

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

490 ARNOLD MILL ROAD, WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

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Christ is Born



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*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:5



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) • No 5:30pm on 12/31/23

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 25

9:00 am Deacon Al McHugh (D) *Carol McHugh*

11:00 am Donna J. Steigerwald (D) *Husband*

DECEMBER 26

9:00 am Fr. John Nguyen (L) *OCDS Atlanta*

DECEMBER 27

6:30 am Lo Bui & Yen Nguyen(D) *Daughter*

9:00 am Al Campbell (D) *People of the Parish*

DECEMBER 28

9:00 am Gary Graver (D) *Peterson Family*

DECEMBER 29

6:30 am Tomas & Primitiva Pupo (D) *Deacon Joe*

9:00 am H. Rafael Rolan (L) *Rolan Family*

DECEMBER 30

9:00 am Mike Sterniolo (L) *Regina Olds*

5:00 pm Rick Hanson (D) *RCIA Class*

DECEMBER 31

7:30 am Carol Raymond (D) *Tish Burns*

9:00 am Fr. Brian Sheridan (L) *People of the Parish*

11:00 am Nguyen-Hoang Tang (L) *Toan Hoang*

12:45 pm People of the Parish

2:30 pm Francisco Rodriquez Ramirez (L) *Luke Garcia*

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

Dear Parishioners and Welcomed Guests,

Merry Christmas! We will be celebrating our God taking on our human nature in the person of Jesus Christ! The world more than ever, at this time, is in need of Jesus. So many have lost hope in our broken world! How do we make sense of all the violence and war taking place right now? But we know that hope entered into our world by coming down and lifting up earth to heaven.

If Jesus had not come to us in the baby Jesus over 2,000 years ago we would be stuck in our sin with no way out. But we have, from our vantage point, the knowledge of knowing that the prophesied coming of our Messiah came already and accomplished His mission!

Now we can approach our God and experience His love, mercy and forgiveness in the person of Jesus. He came and gave us all the possibility of being one with Him now and forever! Hope wells up within us when we repent of our sin and become one with Jesus!

I pray as your pastor that we all may be filled with our Lord's hope as we continue on our journey to the Father's house. May the New Year bring us a new found hope and meaning into our lives! May God bless you all!



Fr Larry Niese

"Praise God!"

Merry Christmas

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. Michaels will be hosting a 7-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 time and time 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!

Sundays, starting January 7, 2024, at 10:15am-11:30am
Conference Room A (1st floor by the Family Center)

Contact Walter Morawa at
returning.catholics@saintmichaelcc.org
or visit the website:
www.catholicscomehome.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
Questions email: Kathleen
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 24: The Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. Matthew 1:22–24

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

Saul Onate Perez, Director of Faith Formation (770) 516-9699 x233, 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 14!

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: 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



LOST AND FOUND

Diamond ring found. Please contact office for details.

PARENTS: Experience a Unique Opportunity with Your Teen!



Most parents find it challenging to talk with their teen about topics relating to sex, purity, dating, and more. Well, Family Honor is here to help you with those important conversations!

Family Honor's Real Love & Real Life: Living the Faith program gives you, as a parent, faith-based and research-based resources in Session 1, which is for parents only. Then, in sessions 2 and 3, we provide skits, slides, and opportunities for you and your 7th or 8th grade teen to have focused time together in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Topics include:

Session 1 (Parents Only)

- Communicating virtue with your teen
- Understanding the teen brain
- Foster healthy view of God's gift of sexuality
- Same-sex attraction and gender dysphoria
- Christ-like love
- Workbook Activity
- Overview of Sessions 2 and 3
- Questions from Parents

Session 2 (Parents & Teens)

- Icebreaker: Name that Tune
- True worth - from God
- Effective communication in family
- Parent-Teen dialogue
- Theology of the Body - Part 1
- SPICE: Develop as a Total Person
- The Theology of the Body - Part 2
- The Cardinal Virtues and Chastity
- Parent-Teen Connecting Activity
- Peer Pressure Skits

Session 3 (Parents & Teens)

- Fertility Appreciation
- Dads, boys in 1 room; moms, girls in another. Includes: fertility slides; difference in male & female response; dangers of porn; misuse of sexual gift.
- Fetal Development: group together
- Friendship, Dating, Vocation Journey
- Honeymoon Skit
- Commitment Card and Closing Prayer

Sex ed programs exist in many different formats, but the most important ingredient is usually missing - parents! Take advantage of this unique opportunity to come together with your 7th or 8th grade teen to talk about the most important topics in life. Sign up today for Real Love & Real Life: Living the Faith.

Program Date, Time, Location:
Cost and How to Register:
Questions? Contact:

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

January 12-13, 2024, Cost \$55 per family. Questions: spbfamilyhonor@gmail.com



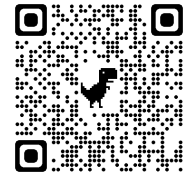
Created in 1988 by parents for parents, Family Honor's mission is to provide a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family. For more info: www.FamilyHonor.org

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MINISTRIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Business Meeting will be on TUESDAY, January 2nd due to Jan 1 Holiday
Next Disability Drive – January 27

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.

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**.

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

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.

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/January 2024 Events

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

1/15 - No School - MLK Holiday

1/18 - Winnie the Pooh Day!

1/18 - 3 year old parents Open House for Pre-K



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 11/30/23 the new loan balance is \$585,038

12/10/23 Offertory: \$41,683



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.