

St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church

CELEBRATING
25
Years

St. Michael the Archangel
25th Anniversary

June 16, 1996 - June 16, 2001

There is a slide show with highlights
from the past 25 years at the picnic and in the Narthex!



Cherokee Country Recreation
Center, Woodstock

*Adoration to the
Blessed Sacrament
Hours Extended*

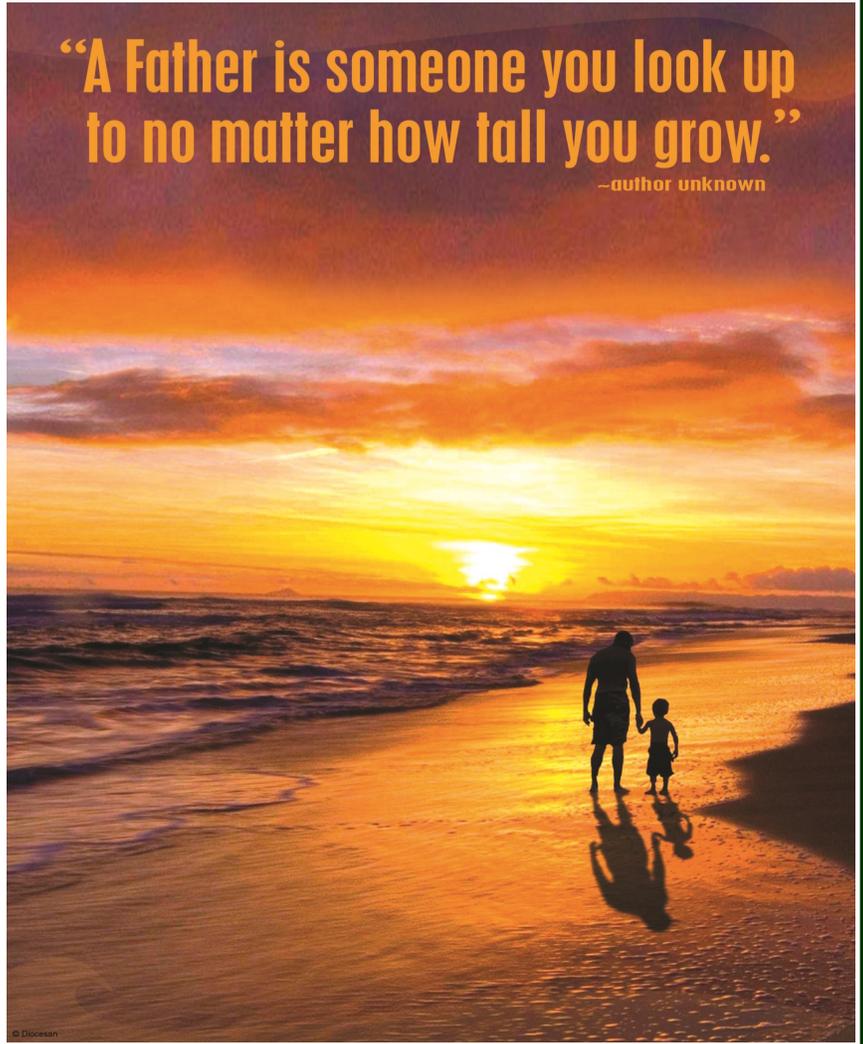
*Adoration is now
perpetual from
Tuesday - 9:30 am
through Friday at 6:00 am
Day Chapel*

*Guardians are needed,
especially at night.
Please Call Carol Wolff
678-827-5450
sma.adoration@gmail.com*

*Come spend some time with
Jesus.*

**“A Father is someone you look up
to no matter how tall you grow.”**

—author unknown



History of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Woodstock

This weekend we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of St. Michael the Archangel parish!

