Pastoral Council

Availability Weekend

Summary of Comments Post Covid

September 21, 2021 forward

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

**March, 2023**

**Saturday Mass**

We have a beautiful cry room. People need to use it.

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

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

The Lenten Mission was awesome!

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

Son registered but doesn’t receive envelopes. **A** *Gave name, which has been sent to Communications.*

Does the church have a library to exchange books. Would love to share. Offered to help with library cataloging, etc. Also, would like to be enrolled in Flocknotes. **A** *Jim Peters was part of the conversation and directed the parishioner to Trudy (?)*

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

Loved the parish mission. Asked how to listen and watch evenings missed. *Directed to parish website for link.*

Parishioner asked if there could be a kneeler (daily mass or center on Sundays) for those that want to kneel and receive Communion on the tongue. This parishioner had asked the same question in January. **W**

A big thank you for music at confessionals. Please put handouts for confession on a stand so people don’t have to lean over (fall) to pick up and put back. **A/W**

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

***February, 2023***

***Saturday Mass***

*No comments.*

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

*None*

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

*Why do we have two houses for our priests? Couldn’t we have just one?* ***A***

*Why are the envelopes for our weekly donations sent out upside down?* ***A***

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

*Father Terry is wonderful, runs a great ship, very approachable and a great leader. Thank you.*

*Hold activities in (Syrianey) hall, not hallway. It discourages parishioner from stopping because of the crowds.* ***A***

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

*No comments*

***2:30 p.m. Mass***

*No comments*

**January 12, 2023**

Six registration cards.

**Saturday Mass**

A couple started attending St. Michael’s approximately one year ago and they love it here!

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

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

When is the directory coming out?

Deacon Chris gives wonderful and relevant homilies.

A parishioner would like us to utilize our screens during the Mass – put up the creed, music, St. Michael prayer. **W**

We need to have more times for confessions. Other churches do. **W**

Could we post on website or somewhere else before Mass who the Celebrant and Deacon will be? For each Mass.  **A**

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

Contacted office (voicemail) about needing an annulment. **A (**Note from Julie: I’m not sure to whom this should be directed. I have the name and phone number for this person)

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

Is it possible to have one kneeler, maybe near the priest, during communion so that those who prefer to receive communion while kneeling may do so? **W**

A parishioner heard that the Biblical School from Archdiocese will be at St. Michael’s. Ask if true and for any details. **F** Diana Ross was at the table and, as a Biblical School graduate, receives information and was able to direct this parishioner to the appropriate website for information.

Praise and Worship Choir and band are excellent! Thank you.

Appreciated Christmas card from Fr. Terry.

Can the announcer at the beginning of Mass announce the name of the priest who will presiding at that Mass? **W**

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**December 2022**

Four registration cards. Three people said they have been coming to St. Michael’s for a long time and just hadn’t registered. Fourth person said she had been carrying around her completed registration for months.

**Saturday Mass**

Fr. Felipe does a fantastic job.

Can a sign be hung above the food donation tables listing groups receiving the donations by weekend? A Note: this is a different person than the one who asked a similar question in November)

Could there be a reminder to parents that, if they are in the worship space for Mass, and their child becomes a disruption/distraction to the surrounding people, please remove the child. Examples: giving a child a snack (e.g. potato chips) in a crinkly bag, letting child run up and down the aisle. W

**7 a.m. Mass**

Wondering when the 2023 calendars will be available. A

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

No comments

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

Couple asked how to get their children enrolled in Religious Education. F Answer: Call the office and ask to speak to Jim Peters.

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

Can an anointing of the sick be done at a 6 a.m. Mass occasionally, not just at the 9 a.m. Mass. W

Another couple asked about registering their children in RE, so they could get the Sacraments. F Same answer as above.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**November 2022**

One registration and one take home of the registration card.

**Saturday Mass**

None

**7 a.m. Mass**

Make sure on Holy Days of Obligation there are enough EMHCs, music, and hosts for the increased number of people who attend. And, to give a good presentation to those who are not regular participants (specifically at 9 a.m. Mass). W

Could there be some music in the hallway while parishioner wait for confession? Those waiting can hear confessions. A/W

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

Parishioner suggested that it would be better if Reconciliation on Saturday was before Mass than earlier in the day. W

Parishioner asked if father, when he is giving out the Host, would do it from different stations from time to time. Now, Father always distributes the Host from the same spot/row/station. W

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

Where do the St. Vincent DePaul food donations go (to separate from other donations)? A A list has been posted above the donation tables.

New parishioner would like to donate electronically. **A** Parishioner was directed to the parish website and/or the QR code on doors.

Founding member of St Michael’s, Colleen Governski, is still a parishioner and would like to be acknowledged whenever the founding members are recognized. A

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

Ran out of bulletins. A

A suggestion for a Lenten Parish Mission. F Information given to Jim Peters.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**October 2022**

One registration and one take home of the registration card.

**Saturday Mass**

Why do we no longer have the nativity scene in front of the altar, where it belongs, at Christmas time? W

**7 a.m. Mass**

None

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

None

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

None

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

None

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**September 2022**

**Saturday Mass**

None

**7 a.m. Mass**

When does the Cantor receive Communion? W Will be addressed at EMOHC training in October.

