

Fr. Terry Kissell, Pastor
Fr. Felipe Colombo, Parochial Vicar

Parish Pastoral Council

Trudi Lustig	Saturday Mass
Mary Jeanne Gillette	7 a.m. Mass
Tom Dainko	8:45 a.m. Mass
Juliet Knox	10:30 a.m. Mass
Diana Ross	12:30 p.m. Mass
Irma Martinez	2:30 p.m. Mass
	Community Umbrella
	Formation Umbrella
Michele Soriano	Outreach Umbrella
Marcia Wikoff	Worship Umbrella

St. Michael's Ministries are grouped under "Umbrellas" of like groups. A staff person is assigned to each Umbrella as a resource.

Administration Umbrella

Finance Council
Stewardship Committee
Maggie Swanger, Staff Resource

Community Social Life Umbrella:

Clubs
Parish Social Events
Welcoming Newcomers
Umbrella Rep
Staff Resource

Formation Umbrella:

Adult Formation
Children and Youth
Youth Ministry
Umbrella Rep
Jim Peters, Staff Resource

Outreach Umbrella:

Christian Service
Pastoral Care Team
Social Justice
Michele Soriano, Umbrella Rep
Fr. Terry Kissell, Staff Resource

Worship Umbrella:

Liturgical and Prayer Ministries
Marcia Wikoff, Umbrella Rep
Elizabeth Harris, Staff Resource

A complete list of Ministries is on the website under "Volunteer". Please visit www.stmichael-aurora.org for more information.

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St. Michael the Archangel Parish Leadership Newsletter

Connected in our Catholic faith, with outreach to others, we celebrate as a welcoming community in joyful worship.

January 2023

This newsletter is designed to give parishioners information about the activities of the Pastoral Council and parish ministries.

Parish Pastoral Council

There are two openings on the Parish Pastoral Council, Community Umbrella representative and Formation Umbrella representative. Parish Pastoral Council members serve a three year term, with the possibility of a second term. The Parish Pastoral Council meets on the first Thursday of the quarter. If interested in serving, contact Julie Fortuin at j.fortuin@comcast.net.

Next meeting is January 5, 2023

Administration Umbrella

The Parish Pictorial Directory is being finalized and will soon go to print. 450 St. Michael's parishioners (single and families) were photographed for the directory, approximately 13% of registered parishioners. Anyone who purchased photos, and have not picked them up, may do so at the parish office. The directories and free 5X7 photos will be available in approximately March.

The Gift Stable and Cherry Creek Nursing Home Gift Collection were overflowing with the generosity of parishioners. Many trips were made to the nursing home to deliver the gifts. Likewise, the gift stable was filled many times.

While offertory income varies month to month, parish finances remain sound. The Finance Council continues to review and prioritize projects to be funded by the Building & Maintenance Fund. A high priority is the rectory, for which there are several areas in need of attention. It is important to maintain all the parish buildings in good condition, including the rectories, so that they will continue to serve the parish into the future.

The Council is investigating the new Colorado Universal Preschool Program and how it will impact St. Michael's Preschool. The administration staff is preparing letters for parishioner's who donate to the parish online, with envelopes, and/or checks. The letters provide documentation for tax returns per IRS guidelines..

Community Umbrella

Dinner Club members joyfully participated in baking cookies for fellowship time after the Christmas Concert and Sing Along. There are two open seats for the March dinner. If interested in joining, contact Cheryl at stmichaelsdinnerclub@comcast.net.

Men's Club had a well attended Pancake Breakfast in December, and recruited new members. Everyone enjoyed the group's catered Christmas party. One member, dressed as Santa Claus, joined in handing out cookies at Buckley Air Force Base. Santa took pictures with some of the military personnel and brightened their holiday. (See Formation for more information.)

Women's Club enjoyed their annual Christmas potluck and gift exchange. The fun evening was attended by more than 40 members.

Formation Umbrella

Middle School decorated the WhereHouse in preparation for Advent and Christmas. The youth learned about the traditions of Las Posada, and participated in breaking a traditional pinata. Thank you to Mr. Saldana for sharing the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

High School youth set up the Angel Trees in the Gathering space. They also learned about Las Posadas and broke a pinata.

Both groups joined the celebration of the annual festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They ended the year with a movie night.

Youth Ministry helped collect, wrap, and deliver gifts to the Cherry Creek Nursing home.

Members of the **RCIA** community packaged the dozens of cookies, which were baked by parishioners, for military personnel at Buckley Air Force Base. Santa, by way of St. Michael's Men's Club, joined the group as they passed out bags of two dozen cookies each at the base dormitories. The group was able to distribute 180 bags of Christmas cookies.

Preschool had their annual concert in December, attended by the children's families. As always, the concert was a hit. Preschool is now back for the second half of the 2022-2023 school year.

Outreach Umbrella

Sandwich Makers collected more than 20 bags filled with bananas, oranges, socks, hats, gloves, and men's warm tops. Along with the usual sandwich bags, the items were distributed among the homeless, via Holy Ghost Church. The knitting group also donated hat/scarf combinations to keep the homeless warm.

Worship Umbrella

Members of the **Greeter Ministry** gathered for a pot luck in early December. The Ministry group celebrated their dedication to the wonderful ministry with delicious food and, best of all, their companionship.

Parishioners and guests enjoyed the annual **Christmas Concert and Sing Along** on December 18th. The choirs and orchestra, led by Music Director Elizabeth Harris, performed familiar and unfamiliar Christmas songs and hymns, which led everyone through the events surrounding the Nativity. Jim Peters, Formation Director, recited his self-written narration, which expanded the story presented in song. Those in attendance joined in singing Christmas hymns and carols throughout the program. After the hour of Christmas reflection through song, everyone was invited to a cookie reception in Syrianey Hall. Organized by DeeAnne Toby, Preschool Director, with cookies provided by the Dinner Club and DeeAnne, the fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Prayer for Pope Benedict XVI

O God, true shepherd of all the faithful, look with kindness on your servant Pope Benedict XVI, whom you set as head and shepherd of your Church.

We give you thanks for your grace at work in him as he has led us by word and example: in his teaching, in his prayer, and in his great love.

Grant him your strength in frailty, comfort in sorrow, and serenity amid the trials of this world; and guide your Church, built on the rock of Peter, with the power of your Spirit as we continue on the path that leads to you.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.