

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.

June 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 make the pulpit announcement at the end of Mass regarding Council members availability to talk with parishioners. This helps parishioners get to know who serves on the Pastoral Council, specifically who represents a particular Mass. Known as Availability Weekend (AW), this is also an opportunity for persons to register to become official members of the parish.

The July meeting is cancelled.

Next meeting is October 3 , 2024

Administration Umbrella

The Finance Council approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The parish is currently on, or slightly above, budget for FY 2023-2024. Administration staff has begun work on year end financial reports.

A portion of the main offertory collection at the Mother's Day weekend Masses were contributed to the annual Pro-Life Mother's Day collection. Monies will be used for the operating expenses of the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office. The office produces educational programs used throughout the Archdiocese, including in Catholic Schools, as well as other projects such as 40 Days for Life, Prayer in the Square, and Respect Life Radio podcasts.

On the following weekend, a portion of the offertory was contributed to the Catholic Communication Campaign, which will be used to support communication projects in the Denver Archdiocese, and nation and worldwide projects.

The generosity of parishioners, which enables the parish to support these worthy projects, is greatly appreciated.

Community Umbrella

Men's Club Golf Club began in May. Members are planning a camping event and will be assisting with the Parish Picnic.

Women's Club's bake sale in early May was a big success. Thank you to all who baked and who purchased. Proceeds will benefit the Marisol Women's Shelter.

Formation Umbrella

Confirmation and First Eucharist celebrations were held on May 10, with 50 youth and adults, and on May 17, with 70 youth and adults.

The May 17 celebration was in Spanish. A total of 177 (Including those who received the sacraments in April) youth and adults celebrated their reception of these sacraments this Spring.

On May 19, one adult was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

The Religious Education Department hosted the annual Catechist Appreciation Dinner on May 25. St. Michael's could not educate the parish children about our faith without our wonderful catechists.

Preschool had a busy month as the school year came to a close. The preschool staff was celebrated during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Parents of Preschoolers (POPs) held a night of appreciation at The Launch Pad Brewery (owned by a preschool parent).

Student graduation was held at the end of the month.

The preschool staff is hard at work on next year's themes, ideas for the indoor playground, and the many other things that make St. Michael's Preschool successful.

High School Youth completed their finance class. The group also talked about having personal prayer time and made signs to keep in their rooms to remind them to make time for prayer.

Middle School Youth continued their study on Symbolon for Teens. They ended May with a movie night in the Warehouse and watched "Joseph: King of Dreams".

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

Formation Umbrella continued

St. Serra Ministry of Aurora is a joint ministry of St. Michael's and Queen of Peace Parishes. The ministry members meet to pray for priests and for an increase in vocations. Anyone interested in joining this ministry should contact St. Michael's business office at 303-690-6797 or communications@stmichael-aurora.org.

Walking with Purpose (WWP) Monday study group finished their six week study. Both Sunday and Monday WWP Bible study groups are on break for the summer. Both groups will resume in September. A summer activity is planned for each month to keep the group connected.

Outreach Umbrella

On Mothers' Day, **Respect Life Ministry** distributed baby feet pins after the Masses. The pins are to remind us of how precious life is including the lives of the unborn.

In honor of the Feast of the Visitation, the Respect Life Ministry provided Elizabeth Bags to expectant mothers. Bags included homemade hats and booties and other items for newborns. Thank you to all who participated in the **Blood Drive** on May 26. Every donation can save up to three lives.

Sandwich Makers Ministry will continue to make sandwiches during the summer months for those in need. Holy Ghost Catholic Church has received a generous donation of bread, which has been shared with St. Michael's. Thank you to all the volunteers who pick up the bread, prep & make the sandwiches, and drive them downtown! Your dedication is a true blessing!

Worship Umbrella

All choirs, except at the 12:30 and 2:30 Masses, are on hiatus for the summer. The Greeters will continue to be at weekend Masses with smiles, hand shakes, and hugs.

God our Father, you made the family a community of love. Bless our fathers as they follow your Son, Jesus. Let their faith, hope, and love shine in our families, and show us the way to you.

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