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

Parishioner loved the parish picnic.

Greeters are wonderful.

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

Parishioner inquired how to find out for which weekend Masses Fr. Terry is scheduled. Parishioner wants to bring a guest specifically to hear Fr. Terry’s homily. F Directed to the website for past homilies and the office for schedule.

Parishioner pointed out that the carpet needs to be cleaned and he offers that service. He left his contact information. A Contact information sent to Business Manager.

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

Parents asked about registering children for RE or when RE starts. F Gave the bulletin and encouraged them to call the office and/or visit the website.

Parishioner asked when to bring food for others. O Answered – anytime. Also referred to website for more information.

Thanks given for Parish Picnic.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**August 2022**

**Two registrations received**

**Saturday Mass**

How about having the St. Michael prayer on the screens? W (Note: Perhaps we should print new bookmark cards for parishioners with the version of the St. Michael prayer that we are actually saying, which is not the version in the book or on the bookmarks distributed previously.)

**7 a.m. Mass**

Captions on screens. W

Parishioner asks that a bench be placed in the west hall for the handicapped who sometimes need to stop and rest. A

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

St. Michael’s is awesome!

Someone wants to see the Men’s Club do breakfast again. The Pancake breakfasts return in September.

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

Would it be possible on First Friday to have confessions available? W

Why can’t we have the St. Michael prayer shown on the screen? W

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

Can we have confession available during the week, after Mass or some other time? W A version of this question was asked in July. A response is included on the July list of AW comments. A Q&A will be rerun in the bulletin in the near future.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**July 2022**

**Saturday Mass**

Could we change the Saturday evening Mass to 4 or 4:30 (especially during the winter)? Believes Queen of Peace is at 4 and Our Lady of Loreto is at 4:30. **A**

**7 a.m. Mass**

No comments

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

A parishioner asked if it would be possible to change the confessional time on Saturday to be before Mass. This would make it easier for people to do both. **A**

A member of the Men’s Club was asking about the parish having a picnic again as a good way to try to recruit young men in the parish to the Men’s Group, KofC, or That Man Is You. Is Fr. Terry up for that? How can we go about doing that again? **A**

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

No comments

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

No comments

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**June 2022**

**Saturday Mass**

A request for a small chair or bench in the west ladies’ restroom for nursing mothers. **A** There is insufficient room in the Women’s restroom for a chair. A chair is available in the family room across the hall from the Women’s room (and a bench is in the Women’s restroom across from Syrianey Hall). A sign directing those who need a chair to the family restroom will be posted.

**7 a.m. Mass**

No comment

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

Adoration-how does one sign up for adoration? How does one sign up prior to the first Friday? **W**

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

One registration. The young man who registered asked about a young adult group. He was directed to the website.

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

People in confession can be heard by people waiting. Can there be a noise generator so those waiting cannot hear others’ confessions? **A**

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**May 2022**

**Saturday Mass**

No comments

**7 a.m. Mass**

Could we have a May crowning next year. **W**

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

When will we return to distributing consecrated wine at Mass? **W**

Could we do a May crowning this year? **W**

A parishioner asked about programs for middle and high school kids. The parishioner was directed to the St. Michael website and a suggestion to get in touch with Amber or Liz.  **F**

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

Parishioner did not like the Covid speaker at all! She was way too long and the parishioner felt totally degraded when the speaker referred to the congregation as “you white people”.

Please put the St. Michael prayer on the screens for every Mass. **W**

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

No comments.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**March 2022**

**Saturday Mass**

No comments

**7 a.m. Mass**

No comments

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

No comments

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

No comments

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

We keep running out of bulletins at the 12:30 Mass. **A** An additional 100 bulletins will be held for the 12:30 Mass.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**February 2022**

**Saturday Mass**

When will the children’s offertory basket be available again? **W**

**7 a.m. Mass**

No comments

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

Suggest that there be confession after daily Mass. **W**

Can we please put information in the bulletin for new parishioners about the confessionals; where they are and the procedure for them. (This parishioner said she asked for this three months ago and has not seen anything in the bulletin. It is on the November 2021 list of comments.) **A** The St. Gabriel room (#101) and the St. Raphael room (#102) will continue to be used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, instead of the confessionals in the church, in order to continue to promote both safe distancing and air circulation in consideration of Covid. This is a topic of the March 19/20, 2022 bulletin Q&A.

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

How to get involved in the parish. Directed to the parish website.

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

Parishioner offended by the homily. Felt like the Deacon was saying we have to pay our way into heaven.

