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**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

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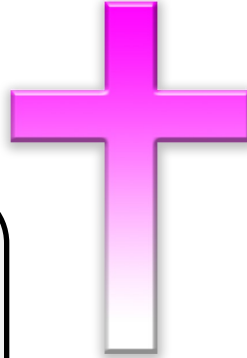
**St. Michael Mass Times:**

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 March 2 – March 10, 2024



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/2</b>	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Mary L. Davied	Pro Populo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/3</b>	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Greta Paoni Hauer	Francis & Virginia Buche
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3/4</b>	No Mass		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/5</b>	5:30 PM (Arma)	† Joe George	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/6</b>	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Bryce Reese	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/7</b>	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Rosemary Papish	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/8</b>	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Marjorie Giefer	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/9</b>	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Richard Saporito	Helen Normand
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/10</b>	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo	Frances Ales

## Dates of Importance

March 5: K of C meeting in Arma  
 March 5: St. Joe Soup and Salad  
 March 5: Bible Study  
 March 7: OCIA  
 March 7: Stations (Arma)  
 March 8: Stations (Girard)  
 March 12: Daughters of Isabella  
 March 13: St. Anne Altar Society  
 March 14: K of C Movie Night

## 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 (3/9)</u>	<u>Saturday (3/9)</u>	<u>Sunday (3/10)</u>	<u>Sunday (3/10)</u>
	<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>	Volunteers	Carly Reif Volunteer	Jaxen & Jase Schaub	Aydin Sisney Seth Wilson
<u>EME</u>	Volunteer	Janel Scales	Joan Black	Chris Sponsel
<u>Lector</u>	Anna Meyer	Linda Moore	Carol Cole	Connie Sponsel
<u>Gifts</u>	Georganne Galichia Volunteer	Ruth & Wayne Leritz	Ron & Volunteer	Mark & Trish Peak
<u>Ushers</u>	Don Zornes Volunteer	Dave Garrett (Lead Usher)	Joe Broyles Ron Black	Bob Davied (Lead Usher)



## 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

## 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!*



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### St. Michael Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$2,619.00	\$126,631.69
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -	\$133,076.89
<b>Over/(Under)</b>		(\$6,445.20)



### St. Joseph Collections:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
<b>Contributions:</b>	\$ 1170	\$45,752.40
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -	\$59,742.32
<b>Over/(Under)</b>		(\$13,989.92)

### K of C Spring Movie Night

Come join the Knights on **March 14th at 6:00 PM**  
at the **St. Michael's Hall**  
They will be serving Hotdogs and Popcorn,  
and showing  
**The Super Mario Bros. Movie.**  
(Runtime is 1hr32min.)



### St. Joseph Soup and Salad

The Knights will be serving Chili instead of soup  
On Tuesday, March 5th at St. Joseph hall.

The dinner will be after the 5:30 PM mass and  
will end at 7:00 PM.

Free Will Donations accepted

**Everyone is Welcome!!**

### 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://southeastkssr.wilhelmina.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**

**(must be received by April 1.)**

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

**8:15 AM, in Parsons.** Southeast Corner of the Walmart  
parking lot. 3201 N. 16th St.

**9:00 AM, 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.

### Knights of Columbus



The Knights will have a meeting on  
**Tuesday March 5th.**

It will be at 7:00 PM in the Arma Hall  
following the Chili Dinner that they will be serving.

### Saint Anne Altar Society Meeting

Saint Anne Altar Society will have a meeting on  
March 13, at 2:00 PM in the St. Joseph rectory.

### 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.

## **Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)**

#25 Eucharistic Prayer #3 allows for a specific mentioning by name of a patron saint or the saint of the day. The prayer also draws attention to the Church as the People of God being gathered "from the rising of the sun to its setting" – scattered throughout the world but drawn in unity to worship God the Father.

The unity of the faithful is expressed in a spoken or sung acclamation that highlights the Mystery of Faith being celebrated. This Memorial Acclamation paraphrases the words of St. Paul in First Corinthians: "As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."

The faithful will again be united in concluding the entire prayer with the Great Amen, which is to say "Yes, I agree, I believe it to be true."

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## **SIN & ITS CONSEQUENCES, PT. II**

We were concluding Venial Sin last week & I wanted to emphasize that the 'real danger' in venial sin is that it weakens the will! It can literally pave the way towards Mortal Sin. Remember, we are the judges of our sins--whether an action is right or wrong, venial or mortal. Our CONSCIENCE is really our MIND judging moral matters. The mind received its instructions from Christ. In borderline cases, YOU are the one who can say if the sin was serious or venial. Father isn't in the confessional to accuse you. You accuse YOURSELF! Mortal sin blocks God out, but it doesn't snuff out the light of faith. God will forgive such a serious sin if the sinner TRULY REPENTS. Then, God can forgive the sin and restore the divine life within us.

However, should one die in a state of Mortal Sin, he will continue to reject God & spend eternity in Hell. Hell is the state of eternal damnation. When we reject God, even though we had a destiny to be with Him, we spend eternity deprived of Him, & therefore of all happiness. Matt: 25:41 The principal pain of Hell is the loss of God. It is often heard, "How can the all-merciful God send anyone to Hell?"

Actually, it is NOT God, but the sinner, who sends himself to Hell. Hell is mortal sin carried to its logical & eternal conclusion! God tries everything to prevent souls from going to Hell. He has given us His revelation. He has died for us; he has left us a Church with His constant protection, and he's given us the Sacraments as a source of grace. All this was for ONE PURPOSE: that every soul might be saved from Hell. Had He gone further, He would have deprived us of our FREE WILL and this He cannot do for free will & intellect distinguish us from animals & place us above them in the order of creation.

Furthermore, God offers us eternal happiness for the good we do on earth. He promised, and will give, to every individual sufficient grace to reach Heaven. To be lost is to CHOOSE not to be saved, despite these graces. Venial Sin will not cause a soul to suffer Hell; however, it may lessen or detain his eternal happiness. We should try to avoid 'occasions of sin', meaning whatever might normally lead to sin. For example: bad company or indecent literature. A temptation is something that entices us to sin. Deliberate sin, whether mortal or venial, does not 'just happen'. It is preceded by a temptation. The catechism lists these 'sources of temptation' as: the WORLD, the FLESH (pride, greed, lust, envy & anger), and the DEVIL. God permits us to have temptations, for through them, we develop character and merit Grace. When tempted to sin, we should pray for help from God and He will strengthen us.

The real serious sin for us is the refusal to believe & worship God. Remember Romans: 6:23--"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, Our Lord." Death, here, refers not to physical death but to spiritual death or eternal damnation. In contrast, by following God's Commandments & trying to eliminate our weaknesses, we'll show God that we do, indeed, love Him & appreciate what He has done for us. Bear this in mind at your next Confession. Free yourself of any kind of sin that hampers your soul & realize your WORTH as you listen to Father's consoling words--"Go...and sin no more."

I'll close with a thought from Father John Reinkemeyer, our former pastor, "If we overcome one fault per year, we'll be saints before we die!"

---Marcel Normand



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