

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

490 ARNOLD MILL ROAD, WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

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# Joy

## Upcoming 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 17TH - THIRD 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 - See Bulletin Cover for 12/24.

### Regular Mass Schedule:

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

There will be no Adoration 12/26-12/30.

Adoration will resume on 1/2/24.

## ROSARY

Monday - Saturday

following the 9:00 am Mass

Sunday 10:30 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

### DECEMBER 18

6:30 am Abigail Wade (L) *Wade Family*

9:00 am Gerald Honrath (L) *John Honrath*

### DECEMBER 19

9:00 am SMA Staff (L)

### DECEMBER 20

6:30 am Carol Raymond (D) *Columbiettes*

9:00 am Aliya Arnold (L) *Anita*

### DECEMBER 21

9:00 am Derek Rebello (L) *Peterson Family*

### DECEMBER 22

6:30 am Dianne McFarland (D) *Rolan Family*

9:00 am Donna & Mike Kotlar (L) *Tish Burns*

### DECEMBER 23

9:00 am David Jonston (D) *Toan Hoang*

5:00 pm Dianne Murray (L) *People of the Parish*

### DECEMBER 24

7:30 am Lee Nieter (D) *People of the Parish*

9:00 am Baby Boy Webb (D) *Nana*

11:00 am People of the Parish

12:45 pm Francisco & Deolinda Bizarro (D) *Daughter*

4:00 pm Children of the Parish

6:00 pm People of the Parish

8:00 pm Thomas & Mariana Dodd (L) *Josie Faulkner*

12:00 am Joseph Drgan (D) *Family*

## 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.



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

# Jesus *and the* **EUCCHARIST**

A SMALL GROUP SERIES FOR

**EUCCHARISTIC  
REVIVAL**



**Dinner Provided  
PM sessions**

**Light Breakfast  
AM Sessions**

**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**

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

**Sponsored by Adult Faith Formation  
Questions Email: [klindemann@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:klindemann@saintmichaelcc.org)**



## 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 17: The Third Sunday of Advent. A Joyful Sunday “Gaudete Sunday” *Gaudete* is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Parents only) and Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:spbfamilyhonor@gmail.com)



Saul Onate Perez, Director of Faith Formation (770) 516-9699 x233, [sperez@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:sperez@saintmichaelcc.org)

### EDGE

EDGE Middle School youth group meets Sundays 6:30-8:30pm, two times a month in the Parish Hall. Schedule: 12/17-1/7 on Christmas Break; returning January 14th!



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

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

Schedule: 12/17-12/31 on Christmas break; returning January 7th!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

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# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MINISTRIES

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

December Outlook  
12/18 - Officer Meeting

Check out the Knights at [www.kofc11768.org](http://www.kofc11768.org). Please contact Rich Wierman at (770) 329-9117 or email: [richwierman@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://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.

## MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP

A Means by Which The Message of Fatima is Being Fulfilled. We meet Wednesdays, 10-11am in the Multi-Purpose Room. On the First Saturday of each month we meet in the chapel after 9am Mass for the First Saturday devotion of reparation requested by Our Lady of Fatima. The first Saturday next month is **January 6**.

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## 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!

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## 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

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## ADORATION GUARDIANS NEEDED!

We are in need of Adoration Guardians for:

**Wednesdays from 4-5 AM.**

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

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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



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

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

Merry Christmas!



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

12/03/23 Offertory: \$46,636  
Debt Relief (12/3): \$7,833



## 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](http://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.