St. Michael's was founded as a mission of St. Catherine of Siena, in Kennesaw, August 1995 where Fr. Terry Kane was the Pastor. The mission celebrated the first Sunday mass, with over 300 hundred families in attendance, at the Cherokee County Recreation Center in downtown Woodstock. Over the next three years mass was celebrated at the Rec Center with many volunteers setting up each Sunday. A trailer, which is still used today, was purchased and everything for mass was transported each week by Bob Burns or Glenn Quinn.

In January of 1996 a house was purchased on Jay Lane and turned into a rectory for the priest, Fr. Conor Fitzgerald, and the basement was converted into offices for Administration and Religious Education. Because of the electrical circuits, most days you could have either heat or use the copy machine for the bulletin. St. Vincent de Paul was the first ministry started and they used one wall of the garage for a food pantry of canned goods. A separate garage was converted by the newly formed Knights of Columbus into a chapel where daily mass was celebrated.

Because of the tremendous growth in the parish, in March of 1996, thirty acres of farmland was purchased on Arnold Mill Road. After the old farmhouse was burned and some of the property cleared, Life Teen sold Christmas trees on the property for two seasons. After only ten months as a mission, on June 16, 1996, Archbishop John Donoghue elevated St. Michael the Archangel from a mission to a parish and Fr. Fitzgerald was named the Pastor.

In January 1997, because of the tremendous growth in the parish and staff, the house on Jay Lane was sold and the house and five acres located next to the Arnold Mill property was purchased. Once again, the Knights of Columbus converted the house into offices and an apartment for the priest and converted the carport into a chapel for daily Mass. The old shed on the property was converted into office space for Religious Education.

By the spring of 1997, the two morning masses filled the Rec Center to capacity and an evening mass was added. The Religious Education classes had reached to over 700 students by the fall of 1998. The Archdiocese launched a campaign to raise over \$50,000,000 to build new churches. St. Michael's goal was \$2,100,000. Thanks to a very generous parish, the goal was reached and the parish was able to obtain a loan from the Archdiocese for over \$4,000,000 to build St. Michael's Phase I. On February 28, 1998, Archbishop Donoghue and Fr. Kingery, Pastor, dug the first shovels full of dirt at the ground breaking ceremony.

Construction of the new church was completed in mid January 1999 with the first mass being celebrated January 22, 1999 at the 5:30 pm Vigil mass. The sanctuary seated 750 and the chapel around 50. There are 18 classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, kitchen and offices for Administration and Religious Education. St. Michael the Archangel was dedicated by Archbishop Donoghue March 19, 1999, the Feast of St. Joseph. As the parish continued to grow the first parochial vicar, Fr. Michael Sherliza, was appointed in July 1999 and another morning mass was added.

In September of 2000, the Hispanic Ministry was added and Sister Esperanza came from Mexico to work with the Hispanic Community. November 2001, Fr. Mario Pino joined the staff and the 2:30 pm Spanish mass was added. In November of 2001, Fr. Paul Flood became the new Pastor at St. Michael's and on February 2, 2002, Bill Heinsch and Charlie Carignan were ordained as Deacons and joined the parish staff.

In 2002 as the parish continued to grow, a parish hall was constructed as a separate building behind the church. It is a multi function building used for events, meetings and PSR classes. There is a classroom with a mural of Noah's Ark that was painted by a parishioner, Michele Roman. The RCIA class is photographed every year in front of the mural.

In June 2004, Fr. Paul Flood was transferred to St. Benedict's in Duluth and Fr. Larry Niese became the new Pastor for St. Michael the Archangel, where he has been the Pastor for the last 17 years. In August of 2004, the Preschool began with Teresa Barnhill as the director. In two years the school reached its capacity with over 120 students and has been full every year.

Fr. Larry started Adoration with 72 hours and eventually expanded to Monday through Saturday morning. During the Covid situation, Adoration was reduced to Tuesday at 9:30 am through Friday at 8:30 am.

