

Fr. Felipe Colombo, Pastor
Fr. Cyrille Mbemba, 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
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 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.

September 2024

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Since 2016, on the second weekend of each month, known as Availability Weekend (AW), Pastoral Council members have been available to listen to parishioners' questions and comments and to provide registration to persons wishing to join the parish. In August and September there will be no Availability Weekend. In its place, Fr. Felipe will make himself available after various Masses so that he can hear questions and comments about St. Michael's directly from parishioners. Fr. Felipe will announce when he will be available.

Next meeting is October 3, 2024

Administration Umbrella

The concrete project outside the front entrance of the church is complete. After enough time and weather has passed to be sure the water flow in the area is correct, the statue of the girl will be reinstalled

The repairs to the west bathrooms and nearby areas has been an involved process. Several professional assessments were sought to be sure the source of the problem has been identified. The problem was a disconnected pipe in the external sewer line. With the identification of the cause of the sewer backup, the repair process, beginning with entertaining bids for the project, was able to begin. Fr. Felipe and the parish staff understand that this has been an inconvenience to parishioners and guests and appreciate everyone's patience. Taking the time to be sure that the repairs are thorough and comprehensive is necessary to maintain the building in a condition of which we can all be proud.

The Ministry Fair was successful with many ministries attracting new members. For anyone who missed the fair, ministry brochures are available in the Gathering Space.

Community Umbrella

Community Ministries had tables at the Ministry Fair. All the ministries anticipate welcoming new members when their activities resume in September.

Formation Umbrella

Preschool teachers returned in mid August to set up their classrooms and prepare for the new school year. Students returned the week of August 19. The year has begun well with excited students and great families. Enrollment is available for a few remaining openings.

Parents of Preschoolers (POPs) held Tears and Cheers to support new and returning parents. A fundraising "Dineback" night was held at Andy's Frozen Custard and Butter Braid sales began. Parishioner support of the Preschool is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education (RE) calendar was approved by Fr. Felipe and has been distributed to participating families. More than 325 students are registered for RE, which began in mid September. There are some openings still available.

Catechist Inservice led by Fr. Felipe for new and returning catechists was held August 31. Attendees also received information on registering for mandatory Safe Environment Training.

That Man is You (TMIY) began preparations for their new program year "Apostles of the New Springtime", which will start September 6.

Walking With Purpose hosted an evening for women to watch and discuss a video titled "How to Find Rest".

The **Middle and High School Youth and Young Adult Programs** are in transition.

Outreach Umbrella

The regularly scheduled St. Michael's **blood drive** was held on August 11. The number of blood donations was down, perhaps due to end of summer activities. The next blood drive at St. Michael's will be November 10. Information will be in the various parish communications closer to the date.

Sandwich Makers continues to provide sandwiches, etc. each month to help feed the hungry in downtown Denver.

Worship Umbrella

Cantors and Accompanists participated in a workshop at the end of August in preparation for the return of choirs to all Masses. The 10:30 choir is in need of male voices. If interested email music@stmichael-aurora.org.

The **Cherub Choir**, for children ages 6-12, began rehearsals on the 19th. If your child likes to sing, this choir is an opportunity for more active Mass participation once a month.

At the Ministry Fair a number of people expressed interest in becoming readers and/or Eucharistic Ministers. Unfortunately, there was not the hoped for interest in children becoming Altar Servers.

Through the Ministry Fair, nine parishioners have joined the **Greeter Ministry**. Orientation was on the 21st.

*Our mother of sorrows, with strength
from above you stood by the cross,
sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and
with tender care you bore him in your
arms, mourning and weeping. We praise
you for your faith, which accepted the life
God planned for you.*