

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

490 ARNOLD MILL ROAD, WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

WWW.SAINTMICHAELCC.ORG

Peace

Upcoming Events:

December 11th - Advent Penance Service at 7pm in the Church

December 12th - Celebración del Día de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Information on SMA website: saintmichaelcc.org. (Home page - scroll down to Events)

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

Sunday, 12/24, Mass Schedule:

12/23: 5:00pm Vigil and on 12/24: 7:30am; 9:00am, 11:00am; and 12:45pm (Spanish). There are no 2:30pm or 5:30pm Masses.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve, 12/24, Mass Schedule:

4pm (Children's Mass with Angel Choir); 6pm (Youth Choir); 8pm (Cantors); Midnight (Adult Traditional Choir)

Christmas Day, 12/25, Mass Schedule:

9am (English) and 11am (Spanish)

Advent

DECEMBER 10TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CLERGY

Pastor

Fr. Larry Niese

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Fausto Marquez

Priest in Residence

Fr. Vincent Sullivan

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Victor Taylor

Rev. Mr. Joe Pupo

Rev. Mr. Jack Herndon

Rev. Mr. Wayne Topper

Rev. Mr. Kelly Stinson

Administrative Office

770-516-0009

770-516-4664 (fax)

Religious Education

770-516-9699

Preschool Office

678-213-1517

Hispanic Office

678-213-0685

MASS

Saturday

9:00 AM • 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 am • 9:00 am • 11:00 am • 12:45 pm
2:30 (Spanish) • 5:30 pm (Life Teen)

Monday-Saturday • 9:00 AM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 6:30AM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday • 5:00 pm

Saturday • 9:30 am

ADORATION

Tuesday 9:30 AM-Saturday 9:00 AM

To volunteer as a Guardian, please contact Carol Wolff: 678-827-5450 or sma.adoration@gmail.com.

ROSARY

Monday - Saturday

following the 9:00 am Mass

Sunday 10:30 am

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 11

6:30 am Sharon Honrath (L) *John Honrath*

9:00 am Walter M. Morawa (D) *People of the Parish*

DECEMBER 12

9:00 am Dorry Heffner (L) *Jeanne Y.*

DECEMBER 13

6:30 am Nancy Bossidy (D) *Kathleen Chandler*

9:00 am Catherine Di Roma (L) *Purzner Family*

DECEMBER 14

9:00 am Donald Mertz (D) *Family*

DECEMBER 15

6:30 am Evan Glozinski (L) *D. Quinn*

9:00 am Carole Honrath (D) *John Honrath*

DECEMBER 16

9:00 am Tim O'Toole (D) *Tish*

5:00 pm Raymond Cappelli (D) *Carolyn & Dennis Schwerzler*

DECEMBER 17

7:30 am David Johnson (D) *Anamarie Villani*

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Terri Pfiffner (D) *Joanne & Jim Mahon*

12:45 pm Peter Mula (D) *Nancy McNulty*

2:30 pm Francisco Rodriguez Ramirez (L) *Lupe Gorla*

5:30 pm Patricia Smith Carrigan (D) *Michael & Terry Garity*

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered and active parishioners of St. Michael's (regularly attending 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. (Next class is January 13 at 10am in Room 103.) Only one parent must attend so that the other can take care of the child(ren) at home. Godparents must also be active, practicing Catholics. Baptisms are normally the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11:30 am in the church. Please call the parish office to register for a baptism.

CONFESSION

Saturday mornings 9:30 am to 10:30 am and
Wednesdays 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 confirmed until after the initial interview with the priest. Contact parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

All are invited to St. Michael's Advent Penance Service that will be on Monday, December 11 at 7pm in the Church. We will have over 15 Priests available to hear confessions. A Guide to Confession will be available in the narthex for adults and kids.

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 Pageant, Dec. 24th. We will have one practice the week leading up to Christmas Eve. Thank you for helping to share this beautiful story. Sign up is online on the SMA website under the Music Ministry page.



