

St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church

Love

Upcoming Events:

December 24th - Nativity Pageant (Angel Choir) at 3:30pm in the Church before the 4pm Mass. There will also be a Christmas Prelude Concert at 11pm before Midnight Mass.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

12/24 - Christmas Eve - 4pm Children's Mass with Angel Choir; 6pm with Youth Choir; 8pm with Cantors; Midnight with Adult Traditional Choir

12/25 - Christmas Day - 9am (English) & 11am (Spanish)



Advent

December 18th - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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
Rev. Mr. Kelly Stinson

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770-516-0009
Religious Education
770-516-9699
Preschool Office
678-213-1517
Hispanic Office
678-213-0685
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Christmas Mass Schedule
Saturday(Christmas Eve):
4pm, 6pm, 8pm, and Midnight
Sunday (Christmas Day):
9:00 am, 11:00 am,

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

Confessions
Wednesday, 12/21 - 5:00 pm
(This is the last confession before Christmas.)

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
*There will be no Adoration from
December 20th - January 2nd.*

To volunteer as a Guardian, please contact
Carol Wolff - 678-827-5450
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.*



Mass Intentions

5:00 pm	Raymond Cappelli (D) <i>Dennis & Carolyn Scherzler</i>
7:30 am	Barbara Welch (D) <i>Ralph & Dolores Broughton</i>
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	Lucilla Pope (D) <i>Cambilargiu Family</i>
12:45 pm	Frank A. Ruggiero (D) <i>Louise & Family</i>
2:30 pm	Fr. Fausto (L) <i>Baker Family</i>
5:30 pm	Baker Family (L)
Dec. 19	6:30 am Aliya Arnold (L) <i>Anita</i> 9:00 am Carlos Crameri (L) <i>Rolan Family</i>
Dec. 20	9:00 am Viva Nguyen (L) <i>Toan Hoang</i>
Dec. 21	6:30 am Jeanne Schlotmann (D) <i>Carol Wolff</i> 9:00 am Dorothy McHugh (D) <i>Carol McHugh</i>
Dec. 22	9:00 am Barbara Welch (D) <i>Carol Wolff</i>
Dec. 23	6:30 am Emmy Kilmer (D) <i>Diane Hanson</i> 9:00 am Abigail Wade (L) <i>Family</i>
Dec. 24	9:00 am John Paul Tramante & Family (L) <i>Baker Family</i>

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents must be registered and active parishioners of St. Michael's (regularly attend mass, using envelopes, and involved in ministries) for at least 3 months. 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: January 14th at 10am in rm 103.](#)
[Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.](#)

Baptisms are normally 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 from 5 pm to 6 pm.

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.*

St. Michael the Archangel's Archbishop's Annual Appeal

St. Michael's annual appeal goal this year is \$149,500. We have pledges totaling \$165,721 but have only received \$111,785 in payments. The annual appeal payments must be received by the end of December and any shortfall will come from offertory income. If you haven't made a pledge yet it's not too late. You can find Archbishop's Annual Appeal pledge envelopes on the welcome table. Thank you for your generosity! *To donate, use the QR code to the right or go to archatl.com/appeal*



Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant



Calling all Angels and Shepherds! Little drummer boys! A Cow, Sheep, Donkey, the Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph & the Bethlehem star! Sign up now to participate in our Christmas Eve Nativity, Saturday, December 24th before the 4pm Mass. We will fit costumes & have one practice on Thursday, December 22nd at SMA starting at 4pm in room 230.
nativitystmichaels@gmail.com

Adoration News – Starting January 3, 2023

St. Michael's will be extending Adoration thru Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

To make this possible Guardians will be needed to cover the hours.

Please prayerfully consider saying YES - Check your schedule, scan the url code below or copy the link to select the hour you will be available:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44a4a922a57-partial>

What a perfect Resolution to start the Year 2023: spending a quiet hour with the Lord. Adoration is a guaranteed path for making our participation, and our entire life, more fruitful in every way. Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration with our Divine Lord and Friend is a good place to go to ask what He wants with our life. Why not spend some time each week in adoration, in union, in contemplation of our Lord present in the Eucharist?

If you have not signed up for this Ministry, please go onto Flocknote and sign up.

<https://smawoodstock.flocknote.com/>

In Matthew 26:45 Jesus asked "Could You Not Spend One Hour With Me?"



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME Welcome Home !

This is a personal invitation for you to consider coming Back Home, no matter how long you have been away from the Catholic Church.

St. Michael will be hosting a 6 week round table discussion group for those who are looking for answers as to why they left, and to deal with the reason they feel that "pull", that "tug" about their Catholic faith which continues to surface time and again.

Hurts of the past... Forgiveness... Marriage, divorce and annulments... Spiritual growth... Discussions about the Sacraments and the Mass... These are just a few of the topics we will be discussing. Please join us on this journey of hope, faith, forgiveness, support, and reflection.

Please join us!

