

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
Carolyn Brake	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.

February 2023

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Carolyn Brake is joining the Parish Pastoral Council as representative of the Formation Ministries Umbrella. Carolyn is a long time parishioner of St. Michael's. She has been a catechist in Religious Education for 22 years and she and her husband have been supporters and members of the Youth Choir for 13 years.

There is one current opening on the Parish Pastoral Council; Community 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 January, March, July, and October. If interested in serving, contact Julie Fortuin at j.fortuin@comcast.net.

Next meeting is March 9, 2023

Administration Umbrella

Year end contribution letters were sent in January. If you pay online, by check and/or use the parish donation envelopes, and did not receive a letter, contact the parish office.

Repairs and improvements have been made to the Rectory in which Fr. Terry lives. It has been many years since significant maintenance or improvements have been done.

The diocese and the pastors of preschools made the decision to withdraw from enrollment (if there had been enrollment) in the new Colorado Universal Preschool Program because there were conditions for enrollment contrary to Catholic teaching. The Archdiocese will continue to evaluate the program and provide guidance to Catholic preschools.

The calendar process for the 2023-2024 program year is beginning. Information for ministries about scheduling activities has been sent to ministry leaders.

The new Parish Pictorial Directory is being proofed in preparation for printing. The distribution dates will be announced once they are scheduled.

Community Umbrella

Dinner Club has at least three seats available for their March dinner. If interested in joining, contact Cheryl at stmichaelsdinnerclub@comcast.net.

Knights of Columbus, with assistance from WorkCampers, held the annual Taste of Italy dinner. This popular event is always supported and well attended by parishioners.

Men's Club started their winter bowling league and are playing better than average. The club has welcomed new members. Plans are being made for the golf season.

Women's Club hosted a successful Chili Bingo Night. Always a parish favorite, over 300 friends and families of the parish attended. More than 30 women and spouses participated in set up the day of the event. Many more donated prizes, time, and talent. Youth assisted with set up, serving, and cleanup. Congratulations and a big thank you to Maria Whitten for chairing this event.

Formation Umbrella

Middle School and High School Youth welcomed the New Year with an ice skating outing at The Pond at Southlands. Weekly meetings of the youth groups resumed at the end of January, when they set goals for their faith lives and relationships, as a community.

Middle Schoolers are getting excited to attend Mountain Madness over Presidents' Day weekend.

WorkCampers met to plan and prepare for the Taste of Italy Dinner & Silent Auction. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, WorkCampers assisted the Knights by serving the meal. Proceeds of the dinner go to help youth attend the WorkCamp service trip.

Young Adults continue to meet for Pancake Breakfasts, game nights, and online.

Amber McCulloch resigned as Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry to be at home with her young son and new born twins.

Reconciliation retreats were held for those young people who are preparing to receive the

Sacrament. Approximately 130 youth, with their parents, attended a retreat.

Preschool held an open house at the end of January. Staff was onsite to answer questions and give tours for prospective preschool families and anyone interested to learn more about the preschool.

Preparations continue for the **Lenten Mission**, February 26—March 2. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist with parts of an evening session may sign up in a volunteer book in the gathering space or contact Jeanine Payne at bigneaneer@msn.com.

Outreach Umbrella

Relationship Ministry enjoyed an evening of ice skating in mid January. Approximately 15 people attended, some of whom were first time skaters.

Sandwich Makers make 720 sandwiches each month to be distributed to the homeless. Donations of hats, gloves, blankets, and scarves are accepted and will be distributed.

Worship Umbrella

Greeter Ministry is preparing for Ash Wednesday. After the Masses on February 18 and 19 greeters will be handing out flyers with details of St. Michael's Lenten Mission.

Art and Environment Ministry asks that you don't water the plants found throughout the building. The plants are on a watering schedule that is best for their health.

Please take care of the Word and Song books that are in the pews. The books must last a year and are easily torn and damaged.

Lenten Mission Prayer

Dear Lord,

You teach us to not be afraid to come to you. You love us with a never-ending love. You want us to be nourished and fed with your Life, your Body, your Blood. May we come to you and taste the joy that only you can give. Fill us with your Spirit and make us ever new and young at heart. Amen