

# *St. Michael the Archangel*

## *Catholic Parish in Aurora*

MARCH 21, 2021 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



**Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle within them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the Earth.**

**Parish Office 303-690-6797**

**[www.stmichael-aurora.org](http://www.stmichael-aurora.org)**

**Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

**Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (closed)**

**Pastor - Fr. Terry Kissell**

**Parochial Vicar - Fr. Mauricio Bermudez**

**Saturday: Confessions 10:00 - 11:30 am**

**During Lent we have added additional Confession times:  
March 23rd & 30th from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**(Anticipated Mass) 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 7:00, 8:45, 10:30, 12:30**

**Misa en español: 2:30 pm**

**Daily Mass: (Mon -Fri) 6:00 & 9:00 am**



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
**St. Michael the Archangel Parish Conference**  
 19099 E. Floyd Ave. Aurora, CO 80013  
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 Established April 2011 Aggregated February 4, 2014



**Numbers**

Your generous financial contributions, donations of food through us to Ascension church until Little Flower reopens, and your continued use of our King Soopers Loyalty Program and Safeway reloadable gift cards are playing an important role in assisting many households in our community.

April 2011 through February 28, 2021

**Client team** – makes home visits and provides assistance

- 2,082 households assisted
- 2,217 adults and 2,146 children helped
- 29,262 miles
- 5,256 hours of personal time
- Used \$588,566 of our funds, \$211,518 from SSVdP Metro, \$73,324 from grants, and \$68,689 from Catholic Charities, for housing, utilities, food, clothing, household goods, fuel, RTD passes, Rx, legal fees, medical charges, funerals, and other assistance.

About 1.3% of the 5,199 confidential requests we have received since we started were from registered parishioners. We assisted 21 households with \$11,989 last month.

**Eldercare program** - includes four nursing center activities, transportation, and home/auto repairs

- Another 7,973 individuals assisted/visited/letters
- 28,655 miles
- 3,663 trips
- 5,384 hours.

*We continue to contact some residents via mail and calls during the pandemic.*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVdP), a charitable organization dedicated to the service of the poor, was established by French university students in Paris in 1833, led by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. SSVdP is active in 151 countries with 800,000 members. The first SSVdP chapter in the United States was established in 1845 in St. Louis, MO.

Membership in the United States totals more than 98,000 in 4,400 conferences. The national headquarters is in St. Louis. Members of the Society are known as "Vincentians," after St. Vincent de Paul, the patron of the organization. Vincentians are organized into conferences, a group of volunteers who gather together to grow spiritually and offer person-to-person service to those in need or living in poverty.



St. Vincent de Paul

SSVdP activities in Denver began in 1876. Fr. Terry Kissell initiated the formation of our conference in April 2011. The conference was aggregated in 2014 in Paris, France. We are one of 26 conferences that make up the Denver Metro Council of the SSVdP. We work closely and often with our SSVdP Denver Metro Council and other parish conferences. Our food collection normally goes to Catholic Charities' Little Flower facility and we sometimes partner with Catholic Charities for financial assistance.

Our funding is based on a fixed amount from St. Michael's Charity Fund, grants, individual donations, your Kroger Loyalty Number and Safeway card purchases, the Friends of the Poor Walk, and your SSVdP Poor Box contributions.

**A story behind the numbers**

Being a part of the St. Michael the Archangel's Society of St. Vincent de Paul has truly been a blessing. I have been a member of our conference since it started at St. Michael's. The conference is playing an integral part of helping those in need in our Parish and our surrounding community.

I have been extremely proud of our members who give their time to serve our families. They assist with food, utilities, rental assistance, medical, and many other needs that are requested. They are a beacon of light to our families that we assist and give spiritual support to.



The pandemic has now been with us for a year. Our fellow Vincentians have worked diligently throughout the year helping families to cope with all the uncertainties that have challenged our community and our parish. It has been an honor to work with each and every Vincentian in our conference.

*Tim Shively*

**"No act of charity is foreign to the Society"**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, MARCH 22

6:00 AM for: Kevin Souza †  
by: Randy & Paula Bisgard  
9:00 AM for: Marietta Gdovin †  
by: Elaine Corcoran

### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 AM for: Fred Minister †  
by: Randy & Paula Bisgard  
9:00 AM for: Margaret Charron †  
by: Eileen Szakmary

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

6:00 AM for: Elvira Muñoz †  
by: Figueroa-Juarez Family  
9:00 AM for: Paul Runyan †  
by: Trudi Lustig-Runyan

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

6:00 AM for: Judy Lambert †  
by: The Men's Club  
9:00 AM for: Patricia Pasewalk †  
by: Helen Hackett

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

6:00 AM for: Edmund Brockman †  
by: Ron & Jan Williams  
9:00 AM for: LaVerne & Mary Patton †  
by: Helen Hackett

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

5:00 PM for: The People of St. Michael's

### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 AM for: Leticia Plata Fuentes †  
by: Mireya Barrios  
8:45 AM for: Nicanor De La Cruz & Virginia Cruz †  
by: Their family  
10:30 AM for: Reparation for sins of clergy and  
victims' healing  
12:30 PM for: Connie & Ken Lustig Families  
by: Trudi Lustig-Runyan  
2:30 PM for: Family Hernandez- Evaristo  
by: Moises & Clemencia Hernandez

*You may post prayer intentions on our prayer wall  
<http://stmichael-aurora.org/prayer-wall-requests/>*

## Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Middle School, High School and Young Adult groups are meeting both in-person and remotely! Sign-up for the Flocknotes through the Parish Website to get the most up-to-date schedule and reminders.

