



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2015

HARVEST Blessings!

“To be a Saint is not a privilege for a few, but a vocation for Everyone!”

– Pope Francis.

What a powerful statement by our Holy Father and what a great reminder for each of us as we begin the month of October, a month rich in celebrations of Saints. As I was walking through the hall in the new wing, I spotted this quote on Miss. Caroline Berry's first grade board and it speaks so beautifully about this year's theme and the month of October as we celebrate and honor some of our favorite saints at St. Michael School. (Thank you Miss Caroline and your first grade class for the inspiration.) The theme for our school this year, “Seeking the Treasures...by becoming more Compassionate, Understanding, Loving and Forgiving” lays a strong foundation to becoming more saintly people. Many saints special to our school community have feast days this month: St. Theresa, a patron of our school, celebrated her feast on October 1st; the feast of the Guardian Angels is October 2nd; October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and on October 5th is the Feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. The feast days of Saints provide an opportunity for you to sit with your child(ren) and discuss how these ordinary people performed ordinary tasks with extraordinary love and devotion serving as models of faith to each of us.

What a wonderful week we experienced watching and listening to the Holy Father as he visited the United States and shared his wisdom with so many people! **We were able to watch some of the events of the week in our classrooms and have the students experience history as it was unfolding. The school is grateful for the technology updates in the past year that made it possible for our students to view events as they were happening.** How blessed we are to have such a warm and inspiring leader. The Holy Father asked in every place he visited for our prayers, and we encourage you to add a prayer for the Holy Father when your family gathers for prayer.

Congratulations to our students who were chosen for academic recognition by the Joseph Baldwin Academy for Eminent Young Scholars. These students scored in the top 5% of the nation on selected sections of last spring's standardized



Ms. Caroline's first grade class' hall bulletin board with a quote from the Pope, student art work of the Pope and booklet "All About Pope Francis."



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL PICNIC

tests and will have an opportunity to test to qualify for summer enrichment classes in 2016. Twenty-one eighth grade students and eleven seventh-grade students have been tapped for this academic recognition.

Hats off to our St. Michael Parents, Faculty and Supporters for their delicious Gumbo and booth presentation in the Notre Dame Gumbo Cook-off for Homecoming Week! The very tasty gumbo served won People’s Choice. We are grateful to all who contributed, cooked, served and participated.

The campus is a busy place after school each day. We have a large number of students participating in choir, volleyball, football, and quiz bowl. Our teams are doing very well. The choir has been asked to sing at one of the evening masses for this year’s Rosary Congress at Notre Dame. Students are in the process of preparing projects for the Humanities Fair which is scheduled in late October this year. The date is earlier than in the past to accommodate the Acadia Parish Fair dates. You are invited to come by and view the outstanding projects and research done by our students.

Special thanks to our first grade parents who are working hard to prepare the float for our first grade class to ride in the Children’s Parade the Friday of Rice Festival. Also special thanks to the parents who are working to plan and work the **October Fun Day on the 23rd** of this month. Thanks to

Mrs. Sandy Shuff, who will chair the event again this year. Sandy and her parent helpers did an amazing job last year of planning this fun day for our students. We look forward to another wonderful event. We are grateful to Mrs. Angela Smith and the Saints’ Parent Club Officers and Chairpersons who are working to plan the fall **“Spooktacular Evening with the Saints” for October 30 at the Grand Opera House of the South.** We hope you will come out and join our parents and faculty for this fun evening of fellowship and fun as we work together to raise funds for the school. In the past few years, the contributions from the Parent Club have enabled the school to update and implement new technology which assisted our online testing, to build the canopy which provides an outdoor classroom and a shady place for students to gather and numerous other contributions adding to curriculum enhancements and campus life.

The school community celebrated the **Feast of St. Michael**, our patron, on Friday, September 25th with a student body mass celebrated by our Pastor, Father Mikel Polson, and our Associate Pastor, Father Billie Massie. A picnic followed on the school grounds. Recognized at the mass and honored with a luncheon were members of the St. Michael Eighth Grade Class of 1990. It was a joy to welcome them back and to visit with them. Several members of the class are now St. Michael parents. **The first quarter ends on October 14th**, the Wednesday before the Rice Festival break. It is a wonderful opportunity to sit with your child and review their progress this year and to assist them in setting goals for the new quarter.

We are happy to say that we will be welcoming an **exchange student from Guatemala this October.** We express our gratitude to the Trisler family who will be his host family. Please join us in giving him a big St. Michael welcome.

May God continue to bless our work as we strive to help our students grow in their faith and love for Jesus and strive to grow in Forgiveness, Compassion, Understanding and Love in this Year of Mercy declared by our Holy Father.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus Live in our Hearts Forever,

Myra L. Broussard, Principal



St. Michael School 8th grade toured downtown Crowley as part of their Louisiana History class to learn about their past and present.



SAINTS PEP RALLIES & FOOTBALL! GO SAINTS!

FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael School celebrated the Feast of St. Michael with a school Mass and picnic. The 8th Grade Class of 1990 was honored at the Mass and had lunch in the school library with their children. The students enjoyed picnicing, dancing and playing together on the school grounds. It was a fun and festive day for all!



SAINTS JUNIOR QUIZ BOWL TEAM 2014-2015

St. Michael School is honored to introduce the 2015-16 Saints Junior Quiz Bowl Team. Junior League of Lafayette will be sponsoring the Jr. Quiz Bowl Competition for Acadiana area schools. The team will compete throughout the fall and spring on Wednesdays, ending with the final tournament in March. The Saints Jr. Quiz Bowl Team moderators are Mrs. Cathy Hundley and Mr. Tim Miguez. The Quiz Bowl team members are (seated) Bryan Francis, Madison Carlson, Jack DuBose, Walton Thibodeaux, Ethan McCleary, (standing) Jaboc Vice, Dylan MacCleary, Grant Suire, George Herbert, William Dardeau, David Broussard and Page Gray.



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 3RD GRADE, MRS. HEIDI'S CLASS, WERE FISHERS OF MEN FOR THEIR PRAYER SERVICE (MATTHEW 4:19)

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2015 ANNUAL FUND TOTAL
\$66,511.97
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God Bless you and your family!



Special
EVENTS

Please join St. Michael School as we celebrate these special events this month:

Tuesday, October 6 at 2:15 p.m.
Living Rosary in the St. Michael Gym
 You are invited to celebrate the rosary with the students as they bring the Rosary to life for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Friday, October 16 (School Holiday)
International Rice Festival: October 15 - 17
 Come out to the Rice Festival on Friday, Oct. 16 to cheer on our 1st Graders who will be riding in the parade and our Prince & Princess who will be competing for Little Queen & King.

Friday, October 23
Saints Parent Club Students' Fun Day
 It's a day of fun hosted by the Saints Parent Club to celebrate the students!

Friday, October 30
"SPOOKtacular EVENing with the Saints"
 Dinner, dancing, auction, and live music with Jet Seven at the Grand Opera House of the South. Tickets available at the school office.

St. Michael School Library Book Fair
 Monday, Nov. 2, - Friday, Nov. 6, in the library
 Family Night is on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 5 to 7 p.m.

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