

Pastoral Council  
Availability Weekend  
Summary of Comments

(New comments are in italics and responses/actions taken are in blue)

**October 2018**

**Saturday Mass**

None

**7 a.m. Mass**

Need to paint the step outside yellow. **A** *Administration will pursue this suggestion with the maintenance department.*

Ring the bells more vigorously. **W**

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Please explain the King Soopers cards better (that they are reloadable). Person purchased several when only one was needed. **?**

How do we get the Catholic Register? Already registered parishioners. **?** (Julie has the name and phone number of this person)

Why do we ring the bells three times. **W** *To recognize the presence of Christ. This is a continuation of an ancient practice in which the highest form of honor was to be lauded three times. It's also a part of the secular world through the "three cheers" custom.*

Three people registered! Great announcement Fr. Terry.

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

None

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

None

**September 2018**

**Saturday Mass**

The west door (parking off street) is never open for 5 p.m. Mass. People must walk all the way around. **A** *In the past, this door has been unlocked as part of the preparatory procedures for the weekend Masses. An email on this subject was sent to Rita as a reminder to unlock the doors on Saturday prior to Mass.*

Move the Altar Server chairs against the wall on the other side of the baptismal font. This would allow more room for Eucharistic Ministers on that side of the church that typically has more people because of overflow space. **W**

Today's (9/1) cantor suggested we have a few bibles at the back of the church for people to use for prayer or during Mass. He said he has seen other churches have bibles for public use and they seem to be used regularly. **W**

TMIY leader suggested have a Saturday 7 a.m. Mass. He suggested 7 a.m. because other parishes have them around 7:30 or 8 a.m. **W**

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

We need more catechists. **F**

Stop sending offertory envelopes to families that pay online. **A** *Those who are receiving Offertory envelopes who do not wish to receive them need only to contact the Parish Office to make this arrangement. Depending on the time of the month that such requests are received, it may take as long as 6-8 weeks before the Offertory envelope mailing can be stopped.*

Awesome parish! **All**

One new registration.

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Liked the Homily.

Children walking things on walls in the entrance area with parents not bothering all during Mass. **A/W**

One registration. Wife had gone through RCIA and she and her husband were so happy with how it all went. **F**

### **12:30 p.m. Mass**

Request from a parishioner (and Rita) for another wheelchair for the parish. Demand seems to be increasing. **A** *This will be taken under advisement, storage being a primary issue at this time.*

One new registration.

### **August 2018**

#### **Saturday Mass**

None

#### **7 a.m. Mass**

A parishioner comes at 6 a.m. to pray before Mass and the cantor starts to practice. It is difficult to pray. Can the cantor start later? (PC members talked to him about using the prayer room). **W**

A woman asked about ministries. PC member gave her information and directed her to the website. **A/W**

#### **8:45 a.m. Mass**

None

#### **10:30 a.m. Mass**

Why do we reserve seats at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday? Shouldn't the folks that are in those reserved seats assimilate with the parish community? Are we not all one in Christ? **F** *The candidates are experiencing their journey together. Many are young children who need to sit with their parents. All are dismissed after the Homily. For these reasons it is most effective, and less disruptive to the flow of the Mass, to have them sit together. Once they are received into full communion with the Catholic Church, they will sit throughout the worship space as regular members of the congregation.*

Deacon Chris gave a good request for registration and we got three.

#### **12:30 p.m. Mass**

Parishioner wanted to know how to pass on a suggestion for next year's Workcamp. PC member suggested she call Amber or Valentina. **F**

Request for more confession times – many confessions go unheard because of time or because people get discouraged by the line and leave. **W** *Note: This question has been answered multiple times in the bulletin Q & A as follows: With only two priests to serve this busy parish, it is not possible to schedule additional, consistent times for reconciliation. Anyone may contact the office to set up a time for personal reconciliation with either priest. We also offer Penance Services with multiple priests during Lent and Advent. We will consider adding times as schedules allow.*

One new registration.

### **July 2018**

#### **Saturday Mass**

One new member registered.

#### **7 a.m. Mass**

One new member registered.

Together Colorado should not be promoted – Church & State. (several people made similar comments) **W**

#### **8:45 a.m. Mass**

Need more handicap door openers – buttons – on front door by the ramp, and side. **A**

The deacon today was awesome!

Pastoral Council is wonderful. Thank you for what you do.

