

# St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church



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## Upcoming Events:

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - Every Friday during Lent

Dear Fr. Fox, Fr. Tshibambe, Ms. Vasicek, Ms. Hallauer and the congregation of St. Michael the Archangel,

Many thanks to Jan and Ed Comfort for representing St. Michael the Archangel at the Annual meeting of Aurora Interchurch Task Force, Inc. Recently, Jan left a faith-based packet including bulletin announcements for the Census committee of Aurora, I hope you received it and will have room in the Sunday bulletin on February 27-28 for these two messages.

First, as you are a member of the Board of Directors, St. Michael the Archangel should know that the **Feinstein Foundation** will be matching any dollar that Aurora Interchurch Task Force (AITF) receives in March and April of 2010. If St. Michael's Church continues to have the monthly food drive during these months, please include an announcement in your bulletin about that the fact that volunteers at AITF will be counting every can, bar, and box for the **Feinstein Foundation's** matching grant campaign to end hunger in America. I anticipate that AITF will reach a goal of raising \$1,200. Together with in-kind goods donated by churches, individuals and businesses, \$1,200 provides the AITF food chair with funds to keep the food bank open for two months without using our reserves. The AITF generally feeds 800 persons in these two months! Considering the decrease in foundation funds given to relief agencies in Colorado, *it is vital that the AITF find alternative sources of income, so please help us in this campaign to use the matching grant from the Feinstein Foundation. !*

For more than ten years, St. Michael the Archangel Church has been a leading contributor to AITF's mission: *to provide volunteers and substantive Christian emergency assistance to serve the needs of the less fortunate in Aurora. As mentioned above, we want to thank you for being a Board member who actively supports Aurora Interchurch Task Force's emergency relief agency.*

Please continue to send clients who live in Aurora and need assistance with food, clothing or financial aid of pharmacy, utility, or rental assistance to AITF by having them make appointments at 303 360-0620.

Judy Barrow, Ph.D.

## Rocky Mountain Catholic Men's Conference

The Rocky Mountain Catholic Men's Conference is close at hand - Saturday, March 20th at the Pikes Peak Center. The conference theme, "Seize Life", tells you just what you can expect: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10b) It will help you experience an uplifting reconversion to Christ, challenge you to live a Christ-centered life rooted in an ever-deepening personal relationship with Jesus, and strengthen your faith to be the spiritual leader you are called to be - not only in your family but also in your parish, workplace and community. Don't miss this opportunity to participate! Detailed conference information and registration is available online at [rockymountaincatholicmen-sconference.com](http://rockymountaincatholicmen-sconference.com). The cost is only \$35 per man, \$25 for college students, and boys under 18 can attend for FREE with their father's registration.

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## Faith and Finances - Managing Debt

How are Americans managing their debt? Here are a few statistics:

70% of households that use credit cards don't pay the balance in full every month.

The average household carries a credit card balance of \$8,000.

76% of undergraduates have credit cards; the average undergrad has \$2,200 in credit-card debt.

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"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies inside us"

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Stick-To-It Health Tips:

1. Start with a one-month goal you know you can reach. Make it easy to succeed. Example: "I'll walk five minutes, twice a day at least five days a week, for one month."
2. Stretch. Ease yourself into a stretch, relax and don't push or bounce. Exhale as you stretch. Inhale while holding the stretch. Close your eyes for deeper relaxation.

## You took my parking space at church!

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near, the driver got out and said "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