With the parish continuing to grow, the parking lot was expanded to hold 200 more parking spaces. In order to complete this project, 12 acres of land at the rear of the property was purchased. January 2006 brought more building projects. A new rectory, donated by a parishioner, was built in the woods at the back of the church property. The rectory has a suite for each priest and guest rooms for seminarians, visiting priests and family. The old house on the property was converted to storage and adult education class space. The house is still being used as storage for several of the ministries.

A Memorial Prayer Garden was built beside the Trickum Road Entrance. The garden is surrounded by beautiful landscaping that provides a peaceful place for prayer and meditation. The garden was made possible through the efforts of St. Michael's traditional choir and the vision of Fr. Paul Flood for the music ministry. Twelve years ago a tornado passed over St. Michael's and completely stripped the Prayer Garden of all foliage, but today the Prayer Garden is lush and thriving. There is a memorial section with bricks donated by parishioners in memory of loved ones or for a special occasion. The stone altar and benches, crucifix, several trees and a grotto with Our Lady of Guadalupe were all donated by parishioners. In October of 2006, St. Michael's choir and Fr. Larry traveled to Italy to sing at the Vatican. Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day masses have been celebrated in the Prayer Garden. Also in 2006, a Memorial was built for the Unborn with the "Our Lady of Grace" statue being donated by the Chelena Family. Stone benches were added for quiet contemplation.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...~Jeremiah 1:5



St. Michael the Archangel Phase II

On June 16, 2012, just 16 years after St. Michael the Archangel became a parish, the parish celebrated the church being paid off by "burning the mortgage" of \$4,200,00 at mass. Following the morning masses, the Knights of Columbus hosted an ice cream social to celebrate!

By now the parish was bursting at the seams, with over 2500 registered families and all seven masses at capacity, there was standing room only! With the vision of Fr. Larry, a capital campaign was begun to raise money for the second phase of St. Michael's, a new sanctuary and the conversion of the current sanctuary into the Family Center at the cost of \$9,400,000. Through the generosity of the parishioners, including all the stained glass windows, over half of the funds were raised and the mass and Groundbreaking Ceremony took place on March 8, 2014. Currently the building debt is under \$2,000,000.

Under the watchful eye of Fr. Larry, Dan O'Dwyer, Ann Carey and the building committee, final plans were drawn and construction began when the first bulldozers arrived on May 19, 2014. After the outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, 2015, Fr. Larry conquered his fear of heights and rode the lift to the top of the steeple and blessed it. On July 10th, the first mass was celebrated in the new church.

After completion of the church, renovation began on the old sanctuary and classrooms. After the jack hammering ceased and the dust settled, the old church had been converted into a new Family Center, a new Commercial kitchen and renovations to the chapel and classrooms. On August 29, 2015, the celebration of the Rite of Dedication by Archbishop Gregory, took place followed by a reception and entertainment in the newly renovated Family Center.

"Many have said our new church expresses an elegant simplicity and I believe that describes it well. It is truly a fitting place to worship our living God and hopefully it lifts us up to experience a glimpse of God's glory. It is here that we will receive God's life most powerfully in the Eucharist." ~Fr. Larry Niese, Pastor

Over the last several years, there have been more additions to St. Michael's campus. As St. Michael's Food Pantry continued to serve more families in our community, a larger place was needed to serve families. The pantry moved from the old house into the Parish Hall and the old nursery was turned into the food storage room. Then again through the generosity of the parishioners, donations were given to build a free standing Food Pantry. The old wooden shed which had served many purposes over the years, was torn down with the assistance of Fr. Larry and the Knights of Columbus to make way for the new Food Pantry which currently serves over 400 families a month. At the same time a pavilion was also constructed and on November 8, 2018, Bishop Shlesinger blessed them both. The pavilion is used by several of the ministries and currently the 7:30 am Sunday mass is celebrated under the pavilion.

The future of St. Michael the Archangel . . . to be continued with God's Blessings.