GIVING TREE

Please remember tags MUST be returned with the wrapped gift no later than Sunday, December 10. If you don't return the tag, the person whose tag you took will not receive a gift. The tag is necessary to determine who the gift is for.

Please read the instructions on the back of the tag. Checks should be placed in an ENVELOPE and the tag FIRMLY attached to the envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

NATIVITY SETS IN CHURCH

We are continuing our Advent tradition of having families place a nativity set in the window sills of the stained glass windows of the church. Nativity sets began being placed on 12/2. Please set out nativity and make sure your set is labeled with your name and phone number. Do not leave any boxes or packing materials behind. If all of the window sills are taken, please take your nativity home. Please do not place multiple nativity sets in a window sill. Thank you!

NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Jesus and the EUCHARIST

A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR
EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

7 Week Sessions
PM Sessions
Jan 9 to Feb 27
6:30pm to 9pm
or
AM Sessions
Jan 11 to Feb 29
10am to 12pm

Dinner Provided PM sessions
Light Breakfast AM Sessions

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
490 Arnold Mill Road
Woodstock
GA 30188

Sponsored by Adult Faith Formation
Questions Email: klindemann@saintmichaelcc.org

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

12 DE DICIEMBRE

Celebración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

4:30 AM Santo Rosario en la Iglesia
Holy Rosary

5:00 AM Mañanitas con mariachis
Early Morning with Mariachis

6:00 AM Desayuno en el Centro Familiar
Breakfast at the Family Center

5:00 PM Procesión en el estacionamiento
Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

6:00 PM Misa solemne
Mass
Cena y Bailes seguidos de la Misa
Mass followed by dinner and folkloric dances

FAITH FORMATION - CHILDREN, TEENS, & ADULTS

FAITH FORMATION - PSR

Christmas Break—No classes from: Sunday, Dec 17 through Sunday, Jan 7

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 10.

December 10: Second Sunday of Advent. Prepare the way of the Lord! “Bethlehem Candle”

On the second Sunday of Advent, the purple candle, sometimes called the “Bethlehem Candle,” is lit. This candle represents love and peace – both God’s love for us and ours for him and others – and symbolizes the manger where Jesus was born.

REAL LOVE AND REAL LIFE - January 12-13 Save the date!

Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family for 7th or 8th GRADE ADOLESCENTS with at least one parent.

Do You Need Help in Talking to Your Child About Chastity?

Would you like to jump-start communication with your son or daughter? Do you need help in talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, marriage, dating and other important topics? If you answered YES to any of these questions and you're the parent of a 7th or 8th grader, we encourage you to register for the Real Love & Real Life parent-teen chastity education retreat, to be held at St Michael the Archangel in the Family Center on Friday night, January 12th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Parents only) and Saturday, January 13th from 8:30am to 2:00pm. (Parents and Teens)



For more information and online registration visit: <https://saintmichaelcc.org/family-honor-real-love-real-life>

Questions? Contact: Priscilla Balmes at spbfamilyhonor@gmail.com

EDGE

EDGE Middle School youth group meets Sundays 6:30-8:30pm, two times a month in the Parish Hall. **Schedule:** Dec 10 Christmas Party- hot cocoa, candy canes, kris kingle, candies, games, music, and much more fun.



Steven Taveras, Life Teen Assistant & EDGE Coordinator (770) 516-9699 x251, staveras@saintmichaelcc.org

LIFE TEEN

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Retreat March 8-10, 2024 at Covecrest Life Teen Camp.
Details coming soon.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS practice will begin in January. Teens who are interested in being in the Living Stations, please contact Steven Taveras at 770-516-9699 ext 251 or staveras@saintmichaelcc.org

Sunday Life Night Schedule - 6:30pm-9:00pm in the Family Center

Schedule: Dec 10 Life Teen; Dec 17 Off for Christmas break

Lisa Fiamingo, Director of Youth Ministry
(770) 516-0009 x232, lfiamingo@saintmichaelcc.org



Come Encounter Christ

Friday, January 26, 2024

7 pm in the Church



A lively evening of praise, worship and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

St. Michael the Archangel
Catholic Church
490 Arnold Mill Rd.
Woodstock, GA 30188

Sponsored by Adult Faith Formation
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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MINISTRIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

December Outlook

12/16 - Disability Drive; 12/18 - Officer Meeting

Check out the Knights at www.kofc11768.org. Please contact Rich Wierman at (770) 329-9117 or email: richwierman@comcast.net. Click on the QR Code for the Knights to contact you.



