

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.*

October 2023

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Irma Martinez served as the Pastoral Council representative of the Spanish Speaking Community since October 2019. Irma and her family recently moved out of state. Her contributions of time and talent to the parish are greatly appreciated.

There are two current openings on the Parish Pastoral Council; Community Umbrella representative and Spanish Speaking Community 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.

Next meeting is January 4, 2024

Administration Umbrella

New roofs have been installed on the Parish flat and shingle roof, and on both rectories. The shingle roof, rectory roofs, and part of the flat roof had sustained hail damage so costs were partially covered by insurance. The Building and Maintenance Fund covered the deductible and part of the cost of the flat roof. The parking lot is newly paved and striped. Thank you to everyone for your patience during the paving process.

The Finance Council continues to discuss and prioritize capital projects to be funded by the Building and Maintenance Fund.

Because of parishioners' generosity, St. Michael's is able to continue to maintain parish properties in good condition.

Progress is being made on the parish census. All registered parishioners should have received a phone call, email, or postcard. As of the end of September, St. Michael's was \$69,000 short of our Archbishop's Catholic Appeal goal. Please consider giving by visiting www.archden.org/givetoday or call 303-867-0614.

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
	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 for more information.

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Community Umbrella

Dinner Club If interested in joining, contact Cheryl at stmichaelsdinnerclub@comcast.net.

Men's Club began the program year with lots of activity. Members assisted in the planning and execution of the Parish Picnic. They, with members of the **Knights of Columbus**, set up and cooked for the picnic. Next the Men's Club celebrated their golfers at their Golf Banquet. The much anticipated first pancake breakfast of the season was welcomed by hungry parishioners. More than 30 men from the parish helped with the many tasks necessary to serve the monthly breakfast.

Formation Umbrella

Religious Education classes began with about 340 students enrolled.

Sacramental preparation has started. 111 parents have attended an orientation meeting.

Parent meetings for children preparing for **Reconciliation** were scheduled for early October.

On September 24, three adults were received into **Full Communion** with the Catholic Church. Fourteen young people (ages 7-16) and one adult are currently in formation for full initiation at the 2024 Easter Vigil.

In September, Parish **Youth** came together for a game night. The ministry started study through YDisciple on Formed. The **High School** students will participate in a study called *The Kind of People He Invites*. The **Middle School** students' study is called *Known*.

That Man is You (TMIY) has started their sessions to become "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. TMIY also serves coffee and donuts on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Outreach Umbrella

Habitat Helpers will be participating in Habitat for Humanity's gingerbread house fundraiser. To raise funds for Habitat Helpers' 2024 home build, coalition leaders and groups will build a gingerbread house, which supporters can then vote for and/or donate towards. Visit habitatmetrodenver.org for more information.

Knitters and Crocheters meet on Thursdays, 12:30—3 in the St. Raphael Room. Anyone interested in joining the group, experienced or beginner, is welcome.

The **Respect Life** ministry kickoff was a success. Adoption cards to spiritually adopt an expected baby and pray daily until the baby is born, and to pray for the baby's mother and father are available in the Respect Life corner in the gathering space.

Sandwich Makers continue to help the homeless by providing 720 sandwiches each month. The ministry has welcomed 21 new volunteers.

Worship Umbrella

The **Welcome Ambassadors'** new parishioner welcome dinner of food and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended.

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.

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you.

In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.