

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sept. 9 - Sept. 17, 2023

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| Saturday | 9/9 | 4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard) | † Lawrence & Mary Ellen Galichia Verl Diskin |
| Sunday | 9/10 | 8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard) | † Pro Populo Scott & Beth Wilson Family |
| Monday | 9/11 | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | 9/12 | 5:30 PM (Arma) | † Mary Jane Cavanaugh |
| Wednesday | 9/13 | 6:30 PM (Girard) | † Rose Ann Azember |
| Thursday | 9/14 | 8:00 AM (Arma) | † Bryce Reese |
| Friday | 9/15 | 7:30 AM (Girard) | † Ruby & Davied Westhoff |
| Saturday | 9/16 | 4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard) | † Sharon Cizerle Bill O'Toole |
| Sunday | 9/17 | 8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard) | † Madeline Yartz Pro Populo |

Dates of Importance

Sept. 7: RCIA Began
 Sept. 12: Daughters of Isabella
 Sept. 13: St. Ann Altar Society
 Sept. 16: EME retraining
 Sept. 17th: St. Aloysius Pig Roast
 Sept. 19: CPR class in hall
 Oct. 22: Turkey Bazaar

A Special Thank You

Thank you, Mary Ann Duling for your many years of laundering the Altar Linens. Your time has been very appreciated. Mary Ann will be turning this job over to our new volunteers.



Sunday Gospel Activities
 for Sunday Mass/
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Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (9/16)

4:00 PM

Altar Servers Volunteers

EME Volunteers

Lector Barry Bedene

Gifts Volunteer

Ushers Don Zornes
Volunteer

5:30 PM

Jaxton Smith
Quin Sisney

Linda DeGarmo

Mary Twarog

Ron & Jeanette
Davied

Sunday (9/17)

8:00AM

Cody Burns
Tyler Burns

Tracey Bogina

Ron Pommier

Dave & Cindy
Ashmore

Dan Cole
Greg Bogina

10:00 AM

Elijah &
Isabella Walsh

Chris Sponsel

Denny Heidrick

Rick & Barb Duling

PSR REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN:

Students in grades 1-5 meet Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3:30.

Students in grades 6-12 meet for Mass on Wednesday evenings at 6:30, with PRS class following from 7 to 8.

For families new to the PSR program, the registration form can be accessed at bit.ly/stmichaelps. You can find New Family Registration Information in the back of the church and on Facebook. If you have any questions, contact Kristen Graham, Director of Religious Education, at (620) 875-6133.



St. Michael Collections:

| | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>July 2023 to Date</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Contributions: | \$3,116 | \$40,668.56 |
| Expenses: | \$ - | \$ - |
| Over/(Under) | | \$40,668.56 |



St. Joseph Collections:

| | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>July 2023 to Date</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Contributions: | \$1,076 | \$15,887 |
| Expenses: | \$ - | \$ - |
| Over/(Under) | | \$15,887 |

Prayer Chain (St. Michael & St. Joseph)

We will now be doing a Prayer Chain in place of listing prayer requests in the bulletin.
 Nancy Bauer will be the contact person.
 She can be contacted by, phone, text or email
 Phone: 724-2051
 Email: bauerbackes@yahoo.com

RCIA/Adult Ed. (St. Michael Hall)

On Thursday, Sept. 7th at 7:00 PM, we will be starting RCIA classes for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. The class can also serve any adult Catholic who would like to refresh their understanding of our Catholic faith. Please contact the office if you are interested or have anyone that is non-Catholic, to contact the office, or if they might want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches. **Classes will be held every Thurs. @7:00PM.**

St. Aloysius Greenbush Day Pig Roast:

September 17th
 Serving from 11:00am till 1:30pm
FREE WILL DONATION
 Music, activities for the kids: horse rides, kiddie tractor pull, barrel train rides.
 A great way to spend time with your family and enjoy yourselves.

CPR

Girard Medical Center will be hosting a CPR class in St. Michael hall on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:00 PM. The parish will cover the cost for parishioners. Please sign up in the entrance of the church, so GMC can plan accordingly.

Daughters of Isabella will meet Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul at 6:30 pm. We are collecting canned goods for the Food Pantry. Please bring canned goods to the meeting if you would like to donate.
 All ladies of St. Michael and St. Joseph Parishes are invited. The Daughters of Isabella is an International Organization of Catholic Women.

Eucharistic Minister Retraining

All of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in both parishes are needing to renew. A retraining is scheduled at St. Michael Hall on Saturday, September 16 from 9am - 10:30am, with someone coming from Wichita to conduct the retraining. Eucharistic ministers are authorized by the Diocese for a set term of years; this retraining will enable you to be authorized by the Diocese for another term.