Sunday, January 8, at 10:15am – 11:30am

Conference Room A (1st floor by the Family Center)

Contact Walter Morawa at: returningcatholics@saintmichaelcc.org

For additional information and support, we encourage you to visit the website: www.catholicscomehome.org





Knights of Columbus December/January Outlook

12/19 - Officer Meeting
1/3 - Business Meeting
1/16 - Officer Meeting

Check out the Knights at www.kofc11768.org
Please contact Carl L. Welch (678) 977-5786 or email:
Welch.carl@gmail.com

Counselors Available at St. Michaels

Bill Powers, MS, MBA, NCC, LPC

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

Dunia Lobo, MA, LPC, CPCS, RPT-S

Clinical Director, Bilingual English/Spanish Georgia Board Professional Licensed Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor. Provides Individual, Couple, & Family Psychotherapy. For information and appointments, please contact 770-855-4100 or email dunia@4growthcounseling.com

Grief Counseling

Please call Charmiel Teresi, parishioner, to set up an appointment. 512-968-8255

Personal and Group Coaching

Ruth O'Neil, Certified Life and Strengths Strategies Master Coach and People Acuity Specialist is at St. Michael's. Ruth@RuthO'Neil.com or 770-883-3916

St. Michael's Food Pantry



**St. Michael's Food Pantry Hours:
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from
10:00am - 11:45am**

An appointment is not necessary. Parishioners are welcome to visit and tour the food pantry during service hours.

Your donations of **non-perishable** foods may be dropped off every day at the donation box, located inside the vestibule of the covered entrance to the church. Please **do not** leave perishable food and clothing items in the food pantry donation box.

The food pantry is in great need of: Breakfast Cereals and Canned Chicken. We haven't been able to purchase breakfast cereals from the Atlanta Community Food Bank for over two months.

Because our parishioners have been so generous with donations to the Food Pantry, they are now able to help out the Hope Center with baby formula, diapers and other baby needs. These items are also available to those who come to the pantry for help with food and hygiene supplies.

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



Columbiettes

The Columbiettes are a Catholic women's organization that is dedicated to assisting not only our Parish and parishioners, but also supporting the Knights of Columbus. We serve and provide food at special receptions, we sew prayer blankets for the spiritual support of others and make rosaries that are used by different ministries. We participate in various service and charity projects that benefit the local community, the homeless and our veterans.

For more information, please contact:

Maria Shepherd: (678) 493-8723

Check our website!

www.smtacolumbiettes.com

**Stop by the St. Michael's
Bookstore after Mass!**



Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty

The Catechism teaches us that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person." As Catholics, we uphold the dignity and value of all human life, even in the case of someone who has done great harm. Rather than answering violence with more violence, we must work for healing and restoration in our communities. Mobilizing to repeal the death penalty in our state, where we see it disproportionately affecting the already poor and marginalized, is urgently needed to protect human life and dignity. As members of the Catholic faithful in Georgia, we must work together to ensure that the laws in our state respect all life at every stage. For more information about the work to repeal the death penalty in Georgia and how you can get involved, please visit www.gacadp.org/repeal. For questions, contact Sr. Mary Francis at sistermaryfrancispower@gmail.com



St. Vincent de Paul

The gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Advent helps us to reflect on the relationship between Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit and his birth, as both are clothed in the mystery of God's revelation and presence to us. Two names are given the One incarnated in Mary's womb: Jesus, meaning "God saves" and Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." The names reveal that the presence of God among us is experienced most profoundly in the forgiveness of our sins. (Living Liturgy)

The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. The purpose of the coming of Christ was to speak to us about the love which the great, eternal, and all-powerful God has for us. Our vocation is to continue learning the language of love, not only at Christmas but throughout our lives. It is the language that we must learn to speak if we wish to draw near to the poor.

Help Line - 770-591-4643

Job Board - 770-592-0183 (John)

St. Michael's House - 770-367-0168 (Lori)

SVDP Thrift Store - 678-232-0907 (Linda)

"God does not ask you to go beyond the means He has given you." - St. Vincent de Paul

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.)

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 tab or use QR Code listed to the right.

As of October 31st the new loan balance is \$1,095,645

December 4th Offertory: \$48,647
Debt Relief (12/4): \$9,307



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, enrichment programs and Catholic School verification.

AGAPE

ACCEPTING GRACE AND PRAYERFUL ENCOURAGEMENT

The AGAPE group is open to all women who have experienced the loss of a husband and are seeking fellowship. Contacts:

Selena Dowell, 404-409-5912 & Sandy Meyer, 404-271-2382

Please also visit our webpage on the St. Michael website under Ministries - Community Outreach - AGAPE

Rivers of Amazing Grace Prayer Group

Are you looking for the fire of the Holy Spirit in your life? St. Michael's charismatic prayer group meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the choir practice room (second floor of the church).

All are welcome! Come praise with us. Learn about the gifts you have been given. For those unable to attend in person, we plan to continue our current zoom on-line meeting procedures.

For more information, contact David Heinrich at (770) 778-6975.