Counselors Available at St. Michael's

Bill Powers, MS, MBA, NCC, LPC

Bill Powers, a Catholic therapist from Holy Family Counseling Center, will be at St. Michael's on Tuesday and Wednesdays to provide marriage, family and individual counseling services. For information and appointments, please call 678-993-8494 or www.holyfamilycounselingcenter.com

Grief Counseling

Please call Charmiel Teresi, parishioner, to set up an Appointment. 678-880-1905

Personal and Group Coaching

Ruth O'Neil, Certified Life and Strengths Strategies Master Coach and People Acuity Specialist is at St. Michael's.

For more information and appointments, please contact Ruth@RuthONeil.com or 770-883-3916

Life coaching is a dynamic discipline designed to challenge, motivate and inspire people to achieve more than they ever thought was possible!

St. Michael's Respect Life Ministry

Our in person monthly meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Room 103, located just past the restrooms in the main hallway.

For information: Christy Wynn:

christywynn@bellsouth.net



The Food Pantry is open to serve any Cherokee County resident in need of food assistance on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 11:45 pm.

Providing nourishing, healthy food to families in need who would not be possible without your generous donations.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Michael's Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items:
Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise)

Salad Dressings

Mac-N-Cheese and Bar Soap

Your donations of non-perishable foods may be dropped off every day at the outside donation box, located under the covered entrance to the church.



St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus calms the sea and then says to the disciples, "Do you not yet have faith?" How many times has our faith or the faith of those we try to help been shaken? It's at those times that we must believe and trust in God's love and care. When you contribute to SVDP, you put your trust in God who trusts in SVDP to help those who are having financial difficulties. If you feel that God is calling you to service, please check out the various ministries at St. Michael's including the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Help Line - 770-591-4643

Job Board - 770-592-0183

St. Michael's House - 770-367-0168

SVDP Thrift Store - 770-592-0183

June 20 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

490 Arnold Mill Road
Woodstock, GA 30188

Fr. Larry Niese, Pastor
Fr. Fausto Marquez, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Victor Taylor
Rev. Mr. Joe Pupo
Rev. Mr. Jack Herndon
Rev. Mr. Wayne Topper

www.saintmichaelcc.org

Administrative Office
770-516-0009
Religious Education
770-516-9699
Preschool Office
678-213-1517
Hispanic Office
678-213-0685

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:00 pm - Saturday Vigil
7:30 am - **Outside under the pavilion**
9:00 am, 11:00 am,
12:45 pm, 2:30 (Spanish)
5:30 pm - Life Teen

Daily Mass Schedule
Mon, Wed, Fri - 6:30 am
Mon - Sat - 9:00 am

Confessions

Wednesday - 5:00 pm
Saturday - 9:30 am
Fr. Larry - Bride's Room
Fr. Fausto - Cry Room

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration Days and Times
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 am to 6:00 am on Friday In the Day Chapel

To volunteer as a Guardian, please contact
[Carol Wolff - 678-827-5450](mailto:Carol.Wolff@stmic.org)
sma.adoration@gmail.com



Please join us in praying the rosary every morning
Monday - Saturday following the
9:00 am Mass, in the Church. The rosary is also
prayed every Sunday at 10:30 am in the Church.

Our sympathy is extended to the family Peggy Meaney,
mother of Rob Meaney who recently passed away.
Please keep this family in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

5:00 pm	All Fathers
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:00 am	All Fathers
11:00 am	All Fathers
12:45 pm	All Fathers
2:30 pm	All Fathers
5:30 pm	All Fathers

June 21	6:30 am	All Fathers
	9:00 am	All Fathers

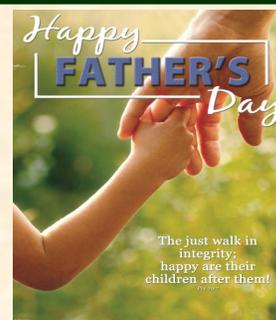
June 22	9:00 am	All Fathers
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June 23	6:30 am	All Fathers
	9:00 am	All Fathers