#### **10:30 a.m. Mass**

When we pray for the deceased at Mass, it would be nice to do it before the funeral services. That way people can look up the service day/time. **A** *We don't usually have enough time to pray for the deceased the weekend before the funeral as many funerals are planned the same week that we are notified. As soon as we have funeral arrangements, they are placed on our website and on the TV monitors to let the parishioners know of upcoming funerals.*

*We don't put people's names in the intercessions (deceased or ill) unless the family or friend asks specifically to do so.*

#### **12:30 p.m. Mass**

Parishioner pointed out that the closed area for the expansion took away the automatic door and there isn't really an acceptable workaround. **A**

## June 2018

### Saturday Mass

None

### 7 a.m. Mass

During the Blessing of the Sick on the First Friday, we need reserved seating signs. **W**

### 8:45 a.m. Mass

None

### 10:30 a.m. Mass

Fr. Mau gave a great registration announcement and at least 5 new parishioners registered.

Provide kneelers for communion, to receive the Body of Christ with reverence. **W**

### 12:30 p.m. Mass

Three new parishioner registrations

## May 2018

### Saturday Mass

None

Two registrations turned in

### 7 a.m. Mass

None

Two requests for registration information

### 8:45 a.m. Mass

None

On registration turned in

### 10:30 a.m. Mass

More confessions times. Perhaps sometime before daily Mass. **W** [Answered in an April 2016 Q & A. Answer is also on FAQ.](#)

### 12:30 p.m. Mass

Request for information about summer Confirmation registration. Directed to Jim/Sylvia

Request for information about RCIA. Directed to Jim/Sylvia

## April 2018

### Saturday Mass

Can St. Michael's have a way to collect old palms for those people who can't burn or compost? [It is a potential risk liability to store flammables onsite. It would be necessary to coordinate a time\(s\) when it would be appropriate and/or legal to burn them. This will require further discussion, which will need to include Fr. Terry. It will be put on a future Worship Council agenda.](#)

Video what is going on in the gathering space during the first part of the Easter Vigil and project on the screens so parishioners can see what is going on. [Although it is understandable that people would like a clearer understanding of what's happening at the back with the preparation of the Paschal candle and the Blessing of the Fire, we are unable to video and broadcast simultaneously. We could, however, better catechize the community. The elect have an understanding of what is happening. Perhaps they could be encouraged to share their knowledge with their families prior to the Vigil. Most people in attendance are there in support of a friend or relative being initiated into the church. Hold a First Saturday mass or suggest where parishioners can go to a First Saturday mass. Most parishes have a Saturday morning Mass. St. Michael's could do a 6 a.m. only due to the many baptisms, Quinceanera, and weddings booked on Saturdays.](#)

Have more confessions so the Saturday evening mass doesn't get overloaded. [With only two priests to serve this busy parish, it is not possible to schedule additional, consistent times for reconciliation. Anyone may contact the office to set](#)

up a time for personal reconciliation with either priest. We also offer Penance Services with multiple priests during Lent and Advent. We will consider adding times as schedules allow.

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

When will construction start on the new addition? [Work is ongoing with both the architect and the contractor. An announcement should be forthcoming within the next 6-8 weeks.](#)

**March 2018**

**Saturday Mass**

None

**7 a.m. Mass**

A parishioner simply asked if we could remember to say a prayer for the recent loss of local policemen as well as for national tragedies, like what happened at the Florida High School. Maybe during the Mass petitions or at the end of Mass. **W**

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Provide a shuttle for people who don't drive anymore to get to and from Mass and other function. **A**

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

The mission was exceptional. Thank you.

Fr. Mau gave a great reminder for people to register. (9 people)

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

None

**February 2018**

**Saturday Mass**

A parishioner recommended having a Eucharistic Minister(s) serve the cry room so that the Communion line on that side of the church won't be as long. **W**

**7 a.m. Mass**

Add in bulletin how to have Masses said for people. List all of the different ways. **A**

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Reflectors on the driveway entering church. **A**

More Confession dates/times. **W** [Addressed in April 2016 Q & A as follows: With only two priests to serve this busy parish, it is not possible to schedule additional, consistent times for reconciliation. Anyone may contact the office to set up a time for personal reconciliation with either priest. We also offer Penance Services with multiple priests during Lent and Advent. We will consider adding times as schedules allow.](#)

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Request for new parishioner registration.

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

None

**January 2018**

**Saturday Mass**

A parishioner recommended using the screens for displaying the words of the songs being sung during Mass. She said she has seen this done at other parishes, and it helps people sing along without a book. **W**

A parishioner who has been coming to St. Michael's for 40 years recommended name tags to help people know the names of other parishioners. **W** [Fr. Terry recommended that we encourage introducing yourself. It is a lot more personal. Nametags would not be practical.](#)

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

### **8:45 a.m. Mass**

The visiting priest has us sing all the verses to both the opening and closing hymns. A parishioner said how much he/she enjoyed that. **W** Fr. Terry said that if he did that he would likely mow people over as the assembly does not stay for even the two verses that we do. It would be nice if more people thought that way, but the truth is that they just want Mass to be over as quickly as possible.

