



# Saint Michael the Archangel CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 2017 Newsletter

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## Springtime Prayer

Gracious Loving God, in this awakening springtime, We give you thanks ... For the delight of sunny mornings, and tiny growing things, for the sights and sounds of new life, and the busyness of house cleaning, for the joy of being new again and the awe of celebrating grace, for the privilege to be your follower and share your life and love with all we meet. Amen.



## Happy spring, blessed Easter!

*The year's at the spring, and day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven; the hillside's dew-pearled;  
The lark's on the wing; the snail's on the thorn;  
God's in His heaven -- All's right with the world!*



This marvelous poem by Robert Browning sums up the joy of the Easter season and, indeed, all of springtime. With every bit of new life -- flowers growing, rain quenching the earth, neighbors returning to the outdoors -- we are reminded that Christ's resurrection is sewn into the very seeds of daily life. May your Easter be blessed with celebration and shouts of Alleluia!

### Faith Fact: Easter is More than a Day

This time of year, as people prep for the bunny and baskets of Easter Sunday, it is important to remember that for Catholics, Easter is not merely one day but an entire season. Eastertide or the Easter season stretches for fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost (when the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles). This Easter season is marked by the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection and the Church as witness to the resurrection. Notice that the Sunday readings change during this season; the Old Testament reading is replaced by stories of the earliest disciples evangelizing in the Acts of the Apostles. In the car on the way home from Mass this Sunday, talk about the reading from Acts and how we are still called to witness to the resurrection more than two thousand years later!

-Heidi Busse, *Our Sunday Visitor*

Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* is coming to St. Michael's beginning Tuesday evenings, May 2nd through June 27th 7:30 - 9:00 pm

For more information, contact the Parish office at 303-690-6797

## Easter and Holy Week Schedule

April 13th

### Holy Thursday

9:00 am Morning Prayer    7:00 pm Mass

April 14th

### Good Friday

9:00 am Morning Prayer  
3:00 pm & 7:00 pm Liturgy

Saturday, April 15th

### Holy Saturday

10:00 am    Easter Food Blessing

### Easter Vigil

8:30 pm Mass

Sunday, April 16th

### Easter

6:45, 8:45 & 10:30 am Mass  
12:30 pm, & 2:30 pm (Spanish) Mass

## Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,  
we come before you on this Easter Sunday  
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of  
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us  
in the life, death, and resurrection of your  
Son,  
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in  
your saving love.

Bless also those who have yet to profess  
belief in you.

You are God for all.

We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.

**The DANGER  
at home. Time  
to clean out  
your medicine  
cabinet!**



Did you know that the abuse of prescription drugs is the fastest-growing drug problem in the United States? It is the second leading cause of injury and death among 25- to 64-year-olds.

Adults aren't the only victims. Older children and teens may be tempted to experiment with easily available medications, causing harm to themselves or their friends. Nationally, one in five teens report abusing prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them.

Unused medications can also fall into the hands of small children and cause accidental poisoning. More than one million children under the age of five are treated each year in the United States for poisoning caused by household chemicals and medications.

When over-the-counter or prescription medications are no longer needed, they should be removed from the home.

Be a part of the solution by participating in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Sat., April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are three locations across the county.

There are items Drug Take Back programs cannot accept. Please familiarize yourself with the list and dispose of those items appropriately.

### National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 29, 2017 10 am to 2 pm.

At these locations:

- Kaiser Permanente - 5555 E. Arapahoe Road
- Centennial Medical Plaza - 14200 E. Arapahoe Road
- Smoky Hill Library - 5430 S. Biscay Circle

Drug Take-Back Programs cannot accept the following items: Needles and other Sharps, Mercury (thermometers), Oxygen containers, Chemotherapy drugs or radioactive substances, Pressurized canisters, and Illicit drugs.



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## St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 4:30 pm 1st Saturday Rosary DPS Candy sales
<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:00 pm noon Simple Soup	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00 am 1st Friday Adoration 5:00 pm KoC Fish Fry 7:00 pm Stations of the cross	<b>8</b> DPS Candy sales Rel. Goods sale
<b>9</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Men's Club Pancake breakfast 6:00 pm Evening Prayer	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b> 7:00 pm Mass	<b>14</b> Parish Office closed <b>Good Friday</b> 3:00 & 7:00 pm Services	<b>15 Easter Vigil</b> 10:00 am Food Blessing 8:30 pm Mass
<b>16 Easter</b> 6:45, 8:45 & 10:30 am Mass 12:30 & 2:30 pm Mass	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:00 noon Feast After the Fast	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm Confirmation Celebration	<b>21</b> DPS Book Sale	<b>22</b> DPS Book Sale 5:00 pm Wedding Anniversary Blessing
<b>23</b> "TMIY" sponsored Coffee & Donuts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Confirmation Celebration						

*\*Please be advised, dates and times are subject to change*

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