

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
Jessica Duran	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
Jazmin Flores, 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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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.

May 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've received has increased as have the number of new parishioner registrations.

Next meeting is July 11, 2024

Administration Umbrella

Dates have been set for the farewell activities for Fr. Terry and Jim Peters. On June 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a retirement reception for Jim Peters in Syrianey Hall. On June 22 from Noon to 3:00 p.m., the Parish Picnic will also be a retirement celebration for Fr. Terry.

Additional information will be provided through all the various parish communication platforms (e.g. bulletin, Flocknotes). The Finance Council has developed an initial draft of the parish budget for FY 2024-2025. The draft continues to be discussed and refined by the Finance Council.

Approximately one year ago a schedule of carpet cleaning throughout the church building was established. Some sections are cleaned by professional cleaners and some smaller areas are cleaned by the parish maintenance staff. Two sections will be cleaned this summer by the carpet cleaning company.

New HVAC units have been installed for Syrianey Hall, including the kitchen. The new units will be included into the current HVAC control system.

Community Umbrella

Dinner Club is scheduling and planning events at breweries, in addition to our patio picnics. If interested in good home cooking and great fellowship, contact: dinner_club@stmichael-aurora.org.

Men's Club served their final Omelet and Pancake Breakfast of the program year. Their Golf Team is beginning and other activities for the summer are being planned.

Women's Club enjoyed hearing a guest speaker from the City of Aurora Water Conservation Department in April. The speaker gave tips on gardening and the importance of conserving water. The Women's Club donated a number of items to the Little Flower Center.

Formation Umbrella

Over two weekends approximately 110 young people with their parents attended retreats for **Confirmation and 1st Eucharist**.

The first Spring **Confirmation/1st Eucharist** Mass was celebrated on April 26, with 57 individuals celebrating the reception of the sacraments.

On April 7, one adult was received into Full Communion with the church at the 10:30 Mass. A new group of five adult inquirers have begun the initiation process (RCIA). Three are unbaptized, so are beginning their journey toward celebrating the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, 2025. The other two have been baptized in other Christian faith traditions and will be received into Full Communion with the Church as they progress in their formation.

Preschool baseball fan families attended the Rockies game on April 21 for **Denver Catholic Schools Appreciation Day at the Rockies**. The preschoolers enjoyed the annual **St. Jude's bike-a-thon**. Children, riding bikes, trikes, and scooters, rode a course set out in the parish parking lot.

Servants of the Word Ministry is on hiatus for summer. This group will resume Bible study on the 2nd Wednesday of September.

That Man is You (TMIY) completed their winter session and is taking a short break. The Friday meetings will resume in the summer.

Formation Umbrella continued

Walking with Purpose daytime group started a six week study of the book of Colossians. The Sunday group finished their 22 week study.

High School and Middle School students enjoyed an Easter Celebration including, prayer, fellowship, and, of course, an Easter egg hunt.

High School youth continued their finance study as well as their study on Opening the Word.

Middle School Youth started Symbolon for Teens through Formed and joined the Respect Life Ministry to pray the Rosary.

Young Adults continued their study on Metonia. With the support of the **Knights of Columbus**, the Taste of Italy was a success with 180 tickets sold. The dinner raised funds for the Youth Ministry including assisting youth to attend Steubenville of the Rockies in June.

Outreach Umbrella

Loaves and Fishes (formerly Habitat Helpers) invited parishioners to volunteer at Habitat's Production Shop in May.

Respect Life hosted Jean Torkelson from the Julia Greeley Home. She spoke about the mission of the home for women who have suffered a traumatic event that has left them homeless, poor, and alone. To learn more about the services of the home visit juliagreeleyhome.org.

Worship Umbrella

Thank you to the members of the **Music and Greeter Ministries** for their dedication during Holy Week. The music was beautiful and the greeters welcomed parishioners and guests to the many celebrations held during the week.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13