### **10:30 a.m. Mass**

Could we have several, or at least 2, names at 10:30 Mass as dedications instead of just one. It takes too long to get a Mass said for someone. It can take six months to get a Mass dedication scheduled at the 8:45 or 10:30 Masses. **W** Canon law dictates that, if there are more than one, each party has to agree to share and it would require changing the wording at Mass.

### **12:30 p.m. Mass**

Could we get some kind of card or something else more formal when we have a Mass offered for someone? **W** We always provide a card. There are several from which to choose when arranging to have a Mass said.

The AEDs need to be checked/updated. **A**

## **December 2017**

### **Saturday Mass**

The Pastoral Council is doing a good job.

A woman heard St. Michael's was not going to have the Nativity set up on the altar. She said she heard it was because of the Pastoral Council. **W** The Nativity will be in an alcove in the Gathering Space. The reasoning was provided in the December 3/4, 2017 bulletin. Specifically, in the Pastor's Corner.

### **7 a.m. Mass**

None

### **8:45 a.m. Mass**

Nice Mass

Great Mass

Thank you for a wonderful Mass

Do we always have to sing "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel" every week during Advent? **W**

Please don't have craft fair tables in the hallway. It poses a fire/safety hazard. **A**

### **10:30 a.m. Mass**

There's a choir member wearing a football jersey. Looks way too casual. Should there be a dress code? Especially during Advent/Lent? **W**

Let people know about our security plans. **A**

Want more handicapped spaces please when you remodel. **A**

### **12:30 p.m. Mass**

Parishioner asked about stopping mailing of offering envelopes (leaving the country for 3 years). **A** Parishioner was directed to contact the parish office.

Parishioner asked what to do with cremated remains. **W** Parishioner was directed to contact the parish office

## **November 2017**

### **Saturday Mass**

A couple "everything is good" comments.

### **7 a.m. Mass**

None

### **8:45 a.m. Mass**

Reflectors (on metal rods) in parking lot, to show pathway. **A**

Parishioners with too much perfume – we had to leave Mass. **W**

Will there be a preschool craft fair. **F** It was held the first weekend of December.

Earlier Mass on holidays for families – 7:15 p.m. is too late. Maybe Mass at 6 p.m. **W**

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Choir members wearing football jerseys should be encouraged to not wear them – too casual for a dress code. **W**

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

Someone had a security concern. Wanted to speak to whomever is in charge of security. Was given options of calling the office on Monday or talking to Fr.Terry (who presided at Mass). **A**

**October 2017**

**Saturday Mass**

A recommendation to remind families/parents with children to excuse themselves to the cry room if kids get loud. It is very distracting for parishioners. **W**

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Add the starting page of the readings to the “music” board up front (where songs are listed for Mass). **W** [Is now listed on top of the board and announced before Mass.](#)

Add a healing Mass at the 6 a.m. Mass instead of just 9 a.m. – not all the time, just sometimes – for the people who work. **W** [Fr. Terry committed to scheduling this.](#)

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

No comments

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

Would it be possible to do a collection on All Saints Day for our priests? **W** [Not appropriate](#)

**September 2017**

**Saturday Mass**

None

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

The parking lot is always so crowded. Why don't we get rid of some islands?

Can we make some announcement about chatting during Mass? Including readers and lay Eucharistic ministers talking about non church related events.

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Hearing devices do not work well for people with hearing aids.

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

None

**August 2017**

**Saturday Mass**

All is good

A thanks for representing the Pastoral Council at 5 p.m. Mass

Can anything be done about the relative warmth in the church? Ceiling fans have been suggested for some air movement.

**7 a.m. Mass**

Questions regarding sale of the land

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Love Fr. Mauricio

What was the picture on the offertory envelope?

Maintenance guy doing a great job

If we need more space, why don't we use the office in the rectory for prayer or meeting space?

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Please announce the name of the celebrant before Mass.

Invite children to come up after Mass for a blessing – even if only once a month.

Question about registering for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Was told to call the office for information.

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

Question about land sale status

Would it be possible to include military/police/firefighters in Sunday prayer of the faithful more frequently?

**June 2017**

**Saturday Mass**

Thumbs up from one couple. They thanked Fr. Terry for not putting the parish in debt for the new addition.

A lady from Fargo, ND asked about votive candles. I read her the response (on the FAQ) re: the Fire Code issue and she understood. However, this was the only parish she has ever been to with no candles.

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Outstanding

Can't wait for the picnic!

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

During the adoration there were times when no one was in the church and the host was left uncovered/exposed. Is there a cover that can be provided so that someone who is leaving can cover it up if there isn't anyone there?

**May 2017**

**Saturday Mass**

Great idea for new parish addition without huge costs.

New parishioners (1 year) suggested Sunday R.E. for kids.

(Weekdays are) too difficult for kids and parents/teachers to make it on time and kids are tired.