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 participate in various service and charity projects that benefit the local community, the homeless and our veterans. **We also run St. Michael's Bookstore after Mass. Stop by after Mass for the perfect gift!** For more information, please contact: Dr. Donna Alexander (678) 794-8604

Check our website! www.smtacolumbiettes.com

RIVERS OF AMAZING GRACE PRAYER GROUP

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. You can also participate via Zoom! For information, contact David Heinrich at (770) 778-6975.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Meets on Thursday, December 14, at 7pm in the Bride's Room (just inside the old lobby- 1st door on the right).

This is a support group for people with Parkinson's and their caretakers to share experiences, information, encouragement, and faith. Please contact Becky Lambert for more information and to RSVP at (404) 667-3761.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD PANTRY

St. Michael's Food Pantry Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00am - 11:45am

Parishioners are welcome to visit 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 remains in need of: Breakfast Cereals (hot & cold), Canned Meats (chicken, tuna & SPAM), Canned Fruits, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Healthy Snacks and regular sized jars of Jelly.

Our food pantry is now serving over 400 families each month. Thank you for your generous support of St. Michael's Food Pantry!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ARE YOU WANTING TO VOLUNTEER FOR A MINISTRY
BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START???

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE INVITES you to learn the many different ways it is involved in helping our brothers and sisters in our Cherokee County community.

Come & See! Second & Fourth Mondays of the month,
Rm 206, 7:00 PM

Help Line - 770-591-4643

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

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

Job Board - 770-592-0183 (John)- posted in narthex

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

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 at 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@RuthONeil.com or 770-883-3916

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MEMBERSHIP, STEWARDSHIP, & PRESCHOOL

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 6 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, programs and Catholic School verification*. **Please contact Dana Wood at dwood@saintmichaelcc.org.*



Registration QR Code:

Have you moved? Please help us save money by submitting a change of address with the post office as well as letting us know. Envelopes and the Georgia Bulletins that get returned to us are charged a return to sender fee. Thank you!

St. Michael the Archangel Preschool

December 2023 Events

12/14 - Christmas Program at 11:30am in Family Center

12/20 - Christmas Parties at 12:00pm in classrooms

12/21-1/8 - No School - Christmas Break

Merry Christmas!



St. Michael the Archangel Preschool



We do have a few spots left in our Pre-K program.

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE...

REFUGEE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Catholic Charities - Help kids navigate the American school system and rise to their potential by dedicating just two hours of your time each week! Volunteers will assist staff with tutoring a group of 2nd and 3rd grade refugee students in Clarkston, GA. The After School Program runs Monday through Thursday during the school year from 2:15 PM to 4:30 PM. Volunteers are asked to participate at least one set day per week. Please contact: volunteer@ccatlanta.org

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Now Enrolling For the 2024-2025 School Year!

For a Tour: 770-428-3328 or information: www.stjosephschool.org



50TH & 60TH MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS - Save the Date!

The 50th & 60th Marriage Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek, followed by a reception with a light meal. Archbishop Hartmeyer will be the principal celebrant.

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 10/31/23 the new loan balance is \$611,462

11/26/23 Offertory: \$38,172
Campaign for Human Development: \$3,296



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

If you still have a pledge balance to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For IRS purposes, gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 in order to be included in your 2023 tax letter. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Archbishop Hartmeyer, Fr. Larry and our parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia. Every gift is important and appreciated.

If you wish to be part of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please visit their website at www.archatl.com/appeal or you may contact The Office of Stewardship at 404-920-7600.



SMA BOOKSTORE

The SMA Bookstore is open after all Sunday Masses. Stop by to pick up the perfect gift for your family and friends. It is run by the Columbiettes.