June 24	9:00 am	All Fathers
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June 25	6:30 am	All Fathers
	9:00 am	All Fathers

June 26	9:00 am	All Fathers
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Sacraments

Baptism

Parents must be registered and active parishioners of St. Michael's (regularly attend mass, using envelopes, and involved in ministries). Before scheduling a **baptism**, you must attend a baptism class at St. Michael's. The baptism classes are held on the second Saturday of the month. Godparents must also be active, practicing Catholics.

Next Baptism class - July 10, 2021, 10:00 am

Baptisms are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11:30 am in the church

You must attend a baptism class every three years.
Please call the parish office to register for a baptism.

Confession

The priests will hear your confession on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:30 am and Wednesdays 5 pm to 6 pm. **Confessions in Bride's Room and Cry Room**

Marriage

Couples are required to contact one of our priests at **least 6 months** before they wish to marry to arrange for instruction and spiritual preparation for the sacrament of marriage. A wedding date cannot be set until after the initial interview with the priest. Contact parish office.

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

For those wishing to be certified, there will be training Monday, June 28th, 7:00 pm in Room 103. Those wishing to serve in this capacity must have all Sacraments of initiation and if married, married in the Catholic Church; 16 years of age or older. Extraordinary ministers must be persons with good qualities of Christian life, faith and morals. Deacon Joe Pupo
jpupo@saintmichaelcc.org



R.C.I.A. Classes Are Now Forming!

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Classes are for: Any adult interested in coming into the Catholic Church or any baptized Catholic adult who has not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

These classes will cover Church teachings based on Sacred Scripture and Tradition. You will learn the beliefs, history, & practices of the Catholic Church with emphasis on Sacraments.

Classes run from August 8th, 2021 through April 24th, 2022.

Where: St. Michael the Archangel

When: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Want more information? Online at www.saintmichaelcc.org;
contact Deacon Joe Pupo, Director @ jpupo@saintmichaelcc.org;
Jeanne Yursik, RCIA Assistant @ jyursik@saintmichaelcc.org;
OR call the Religious Education Office @ 770-516-9699.**

St. Michael the Archangel Stewardship

St. Michael's takes up a collection for Debt Relief the first Sunday of each month

(an envelope is provided in your offertory packet or available to set up online).

All this collection is applied to the building debt.

To set up payments online, please go to our website: saintmichaelcc.org and go to online giving

As of May 31, 2021 the loan balance is \$1,977,196

Offertory June 6th - \$40,785
Offertory June 13th—\$38,357
SVDP - \$12,768

Thank you for your generosity to St. Michael's.

The Peter's Pence collection will be taken up on June 26 and 27th.

This collection is considered a foreign charity, The Vatican, and is sent directly there. Due to this fact, the collection is not considered tax deductible by the IRS.

Peter's Pence provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: war, oppression and disasters.

Discipleship Quads!!

Do you want to develop close friends that will help you journey in the faith? Do you want to learn more about how to live as a Catholic in today's society?

Introducing a new convenient, small-group opportunity for adult parishioners - Discipleship Quads!

Quads are based on a model that has over thirty years of success. It is gender-specific and free. Start any time.

Your journey with the Discipleship Quad will deepen your faith and equip you with the tools you need to help rebuild our Church at a time when we desperately need disciples.

To inquire, contact Kristi Scheerbaum:

kscheerbaum@gmail.com or

Steubenvilleconferences.com/discipleship-quads/



SMA Youth Choir Camp

Singers age 9 - 15

Tuesday, July 6th - Thursday, July 8th

6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

(Dinner 6:30 pm,

Singing 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm)

SMA Pavilion, Choir Room, Choir Loft
Information: Saintmichaelcc.org/news/2021-sma-youth-choir-camp

Contact: Nila Alexander: 770-572-0586

Singing for Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Parish Membership

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Stewardship is determined by:

- Being registered and active for at least 3 months
- Faithful participation at Sunday liturgies
- Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, please use your envelopes.

