

St. Michael Church
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**Sunday, March 17,
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 March 16 – March 24, 2024



Saturday	3/16	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Margaret Scassellati Bill O'Toole
Sunday	3/17	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Marjorie Giefer
Monday	3/18	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	3/19	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Joe George
Wednesday	3/20	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Daughters of Isabella
Thursday	3/21	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Helen Normand
Friday	3/22	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Rick Bland
Saturday	3/23	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Betty Rons Pro Populo
Sunday	3/24	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Bill Harman & Linda Davied Alice Davied

Dates of Importance

March 19: Bible Study
March 21: Stations (Arma)
March 22: Stations (Girard)
March 25: Girard Altar Society meeting
March 26: St. Joseph soup & salad

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



St. Michael Bible Study

The Tuesday, March 19th Bible Study will be held in the rectory, due to the election in hall.

St. Michael Parish Council Meeting

The St. Michael parish council meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM on March 19th will be held in the rectory, due to the election in hall.

Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

	<u>Saturday (3/23)</u>	<u>Saturday (3/23)</u>	<u>Sunday (3/24)</u> Palm Sunday	<u>Sunday (3/24)</u> Palm Sunday
	<u>4:00 PM (Arma)</u>	<u>5:30 PM (Girard)</u>	<u>8:00AM (Arma)</u>	<u>10:00 AM (Girard)</u>
<u>Altar Servers</u>	Cody & Tyler Burns	August Amershek Volunteer	Jaxen & Jase Schaub	Shelby Humble Elijah Walsh
<u>EME</u>	Sharon Giacometti	Janel Scales	Terry Cleland	Anna Goble
<u>Lector</u>	Pat Westhoff Anna Meyer	Linda Moore Nancy Bauer	Linda Broyles Carol Cole	Ruth Duling Michelle Puckett
<u>Gifts</u>	Volunteers	Mike & Donna Martin	Mike & Janet Ashbacher	Adam & Faith Paoni
<u>Ushers</u>	Volunteers	Dave Garrett (Lead Usher)	Ron Black Joyce Klinkon	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 Tuesday's.
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 Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$4,615.00	\$133,298.79
Expenses:	\$ -	\$133,076.89
Over/(Under)		(\$221.90)



St. Joseph Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$ 1,077.00	\$48,696.40
Expenses:	\$ -	\$59,742.32
Over/(Under)		(\$11,045.92)



St. Michael Altar Society

The St. Michael Altar Society
will have a meeting on
Monday, March 25th at 6:00 PM, in the church hall.

Lenten Rice Bowls

We will be collecting CRS Rice Bowl
donations during Palm Sunday weekend.
They can be placed at the
entrance of the church.

St. Joseph Soup and Salad

There will NOT be a Soup and Salad dinner
on March 19, due to the Primary Election.
It will continue on Tuesday, March 26th.

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SEK bus pilgrimage to visit Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster Gower, Missouri

Cost is \$60 per person. We will pick up pilgrims in Parsons at 8:15 a.m. on the southeast corner of the Walmart parking lot, and in Pittsburg at 9 a.m. at the Labette Community College Cherokee Branch, just east of the truck stop at the four-way intersection of U.S. 400 and 69. Sign up online with a credit card or online at southeastkssrwilhelmina.eventbrite.com. Checks should be made out to the Catholic Diocese of Wichita and mailed to the Office of Marriage and Family Life, 424 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202.
For questions call: Sharon Witzell (316-685-5240)

Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)

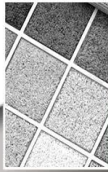
#27 Besides the four Eucharistic Prayers we've had since 1970, we now have six more that are not always found in the missalette. Two have the theme of reconciliation which are best used during Lent. The remaining four are nearly identical with thematic variations for unity of the Church, the Father's guidance through the ages, Jesus' way to the Father, or Jesus ministering to the those in need.

Since these six are not translations of ancient prayers, they are written in a more modern and easily understood manner. But like Eucharistic Prayer #4, the last four can only be used during Ordinary Time because they have their own Prefaces which is where the individual themes stand out.

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St. Joseph, Husband of Our Lady

Many Catholics are familiar with the date, March 19, the feast day of St. Joseph. I think that Butler's LIVES OF THE SAINTS records his life and works very well. It marks the date of his death in the first century, perhaps when Jesus was but 30. As Catholics, we should strive to know this great saint well. His 'Heavenly birthday' as stated is March 19---a man who bent so willingly to the Divine Will. As a young man, he joyfully sacrificed his own dreams and accepted the role that God gave him--to be the foster father of His Son and spouse of the Virgin Mary. Around 900 A.D. the Church began to celebrate March 19 as Joseph's feast day after many years of scant attention. Around the 1500s, the Church began to think of Joseph as the 'provider and protector' of the Holy Family. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared him Patron of the Universal Church. Christian artists showed him so obviously in control, not in a domineering way, but as one who had put his total trust in God. Having made his commitment and been told 'not to fear' by God Joseph went his quiet way, serving his family. We need to be reminded that Joseph was born of royal lineage. As a descendant of David, the great King of Israel, he is referred to in the Bible as the 'Son of David', a noble title also used for Jesus. The Bible tells us little about Joseph---not one recorded spoken word! But we know him because of his quiet faith & courage, his dedication to Mary, his espoused wife, & the education of Him, who though divine, loved to call Himself 'the son of man'. Jesus learned Joseph's trade of carpentry & imitated his manner of speech.

By the work of his hands, Joseph used skill to support his Holy Family. In his obedience to God, Joseph guided Mary & Jesus to Egypt and then led them to settle in Nazareth. He knew he was to protect God's greatest treasures. After Joseph & Mary were betrothed (engaged), Mary was discovered to be pregnant. Matthew's Gospel relates the story from Joseph's perspective. He is presented with a serious dilemma! According to the law, Mary should be stoned to death! But, Joseph, "being a just man, unwilling to put her to shame", resolves to divorce her quietly. An angel appears in Joseph's sleep to explain the source of Mary's condition and tells him to make her his wife. Later, Mary, herself, seems to confer full parental rights on Joseph when she said, after a long search for Jesus, 'Your father and I have sought you sorrowing', which is described in the 5th Joyful Mystery, "The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple." When the census was ordered, Joseph took Mary with him to Bethlehem. He prepared a manger for the Birth & saw the Infant placed in His crib for shepherds to offer worship. He was with Mary when the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple. When the angel warned Joseph of impending danger, Joseph took her & the Child into Egypt to flee King Herod. When the danger subsided, Joseph returned them to Nazareth & raised his son in what is called the "hidden years". Joseph & Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem at Passover when Jesus was twelve. Jesus slipped from them and, in sorrow, they found Him debating with the teachers there. Jesus returned home with them & was 'obedient to them'. Scripture says. After this, Scripture no longer mentions St. Joseph, but tradition tells us that when his time came, Joseph was rocked in Jesus' arms as he died. This is why St. Joseph is known as the Patron of a Happy Death. Jesus began His ministry about this time, 30 A.D. After the Blessed Mother, no holier person ever lived. The Bible pays him the highest compliment: "St. Joseph was a just man", meaning he opened himself totally to what God wanted him to do. He was completely obedient to God.

The name of St. Joseph's mother is not given in the New Testament, but His Father is mentioned in Matthew 1:16. He is called Jacob. Joseph was a righteous man & there's nothing greater one could say about anyone. Bishop Carl A. Kemme made a statement in 2020: "I pray for all of our men to use St. Joseph as a shining example of the kind of man that we are called to be." It is no wonder that after Our Lady, the church says "Go to Joseph".

---Marcel Normand



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