

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.*

April 2024

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

Parish Pastoral Council

On the second weekend of each month, Pastoral Council members now make the pulpit announcement at the end of Mass regarding Council members availability to talk with parishioners. This will help parishioners get to know who serves on the Pastoral Council, specifically who represents a particular Mass. It is also an opportunity for persons to register to become official members of the parish. Since Council members started making the pulpit announcement in March, the number of comments they're received has increased and, for March and April, the number of new parishioner registrations has doubled.

Next meeting is July 11, 2024

Administration Umbrella

Staff welcomed John Hofmann, the new Maintenance Supervisor. John moved to Colorado in August 2023 from Minnesota. Prior to his move, he had worked in a variety of churches since the late 1990s. John is the father of two adult sons and one adult daughter. One of his sons also lives in Colorado.

Fr. Terry announced his retirement, effective July 1, 2024. Fr. Terry became St. Michael's Pastor in June 2010. He has provided strong leadership through the construction of the building expansion and Covid 19, all while providing reassurance with his calm, warm presence. Fr. Terry will be greatly missed by all who have appreciated his spiritual leadership.

Fr. Felipe has been named the new Pastor of St. Michael's, effective July 1, 2024. He has been a wonderful Parochial Vicar and will continue his service to St. Michael's as Pastor.

On Saturday, June 22, there will be a retirement/parish picnic from 12—3 p.m. at which the parish will celebrate Fr. Terry's service at St. Michael's and the beginning of the next phase of his life. More information will be in the various parish communications.

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
Jazmin Flores	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 has open seats for their dinners at the end of April and early May. If interested in good home cooking and great fellowship, contact: dinner_club@stmichael-aurora.org.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary supported the Knights' weekly Lenten Fish Fry by selling homemade and donated desserts, which were still the best value in town at \$.50 each.

Men's Club has filled the open slots on their golf team. April is the final Pancake and Omelet Breakfast for the 23-24 program year. Men's Club has many activities planned for the summer months.

Women's Club had two successful religious goods sales and a very busy, successful Chili Bingo event. To celebrate, and recover, from a few busy months, members enjoyed an evening of rest and relaxation in March. At their meeting were massage therapists, a physical therapist, and a Mary Kay specialist. Everyone enjoyed being pampered.

Formation Umbrella

Jim Peters, Director of Religious Education, announced his retirement effective June 30, 2024. Jim joined the parish in July, 2002. In addition to his duties of religious education, Jim is an enthusiastic lover of Christmas, beautifully decorating the parish office every Christmas season. Many looked forward to his Mass announcements of VBS while in full costume representing the year's theme. Jim will be greatly missed by the staff and the many members of the parish whose lives he has touched. There will be a reception for Jim in Syrianey Hall on June 16, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Thirty-one adults (21 Spanish speakers, 10 English speakers) began preparation classes for Confirmation to be celebrated in May. Thirteen (2 adults, 2 teens, and 9 younger) were baptized, confirmed, and receive First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Preschool students have been watching cocoons with anticipation of seeing butterflies emerge, viewing worms build their living space, and ants on their farm. The See's Candy sale during Lent was a success.

Formation Umbrella continued

Preparations have been underway for Teacher Appreciation Week in early May.

Servants of the Word Ministry has completed another successful and rewarding year of Bible study.

This group will resume Bible study on the 2nd Wednesday of September.

That Man is You (TMIY) continues to meet on Friday morning and to serve donuts after Masses on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Youth Ministries' students attended the Parish Lenten Mission. Middle and High School students continued their studies on Opening the Word. High School Students ended the month with a finance Class. Four youth had the opportunity to participate in the foot washing on Holy Thursday. Young Adults watched Cabrini together and, later in the month, attended Mass and Pancake breakfast together.

Outreach Umbrella

Habitat Helpers will merge with the similar group Loaves and Fishes. The volunteer opportunities and goal to help people become home owners will not change. As part of Loaves and Fishes, the group will continue to partner with Habitat for Humanity in the same way.

Sandwich Makers continues to help our sisters and brothers in need, providing 720 sandwiches each month. The **Knit/Crochet** ministry continues to make hats and scarves, to help keep the homeless warm on cool nights.

Worship Umbrella

A big thanks and much appreciation to the **Music and Greeter Ministries** for everyone's dedication during Holy Week. The music was beautiful the greeters welcoming at all the Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

Middle School Youth valiantly held Stations during a windy outdoor Stations of the Cross.

O Lord, you mark the journey of life with change. Once again we witness your creation moving from one season to the other. Change is your instrument of growth that brings us to a deeper relationship with you. May your Word be the lantern that guides the roads of change in our lives.