Sunday would be best for some families.

**7 a.m. Mass**

Need more hours for confession. [Addressed in the April 2016 bulletin Q & A](#)

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Beautiful First Communion!

Out of bulletins today and at Easter. [Answered in August, 2017 Q&A](#)

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

Comment "no Problems".

**April 2017**

**Saturday Mass**

Enjoys the parish and only wishes the youth ministry was this good five years ago?

**7 a.m. Mass**

No flowers to the sanctuary during Lent. Can a pulpit announcement be made? The Art & Environment Committee spends too much time cleaning them up. Anyone bringing flowers after Lent is asked to put them in a vase.

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

Post a sign on the door to remind people to turn off their cell phones.

Need more confession time – perhaps Saturday mornings or maybe after the 9 a.m. weekday Masses. [Addressed in an April, 2016 Q & A as follows: With only two priests to serve this busy parish, it is not possible to schedule additional, consistent times for reconciliation. Anyone may contact the office to set up a time for personal reconciliation with either priest. We also offer Penance Services with multiple priests during Lent and Advent. We will consider adding times as schedules allow.](#)

**10:30 a.m. Mass** – Pulpit announcement was not made at the end of Mass

None

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

Votive candles...again. Referred to website for more details. [This question was addressed in the July bulletin Q&A as follows: Due to Aurora fire code, we may not have open flames \(such as votive candles\) in our space. While our Sanctuary Light is allowed with precautions, we do not have an area large enough to be renovated for votive candles, to be compliant with fire code. Additional comment: Votive candles will not be included in the new space.](#)

## **March 2017**

### **Saturday Mass**

There are a lot of leftover food items in the sanctuary pews (e.g. doughnuts, sandwiches, cheerios, etc.). It is difficult for the Art & Environment Ministry to clean it all up, especially when food is stuffed down the small pencil holders. Could an announcement be made to remind people that food is not allowed in the worship space? [Fr. Terry will plan a pulpit announcement.](#)

### **8:45 a.m. Mass**

Move the cross in the gathering space to the worship space please. Not many know it is there – it is so beautiful. It would be so reflective in our worship space. [There is a cross in the church and that is all that is supposed to be there.](#)

Parish is great. Thank you.

When is building collection done?

Deacon Chris wants massages for Deacons.

### **10:30 a.m. Mass**

Why do we not have ushers who lead people to their seats instead of standing in the back? [Greeters offer to find people who are standing a seat but many prefer not to sit in the worship space and prefer to stand in the back or in the gathering space. It would be preferable for all to be in the pews, but cannot force the issue. Fr. Terry reminds us that we never know what is in people's hearts or their reasons for doing certain things.](#)

30 minutes for a homily is too long (comment made by 3 people).

### **12:30 p.m. Mass**

Include uniformed personnel (e.g. police, military, etc.) as a standard part of the Prayers of the Faithful. [We do this fairly regularly and will continue to do so.](#)

Can we get better sound deadening in Syrianey Hall? It's very hard to hear/converse when events are happening.

## **February 2017**

### **7 a.m. Mass**

It would be nice to have a specific place (in the gathering space) for Mass intentions. For instance, a little box with the envelopes and a place to leave it.

When we sing a new song in Mass, could we repeat it again the next couple of weeks so we could learn it? (For example, The "Lead me to the light" song.) [Songs are sung at least two weeks in a row. An exception is when a song that is specific to a reading is used the second week.](#)

We really need to push on-line giving more. Even if people start at \$5 a month. They can always cancel it if they need to.

### **8:45 a.m. Mass**

The entrances to the parking lot need reflectors. Please! [All outside lighting is being evaluated as part of the building project.](#)

Activities not in bulletin! And on line! Contact numbers would help. I look at the list by the office every week but some change. Some people may not know how to find events.

Vigil (votive?) candles please!! [July 2016 Q&A](#)

Install some sort of handrail on steps next to ambo for readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

### **10:30 a.m. Mass**

Please announce at the beginning of Mass that, if your child is crying or loud during Mass, please the child to the overflow space.

Easter Parking plan to ease traffic.

**January 2017**

**7:00 a.m. Mass**

- Request to have the choirs or music groups be more open to new volunteers. A 15 year old girl was denied inclusion because she wasn't 18.
- People find it difficult to sing along when the music group changes up the song. Difficult to follow.

**8:45 a.m. Mass**

- They are still not plowing the west handicapped parking lot.

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

- Someday, four corner ceiling fans to help stuffiness.
- Remind who clears snow Saturdays and Sundays, to clear snow by the music shed as it gets no sun.
- The 8:45 a.m. choir leaves books, papers, and all sorts of things in the pews. Also, both choirs have all sorts of coats/books, etc. on the front row of seats and on the floor. It looks really sloppy.