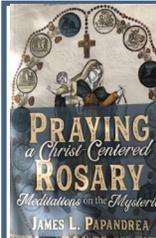
These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, activities and enrichment programs and Catholic School verification.



St. Michael the Archangel Preschool

St. Michael's PRESCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 2021/2022 school year is ongoing. Please note that we accept students in the following order: presently enrolled in our preschool, family member enrolled in our preschool, Catholic families and then members of our community. Preschool office at 678-213-1517 or tbarnhill@saintmichaelcc.org



The Christ-Centered Rosary

Bring together your devotional heart and inquiring mind to meditate more deeply on the mysteries of the Rosary, which center on Christ's life and salvation. This course will take you through these meditations, showing that they are Christ-centered and biblically based, all of which will enrich your experience of this ancient prayer! **4 weeks, begins Monday, June 14, 10 am or 7 pm** Contact: ataylor@saintmichaelcc.org

Children's Faith Formation/PSR



Jillian, Justine and all our VBS volunteers: Thank you for making "Treasured" a fun and faith filled VBS adventure for our children!!

CATECHIST: God's instrument. Wondering what it means to be a catechist?

Interested in sharing your love of Christ with children or teens?

Let's talk!

Elizabeth Bonutti, Director of Religious Education
ebonutti@saintmichaelcc.org 770-516-9699 x233

We hope to see your children and teens join us this August for our Faith Formation classes.

For more information and to Register

online: www.saintmichaelcc.org

We have classes for children and teens: 5 years old through high school.

Our website: www.saintmichaelcc.org
770-516-9699 Elizabeth Bonutti, DRE
ebonutti@saintmichaelcc.org



*Blessed by the name of the Lord both now and forever. From the rising of the sun to its setting let the name of the Lord be praised.
~Psalm 113:2-3*



Summer Plans
All Teens in high school, grades 9 - 12, as well as recent graduates, are welcome to attend summer events.

June 24th - Movie Night w/EDGE (see below)

July

9th - 11th - Steubenville Atlanta

22nd - Six Flags Day w/EDGE

24th - White Water Rafting Day - Middle Ocoee - Form, waiver & \$ due 7/5

Questions?? Call Tricia St. Peter - 770-516-9699, 232



EDGE invites all students in middle school to attend Summer events.

June 24th - Movie Night! "Trolls World Tour" 5:15 pm at AMC Barrett Commons. Reserve seat by submitting name & \$5 for a movie.

July 22nd - Six Flags Day w/Life Teen! Forms & money due by 7/5.

Information: Emma Coulter 770-516-9699, ext 251

Grow Your Relationship with Christ:

Family Honor invites you to sign up for our new in-person weekend course,
Understanding the Human Person

Want to deepen your faith and also get answers to some of the confusing moral issues of the day? Family Honor invites you to sign up for our new in-person weekend course, ***Understanding the Human Person***, to be held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Woodstock, Georgia on July 9 and 10.

The course, which is co-sponsored by Family Honor, Inc. and the Archdiocese of Atlanta Office of Formation and Discipleship, will feature information on theology of the body, child development, gender identity confusion, historical figures who influenced the current moral crisis, and more. You'll hear interesting speakers, enjoy great fellowship, and experience spiritual refreshment.

We especially encourage bilingual men and women to sign up for the course and consider becoming Presenters for Family Honor's family-centered programs, so that our organization can better serve Spanish-speaking families.

For details and to register, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-human-person-tickets-151117888673>

Some tuition assistance available. Created in 1988, Family Honor provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.

Questions? Contact Family Honor at info@familyhonor.org or 803.929.0858, or visit our web site:
www.familyhonor.org