusal to love. When we love, we give of ourselves & seek the 'good' of the one loved. When we sin, we are thinking ONLY of ourselves. We are loving 'created things' too much, and perhaps, out of order. A man steals money because he has a strong attachment to it. He gets drunk because he drinks too much or out of order. We tend to teach our children too much about NOT committing sin. We need to teach them to LOVE MORE. If we teach them to love, sin will take care of itself. Sin caused Christ's death, but we must make this a 'thing of joy'. Just look at HOW MUCH HE LOVED US! Let's LOVE HIM BACK by doing what He wants us to do. He made us to love Him & one another. This is a good way to approach children about sin. Help them form an accurate conscience concerning wrongdoing. We must not minimize sin, but we shouldn't DWELL ON IT.

There are two kinds of sin: 1. ORIGINAL SIN--this was the sin of Adam & Eve. God made them good, but the nature of man has been wounded by this sin. The effects of this sin have been transmitted to all of their descendants except the Virgin Mary. Keep in mind, we suffer from the EFFECTS of it, but we, personally, are NOT GUILTY of it. 2. ACTUAL SIN--these are the sins which we actually commit ourselves & for which we are guilty. There are TWO KINDS OF ACTUAL SIN: A) Mortal Sin--a serious offense against God. I like to say 'serious' rather than 'mortal' because it sounds better. B) Venial Sin--a less serious offense against God.

Let's begin with Mortal or Serious Sin. It destroys 'Sanctifying Grace', that bit of Christ that resides in our soul. The effect is bringing spiritual death to the soul. To compare, a 'mortal' wound takes away the natural life of the body. Mortal sin removes sanctifying grace from our soul. For a sin to be mortal, the offense or thought must be serious. You, the sinner, must fully realize what this sin will accomplish. Also, the sinner must fully consent to do it. The MIND & the WILL must enter into the act. Thus, a drunk person could not commit the sin. The act must be a free choice for the mind won't let you do anything you don't want to do. The 2nd type of sin is VENIAL, less serious. While it doesn't cut off our relationship with God like Mortal Sin, it does WEAKEN our love for Him. It means 'easily pardonable'. It does NOT mean 'small sin'. Small sins remain small--they do NOT accumulate. Many venial sins do NOT make a mortal sin. Venial sins, unlike mortal sins, are NOT rejections of God, but OFFENSES against Him. They might be compared to bodily wounds that do not kill, but affect one's life. They're not a trivial matter. Venial sins show a failure to love God as a child of God should love. We should avoid not only mortal sin, but deliberate venial sin as well. It may take someone 10 years before he or she finally becomes addicted to alcohol. Forming good habits in children must be emphasized. You wouldn't let a child get by with having a drink of alcohol & as adults or parents, we should never let them 'get by' with stealing---not even a nickel! Whether it is stealing or talking back to parents, it may get out of hand someday. ---Marcel Normand



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