Food Pantry Donations

The food pantry is asking for donations of Hamburger Helper. We had several 1# packages of hamburger donated.
 All donations can be left in the baskets in the Church entrance.

Sherman Township Fire Dept. Hog Roast

Sunday, Sept. 10th
 11:00AM - 1:00 PM
 Farlington Methodist Church
 Free Will Donation
 Help Support the Sherman Township First Responders

St. Ann Altar Society Meeting
 Sept. 13th
 10:00 AM
 St. Joseph Parish Hall

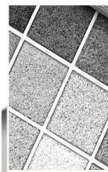
Turkey Bazaar

St. Michael's Altar Society is happy to announce they will be hosting their annual Turkey Dinner this year! It will be held on **Sunday, October 22**, from 11:00am until the food runs out!
Tickets will be sold at the door only!
 The menu will be the same as in years past. Since it has been several years since our last Turkey Dinner, we have a new sign-up sheet in the back of the church for you to sign-up for food and work areas. Please note that you do not have to sign-up for the same food or work area as you have in the past. Available time slots to work and recipes for the food to be prepared will be on the sign-up sheet.
 We will need everyone's support, to make this a success.
 List will be available in the back of the church, this week and next.



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THE FOURTH MARK OF THE CHURCH BRINGS AUTHENTICITY

We concluded last week with the 4 marks of the Church, hav-
 ing summarized the 1st three and an introduction to the 4th Mark.

The first three are: 1)the Church is ONE; 2)the Church is HOLY; 3)the
 Church is UNIVERSAL

---all fairly self-explanatory. The Fourth Mark: the Church is APOSTOLIC,
 that is, its leaders must derive their office and authority by lawful succes-
 sion FROM THE APOSTLES!

The Church must hold intact the doctrines and traditions of the Apostles, to
 whom Christ gave the AUTHORITY to teach.

These early apostles were sent out into the world to extend His Kingdom.

They were given THREE BASIC RULES to follow: 1) TO TEACH--"Go
 into the whole world and preach the gospel; Mark 16:15.

2)TO RULE---"He who hears you, hears me; and he who rejects you, rejects
 me, and he who rejects me, rejects Him who sent me.

" Luke 10:16 3)TO SANCTIFY---to make holy. "He, therefore, said to
 them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send
 you.' When He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said, 'Receive the
 Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and
 whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' John 20:21-23

The Church teaches in its FOURTH MARK, the Church is APOSTOLIC,
 meaning 'built on the foundation of his 12 apostles, who, today, means the
 present-day Bishops of the Church. The Pope, as Bishop of Rome,
 is HEAD of the world's bishops, the successor to Peter, who was HEAD of
 the Apostles. Christ promised that He would make Peter the head of the
 Church: "And I say to thee, thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build
 my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.
 And I will give thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 16: 18-
 19 Later, Christ actually conferred this primacy (supremacy) upon Peter:
 "Feed my lambs; feed my sheep." John 21: 15-17

The meaning of these words in the language Our Lord was speaking gives
 Peter a clear commission to 'feed' that is, 'teach and rule', not only the peo-
 ple (lambs), but also the leaders of the flock, the bishops, the other apostles
 (sheep). It is clear that Christ founded His Church, gave Peter authority to
 rule it, and promised that the Church would endure to the end of the world.

Since Peter was human, Christ knew he would inevitably die; therefore,
 Peter would have to have successors who could carry on the authority in His
 name. Christ had described Himself as the Good Shepherd. He then made it
 clear that Peter is to be the Shepherd in His place. Being apostolic, the
 Church goes back in UNBROKEN LINE back to Peter and Christ, Himself.

He is the guide & shepherd of all who heed his voice, and the ONE AND
 ONLY genuine cornerstone of spiritual unity for today's divided world.

I part from the general subject today to mention Fr. Vacca's homily last
 weekend on 'forgiveness'. Perhaps you were fortunate to hear it as he told it.

Here is an abbreviated version: Albert was victimized to the point of blind-
 ness at the hands of Zach. Albert, a religious man, decided after much an-
 guish, to forgive Zach, his offender. Albert sought him out to tell him so,
 but Zach wasn't moved, and further, he refused to apologize for his actions.

Albert, a persistent man, decided not to let it go. Each year, he would visit
 Zach where he lived, try to initiate conversation, offer forgiveness, hoping
 Zach would own up to his deed, but Zach remained defiant. Years passed
 and the two began to talk & a friendship resulted. In time, Albert received
 the apology he wanted & forgave his new friend. The point of the story il-
 lustrates that forgiveness may not come easy, but be open to it when it is
 offered. Forgiveness gives us peace & relieves the burden in our hearts.

---- Marcel Normand