

**Fr. Felipe Colombo, Pastor**  
**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  
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.*

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

Next meeting is October 3, 2024

### **Administration Umbrella**

June was a month for goodbyes. On June 16, parishioners were able to express their best wishes and congratulations to Jim Peters who retired as Director of Religious Education on June 30.

The parish picnic on June 22 had a very large turnout as parishioners took the opportunity to celebrate Fr. Terry's 14 years as St. Michael's Pastor and to thank him for his stewardship and leadership. Fr. Terry preached at all the Masses the weekend of June 29/30 to say his farewells as he retired on June 30.

Fr. Terry played his original composition, *Daisy's Song Revisited*, on the piano at the Masses. A recording of the song is available on Spotify under Terry Kissell and the title of the song. It may also be downloaded in MP3 format on Amazon for \$0.99. Search for *Daisy's Song Terry Kissell*.

As of July 1, Fr. Felipe is pastor of St. Michael's. The new Parochial Vicar's arrival date has not been confirmed due to some paperwork issues. Please pray that the situation is resolved and he is able to physically join our community soon. Also, please pray for Fr. Felipe as he assumes his new role and awaits the assistance that will be provided by the Parochial Vicar.

The parish financial position remains sound. The Finance Council continues to discuss ongoing Capital Projects.

## Community Umbrella

A big thank you to members of **Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, and Women's Club** for planning and organizing the Parish Picnic.

**Men's Club** members play poker after regular meetings and on Friday nights. Events for later in the summer are being planned.

**Women's Club** provided a craft table and games at the parish picnic.

## Formation Umbrella

While the **Preschool** is on summer break, registration is open. As of the end of June, eight of the ten classes were full.

Early registration is open for students to register for the second year of **Sacramental Preparation**. Reminders have been sent to families to register and insure their place in the program.

**VBS** had 53 registrations by the end of June for the July program. Approximately 25-30 more registrations were expected prior to the start date of the five day program.

Efforts have begun to recruit **Catechists and Co-Catechists** for Religious Education in the 2024-2025 program year. Response has been positive.

**That Man is You (TMIY)** is completing their summer program, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. The group is also taking a summer break from serving coffee and donuts on the fourth Sunday of the month.

The June Bake sale for **Walking with Purpose** was successful. Thank you to parishioners for your support. Proceeds will be used for outreach to help expand participation and to provide Bible study materials for those in financial need.

**High School** youth watched and discussed talks from SEEK23, "How to become saints?" with Fr. John and "What is your heart really seeking from life?" from Paul J. Kim.

**Middle School** students wrapped up their Symbolon for Teens, prayed the Rosary with the Respect Life Ministry, and had a spontaneous soft serve and French fry treat at their final June meeting.

Youth ministry had a **Cope Day** at the Aurora Reservoir. The day was filled with fun and delicious food prepared by "Grill Master", Maria Whitten.

## Outreach Umbrella

A St. Michael's parishioner, who is a volunteer at the Peace with Christ Food Bank, contacted the parish office to say that the Food Bank's shelves were empty and asked for help. To answer that need, a Food Drive was held at St. Michael's the weekend of June 29/30. St. Michael's parishioners answered the call and donated generously. Half of the donated food went to the Peace with Christ Food Bank, with the other 50% divided between Society of St. Vincent DePaul and the Food Bank at Ascension Catholic Parish. Thank you to all who donated.

The Respect Life Ministry held a Spiritual Adoption Birthday Party to celebrate the birth of the babies who were in danger of being aborted but, by the Grace of God, have now been born. Elizabeth Bags, filled with items for babies and their mothers, are being distributed through the Baptism classes. Thank you to the Knitters and Crocheters Ministry for their donations for the Elizabeth Bags.

Two new ministries have joined the Outreach Umbrella: Grief Support, facilitated by Deacon Craig, and Healing from Separation and Divorce, facilitated by Deacon Paul. Contact the parish office for information.

## Worship Umbrella

Parish choirs are on summer hiatus with the exception of the 12:30 and 2:30 choirs. Greeters continue welcoming all to Mass and providing assistance where needed.

*O most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we honor, worship and adore You because of Your work of the everlasting covenant that brings peace to mankind. Heal the wounds in the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Console the Almighty Father on His throne and wash away the sins of the whole world.*