High School meets on Mondays, Middle School meets on Thursdays and Young Adults (18-35) meet on Tuesdays!

**Lenten Gift** - Examining our lives during this season of Lent can also include planning to care for our family if something were to suddenly happen. Making a Will is an essential part of that plan and The Catholic Foundation is here to help you understand the advantages of creating a Will and how you can give it a way to do greater good through a bequest to *The Foundation* for the benefit of St. Michael's.

Please give Deacon Steve, Lisa or Joshua a call at 303-468-9885 or visit [www.TheCatholicFoundation.com](http://www.TheCatholicFoundation.com) for more information.

## Worship

We would like to remind you that, due to the pandemic restrictions, we have been asked NOT to encourage singing. This is why we are not providing song books or announcing song numbers. Small choirs are allowed under the guidelines but with strict regulations regarding face masks, distancing, air changes, prolonged singing and high risk individuals. Since St. Michael's Choirs are following all of these guidelines and because they are physically distanced from the rest of the assembly, we feel confident that our singing does not put the congregation at risk. We will continue to stay informed and make any changes that are deemed safe when they are provided. Thank you for understanding.



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## Pastoral Council

This is the second of a series of five Q&As about RCIA.  
Q - *Does St. Michael's currently have RCIA participants?*

A - Yes. The current sessions are being conducted through Zoom. There are 15 participants – five children/adolescents who are catechumens, three adult catechumens, and seven candidates (previously baptized in a Christian faith) for reception into full communion. The Rite of Election for catechumens was celebrated on February 28 at the 10:30 Mass. The eight catechumens will be initiated at the Easter Vigil. The candidates are scheduled to be received into the fullness of the faith on April 11.



## Preschool News

### What Will be Happening Within These Learning Formats?

- \* mathematics
- \* technology and scientific inquiry and knowledge
- \* understanding ourselves and our communities

## March 21, 2021 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

JER 31:31-34; PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; HEB 5:7-9; JN 12:20-33

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Jeremiah, foretells the coming of the new covenant. Because man failed to remain faithful to God's covenant requirements, the Lord declares that a new covenant will be made. This covenant is unique because it will be written within the hearts of man, as the Lord says, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." This covenant will transform man's relationship with God and it will be through our Mediator, Jesus Christ.

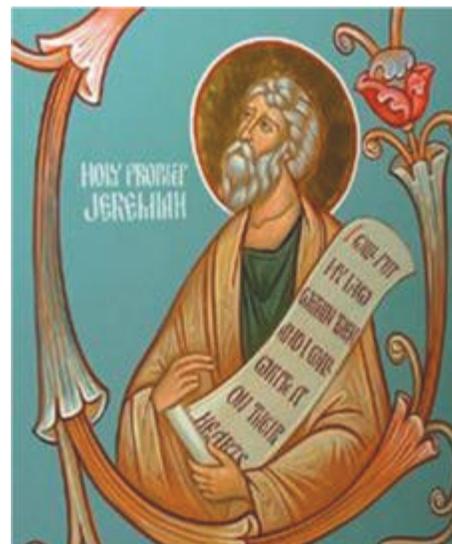
Once we begin Holy Week, we receive the sign of this new covenant at the Last Supper — the Eucharist. And it is in the Eucharist that we commemorate Jesus' sacrifice on the cross — the moment when God "forgives our evildoing and remembers our sin no more." And although this covenant was established many years ago, it is still new for us today. As this Lenten season comes to a close, let us strive to partake in the richness God has offered to us through this covenant by more faithfully living out our call as disciples of Christ through prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, and service to our families and neighbors.

In our Gospel today, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He states clearly, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to "die" to ourselves by detaching from our own desires and entrusting our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without this practice of self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether it be waking up 15 minutes earlier to spend time in prayer with the Lord, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis, or taking the time to call to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important to die to ourselves so that we might continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

Jesus also states, "whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." God should have our entire heart, not just a portion of it. When we regularly practice the discipline of detachment by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord, we are also better preparing our hearts for the ultimate happiness in eternal life.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, let us strive to more faithfully live out our covenant with God by actively living as disciples of Christ. And may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.



## Men's Club 2021 Golf League



The Men's Club is welcoming golfers who are interested in camaraderie and having fun while playing golf with fellow parishioners. If that's you, please consider joining the St. Michael's Men's Club Golf League.

The league begins play on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and we play for 14 weeks on Thursdays through August 12<sup>th</sup>. The

first tee time is at 5:06 PM. The league is an after-work, 9 hole, 2-man (teams are randomly assigned) league. We play at Heather Ridge Golf Club (Iliff and I-225) at 13521 East Iliff Ave., Aurora. Subs are available to fill-in for you if you cannot make it for an evening.

The cost for the 14 week league will be \$286 which includes greens' fees, 2021 Men's Club membership, golf league banquet, and prizes.

Sign-up ends March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are limited to 20 players, so don't delay. And if you cannot commit to the 14 weeks, we can add you to the substitute list.

Please contact Joe Solis, Golf League Chairman, at (303) 562-5877 or via email at

[GolferJoe49@Juno.com](mailto:GolferJoe49@Juno.com)

if you're interested.





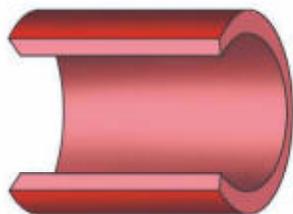
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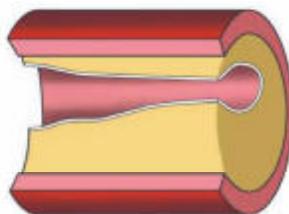
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