

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](http://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.*

**March 2023**

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

### Parish Pastoral Council

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 usually meets on the first Thursday of January, March, July, and October. Some meetings may be rescheduled due to conflicts. If interested in serving, contact Julie Fortuin at [j.fortuin@comcast.net](mailto:j.fortuin@comcast.net).

Next meeting is July 13, 2023

### Administration Umbrella

Toni Ogden has joined the parish staff as part-time bookkeeper. Toni, her husband, and their 11 year old, son moved to Colorado in October 2022, from Roseville, CA. The Ogden family are new parishioners of St. Michael's and are enjoying becoming acclimated to Colorado.

There is a new handrail on the two steps leading to the Tabernacle. The parish frequently has priests from elsewhere offer Mass and retired Deacons volunteering to serve. The handrail will provide physical support to priests and deacons who may have difficulty with stairs. A rail will also be installed on the stairs leading to the altar on the Baptismal Font side of the Altar. That rail will be for the safety and security of readers and Eucharistic Ministers. The parish has been recruiting volunteers to help cover the office front desk. Information is in the bulletin.

2023-2024 Ministry events were to be submitted to the office, to be included in the parish calendar, by March 16.

The new Parish Pictorial Directory has been sent to the printers. The distribution dates of the directory will be announced once they are scheduled.

## Community Umbrella

**Dinner Club** continues to meet monthly for thoughtful sharing of food, togetherness, and building relationships. Planning is underway for their annual banquet, to be held in the summer.

All will be invited. If interested in joining the Dinner Club, contact Cheryl at [stmichaelsdinnerclub@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelsdinnerclub@comcast.net).

**Knights of Columbus** has been holding the annual Fish Fry on Lenten Fridays. The final Fish Fry of 2023 will be April 1.

**Men's Club** did not meet in February due to the weather. The final Omelet and Pancake Breakfast of the 2022-2023 program year is in April.

**Women's Club** appreciates everyone's support for their bake sale in February. Proceeds were donated to the Marisol Women's shelter.

## Formation Umbrella

More than 200 people attended each evening of the **Lenten Mission**. Various ministries provided refreshments and an opportunity for fellowship after the sessions. Other parishioners contributed by making phone calls, making bread, as part of a choir, serving as ministers, and in other ways. The efforts of so many helped make the mission a success. A special thank you to Tina Cline, Mission Committee Chairman. Anyone who would like to give feedback on the mission may do so through the survey link in Flocknotes.

Nine **Catechumens** were presented to the Archbishop at the Rite of Election held at the Cathedral on February 25; they are now the Elect. They were one of the larger groups in attendance.

Registration for 2023-2024 **Religious Education** classes is now open.

Thirteen middle schoolers attended **Mountain Madness** in February. They were able to experience, and increase, their desire to live for Jesus Christ as He lived and died for us.

**Youth Group** members were readers and distributed ashes at the 4:30 service on Ash Wednesday.

**Youth** are preparing for their participation in the Outdoor Stations of the Cross on March 31.

**Preschool POPs** is selling See's Candies, in time for Easter. Purchases may be made after Masses on March 18/19.

Preschool and Youth are sponsoring **Soles for Souls**. Donations of new and gently used shoes are requested.

## Outreach Umbrella

**Relationship Ministry** held a Dance Night in February. A dance instructor taught the Salsa and the Merengue. Ministry members were honored to serve the Chick-fil-A, donated by the Alameda location, on Monday evening of the mission.

**Sandwich Makers** make 720 sandwiches each month to be distributed to the homeless.

## Worship Umbrella

**Greeter Ministry** members welcomed attendees to the mission every evening.

Each evening of the mission, a different **Choir** provided music. St. Michael's is fortunate to have such a variety and number of choirs.

Choirs have begun rehearsing for the Triduum and Easter celebrations.

**Stations of the Cross** are every Friday at 7 p.m., through April 1. Weather permitting, Stations will be presented outside on March 31 at 7 p.m.

Mandy Townend, who has been the accompanist for the Sunday 10:30 Mass since 2017, will be moving to southern Colorado. She will be missed.

**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.

## *Prayer for Spring*

*May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*