Question about the Synod – will there be a follow-up later after the initial meeting to pray and listen to the Holy Spirit-meeting later to get any feedback? **F**

Parishioner gives on line to the parish. Is there a way to not get envelopes so the parish can save money from sending envelopes to people who give online? **A** Many who engage in giving online prefer to continue receiving envelops to place in the weekend Offertory baskets marked with the indication that they gave online, symbolizing their participation in the presentation of the Offertory gifts at the altar. If a parishioner does not wish to continue receiving Offertory envelopes, the parishioner should notify the Parish Office to have them discontinued.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**January 2022**

**Saturday Mass**

No comments

**7 a.m. Mass**

Can we have candles, battery operated, for praying? What would be the cost? **A** This question was answered in a bulletin Q&A in July 2016. It is also included on the Availability Weekend FAQ, which is part of the AW supplies for Pastoral Council members.

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

Why do cantors stand in different places during different Masses? **W**

We are all wonderful!

Wonderful parish for donations – lots of clothes to Vets.

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

On the website there is a Prayer Wall, with a response option. But it’s all the way at the bottom of the page. Could it be moved up the page or made more obvious somehow? **A**

Could the Book of Remembrance have a small note inviting people to post their prayers? **A**

What about having a divorce care ministry (OLOL used to have one), or a group for divorced persons. There is a Catholic Divorce Ministry on the web, also information on DenverCatholic.org (March 24, 2021). It includes support for children of divorce. Spirit of Christ Parish has such a group-surviving divorce program. **O**

Is there a prayer group for women who have experienced loss in marriage or widowhood? **O**

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

The Nativity Scene is beautiful. Great to have the kneeler in front of it.

Is the remembrance Christmas tree with ornaments for those who have passed going to come back? **W**

Is the grief support group still meeting? Since Covid? **O**

The choir at times is too loud before Mass. Parishioner stated desire for silent prayer or to say the rosary, but the choir is so loud it is difficult for silent prayer. **W**

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**December 2021**

**Saturday Mass**

No comments

**7 a.m. Mass**

Background colors on Flock Notes make it hard to read. A

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

No comments

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

No comments

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

Several persons asked for the location of the Cherry Creek Nursing Home gift tree.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**November 2021**

**Saturday Mass**

No comments

**7 a.m. Mass**

No comments

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

Crucifix in gathering space is beautiful. Can it be moved to inside the worship space? W

AED sign in the preschool area is in the hall. The AED itself is locked in the preschool office. A/F The AED in the preschool area is specifically for children. Preschool staff has access to it while the school is in session. There are two AEDs for adults, which should have child pads in the box, near the worship space – one in the hall and one outside of Syrianey Hall.

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

No comments

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

Flowers outside are beautiful.

Prefer diversity in announcements. Too much on Relationship Ministry. W

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

No comments

**October 2021**

**Saturday Mass**

Remind people they are in God’s house and chit chat in the worship space before Mass is not appropriate. **W**

**7 a.m. Mass**

Landscape looks great.

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

Please put the location of the confessional in the bulletin. New parishioner did not know where it was. **A**

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

No comments

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

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

None

**September 2021**

Two new registrations.

**Saturday Mass**

Could the nativity go back in the worship space at Christmas? **W**

Our Lady of Loreto took a vote to move Saturday Mass to earlier (4 or 4:30). Could we consider moving Saturday Mass to earlier, especially in the winter? **W**

When we pray the prayer to St. Michael, it sounds like people are saying different versions. Can we all use the version in the book? **W**

**7 a.m. Mass, hence**

Too many second collections. **W**

When does RCIA start? Signed up but haven’t heard anything. **F**

RCIA is an ongoing, year-round process… individuals can generally start at any time, though this does affect the length of time in formation. Signing up requires an initial in person appointment – everyone who has done so is actively participating in the process. Without a name it’s not possible to give further information regarding this situation.

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

Please make sure there are no chairs in the bathroom so wheelchairs can enter and exit easily. **A** A chair is made available in the Family Restroom at the west entrance for the use of mothers who need to breastfeed their newborns. There is a bench in the Women’s Restroom opposite the entrance to Syrianey Hall for the same purpose. All of the public restrooms are furnished with handicapped stalls to facilitate the use of wheelchairs.

Why screens are not being used? Other parishes put up prayers to help parishioners. **W** This issue was addressed in January 2020 as follows: 10 St. Michael’s installed screens in the worship space for several specific purposes: to display beautiful images of religious art which relate to the Sunday liturgy, to better show the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal videos, to be used by Mission presenters if necessary, and similar uses. The screens are rarely intended to display music lyrics or prayers so that they are not a distraction, especially for those who wish to celebrate the liturgy through sound and experience. All parts of the Mass are available in the missals provided in the pews for those who also like to read along during the Mass.

Do we have a say in landscaping? Area by red door a hodge podge. **A** Since the relocation of the parish office to the west entrance of the Parish Center following the completion of our building addition, the entrance with the red doors is primarily used by the Preschool. That entrance is also home to the prayer garden, together with benches and a pergola used by the Preschool. Members of the Women’s Club maintain the flowers, which edge the prayer garden along the sidewalk. There are no plans, in the near future, to redesign the landscaping at the southeast entrance.

Confessions are uncomfortable in this area-bathroom activities are distracting, windows and open doors while doing confession are uncomfortable.  **W**

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

No comments

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

Thanksgiving for the guest priests that filled in this summer for Fr Terry and Fr. Mau.

**2:30 p.m. Mass**

None