VERSO L'ALTO

A Catholic Young Adult Retreat



On January 6-8, Abide Catholic Young Adult Ministry is hosting a retreat for young adults at Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA. The theme of the retreat is "Verso L'alto," or "To The Heights," which was a kind of motto of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Like him, we are called to be saints in the world. That is, while God calls us to communion with Himself, we are ultimately sent out on a mission that leads us to a life of joy!

What to expect: Mass and confessions on Friday and Saturday, Eucharistic adoration, Time for personal prayer and reflection, Praying Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, 5 talks reflecting on how to live like Bl. Pier Giorgio as radiant witnesses to the joy of the Gospel in the midst of everyday life.

If your budget doesn't allow for the cost, talk to Dan Fitzgerald (abidecatholic@gmail.com), and he'll help with a scholarship (partial or full, according to your budget). Please check out our website: <https://abidecatholic.com/retreat> RSVP Today!

St. Michael the Archangel Preschool

December Events

- 12/15 - 11:30 AM, Family Center - Christmas Program
- 12/21 - 12:00, Christmas parties in classrooms
- 12/22/22 - 1/6/23 - NO SCHOOL - Christmas holidays

Thank you! We would like to thank everyone who donated to our preschool on Giving Tuesday! Your contribution will help with staff and classroom enrichment materials.

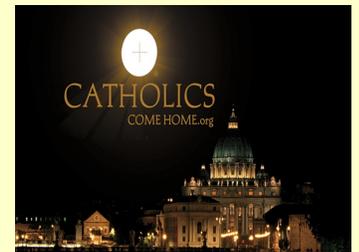
Please call the Preschool office at 678-213-1517 or e-mail tbarnhill@saintmichaelcc.org for more information or to schedule a tour.

New Episodes! Catholics Come Home on EWTN

Hosted by SMA parishioner Tom Peterson, premiers worldwide in prime time on Sunday, January 1st at 8:30pm on EWTN TV, and live online at www.EWTN.com.

New episodes air each Sunday thru March. Scenes filmed at St Michael the Archangel.

Some St. Michael's parishioners are guests this season! Set your DVR.



Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Group

The Marian Movement of Priests prayer group invites you to join us in praying for Our Lady's beloved sons, OUR PRIESTS.

We meet every Wednesday from 10:00am-11:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

On the First Saturday of each month we meet in the chapel after morning Mass for the First Saturday devotion of reparation requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

The first Saturday next month is January 7th.





Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, February 3-5, 2023, contact: Andy & Lilly @ 770.912.4743 or visit our website: **HelpOurMarriage.org**

Southeastern Women's Retreat

ARISE!

**Adore, Restore, Ignite,
Serve, Eucharist**



*HeartRidgeRetreatandCulturalCenter,
Sunset, SC April 28-30, 2023*

ARISE! is an invitation to women of faith across the dioceses of Savannah, Charleston and Atlanta to come together for a unique journey of the heart. With extensive experience in healing ministry, [Fr. Ignatius Mazanowski](#) offers us a closer look at the practice of mercy and forgiveness and how this makes possible the healing and wholeness that our hearts desire.

**Cost of Retreat: \$225 Deadline to Register: March 25
To register: <https://forms.gle/xApWTY4rkbzw1Cms6>**

**Email Contact for Questions:
SEWomensRetreat@gmail.com**

LIFE TEEN



SUNDAYS

LIFE TEEN meets from 6:30-9:30pm in the Family Center. Dinner is provided. All High School Teens are welcome to jump in anytime.
Dec 18 Life Teen
Dec 25 & Jan 1 No Life Teen - Christmas break
Jan 8 Life Teen

THURSDAYS

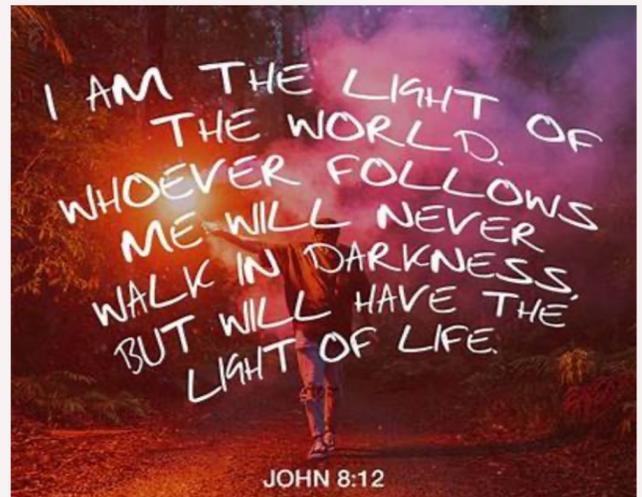
Bible Study will resume on January 12, 2023



EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Sundays @ 6:45-8:30pm
Dec 18 - Christmas Social
Jan 8 - St. Monica & St. Augustine**

**Thursdays @ 7:00-8:15pm
Bible Study in Conference Room B
Dec 15 Bible Study
Dec 22, 29 off for Christmas**



Contact
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