

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  
Carolyn Brake, 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.*

**September 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 [julief@stmichael-aurora.org](mailto:julief@stmichael-aurora.org).

Next meeting is October 12, 2023

### Administration Umbrella

The parish welcomed newly ordained (June 24) Deacon Clarence Braud. Originally from New Orleans, Deacon Clarence and his wife, MarySusan, moved to Aurora for him to accept a job with the Colorado Public Defender's Office. Married 35 years, they have three children. Sadly, they lost their son in a motorcycle accident four years ago, the same year Deacon Clarence entered the Diaconal program. He is happy to have his first assignment at St. Michael's Parish.

Throughout the summer St. Michael's staff has been updating parishioner information. If anyone has not received a phone call, email, or postcard from St. Michael's, please contact the office to confirm or update your information. Or, visit the parish website and select **NEW PARISHIONER/ UPDATE MY INFORMATION** on the home page.

The Ministry Fair was successful, with several ministries attracting new members.

For 16 years, Paul Reddy served as the evening building lock-up person for St. Michael's. He retired from that position as of August 31, 2023. We thank him for his service to the parish. Replacement of part of the parish roof was scheduled for early September.

## Community Umbrella

**Dinner Club** If interested in joining, contact Cheryl at [stmichaelsdinnerclub@comcast.net](mailto:stmichaelsdinnerclub@comcast.net).

**Men's Club** had their two regular meetings for the month. Our golf league is still going strong. Approximately ten men have signed up for the ministry. Men's Club is a way for men to meet other men in the Parish and enjoy varied activities within the club.

**Women's Club** is a ministry focusing on building relationships through faith, service, and social activities. Meetings resumed in September. Congratulations to **Fr. Terry** who celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination in June.

## Formation Umbrella

The **Denver Catholic Biblical School** began in early September.

The program year for **Youth Ministry** kicked off with a Back to School Social, Blessing Night, and Volunteer Panel Night. August ended with a Craft Night during which youth decorated personal journals to be used throughout the year.

Youth Ministry welcomed **new part-time Youth Minister, Grace Gieske**. Grace will primarily work during evening youth and young adult activities.

Forty **catechists** attended meetings at the end of August in preparation for the new program year.

**Religious Education classes** begin the third week of September. 340+ students are enrolled in the RE program.

**That Man is You (TMIY)** is beginning their new program, "Worthy of the Call". The group meets on Fridays from 6:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in Syrianey Hall. All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Preschool** classes began August 21 and the preschool area once again rings with the joyful noise of 3, 4, and 5 year olds.

## Outreach Umbrella

Pre covid, the parish held a dinner 3-4 times per year to welcome new members to the parish. The dinners fell dormant during covid and the loss of the coordinator. The welcome dinners will resume in September. Parishioners who have joined the parish since the last (pre covid) dinner will be invited.

**Sandwich Makers** continue to help the homeless by providing 720 sandwiches each month.

## Worship Umbrella

New voices join various **choirs** upon the choirs' return the second week of September.

A new Mass setting began September 9/10.

The Extraordinary **Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** ministry had eleven parishioners express interest in joining at the ministry fair.

Three parishioners expressed interest in helping in the **Sick and Homebound** ministry.

The **Altar Server** ministry continues to be in need of new members.

Through the ministry fair, nine new **Greeters** will be joining that ministry.

**Art and Environment Ministry** asks that you don't water the plants in the building. They are on a watering schedule.

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

*This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today.*

*St. John Paul II*