



# ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

APRIL 2022



***“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and, in this way, to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.” -Pope Benedict XVI***

St. Michael School, through many spiritual activities, has guided our students, faculty, and families to use Lent as a time to deepen their relationship with the Lord and be spiritually prepared for the Easter celebration.

**Our Ash Wednesday mass marked the beginning of the Lenten Season.** Our students, faculty, and family members received ashes, to signify we are sinners and that Jesus is our savior. It was a beautiful way to start our Lenten journey. Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting, which prepares us for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

During the Lenten season, we are called to prayer. Through our **Lenten Prayer Egg Project**, St. Michael students and faculty are encouraged to pray daily for other students and faculty members. Each day, the classes pick an egg and pray for the person whose name is in it. They then send them a spiritual prayer card letting them know that they were prayed for that day. Each prayer card was designed by one of our talented 8th grade art students.



As we continued on our journey through Lent, we were blessed to have **Mr. John Angotti visit our campus and offer our students mini-retreats.** He brought the love of Jesus to our students through song and spiritual talks. The students celebrated their faith by singing, worshipping, and coming together as one. St. Michael Church Parish also held their Lenten Mission, with Mr. John as the presenter. St. Michael School students and faculty were also encouraged to attend this uplifting and spiritual Mission.

**Throughout the Lenten Season, St. Michael students and faculty pray the Way of the Cross each Friday.** The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus' journey to the Cross on Calvary. As we pray the Way of the Cross, we are able to unite our suffering with the The Cross of Christ and become transformed by His grace.







ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL "AS ONE!" AS MRS. CHRISTINE'S 5TH GRADERS TURN MRS. TERRI INTO A SUNDAE

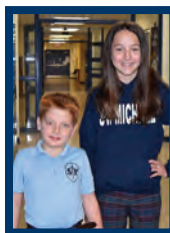


**"AS ONE!"**, resonated throughout St. Michael's campus as students were inspired to become great leaders and build their character. The APEX team brought challenges, fun games, and prizes during their two week visit. Students learned to aspire, self-start, own it, start a new day, and energize through daily visits from Terrific Ty and Amazing AC. They ended the two weeks with an amazing Fun Run. The ultimate challenge was to make their principal, Mrs. Terri, into an ice cream sundae. The class that won the challenge was Mrs. Christine's 5th grade class. The smiles and excitement on the students' faces during the event showed how proud they were to take part in helping raise over \$30,000 for their school. The money is being used to help fund the playground fence, listening centers, library books, and instructional materials to enhance student learning.

**St. Michael students are enjoying our newly installed fence around the playground area** where our students can safely play. The fence was funded through our Faith Rally contributions and the APEX fundraiser. Thank you to grandparents, families, and friends who contributed in helping make our campus safer for our students to play.



**St. Michael Student Council sponsored a scavenger hunt** for our student body. 1st-4th grade competed in the first competition with 3rd grade winning. Then, 5th-8th grade competed against each other and 8th grade came away with the win. Both competitions were exciting and the students had an amazing time. Thank you, St. Michael Student Council!



**St. Michael School has an annual Spelling Bee competition.** Anna Hunt (8th grade) and Ty Comeaux (4th grade) were our school winners and had the opportunity to compete in the Kiwanis Regional Spelling Bee! Congratulations to Anna for placing 5th and Ty making it to the 5th round with only 4 other students remaining!

**St. Michael 4-H Club members attended the 4H Achievement Day at Midland High School**, where they won multiple awards. They received the Acadia Parish 4H Club Service Award (collecting the most can tabs for Ronald McDonald House), 1st Place for Reporter's Scrapbook, 1st place for Healthy Living Record Book, and multiple winners in various photography competitions. Way to go, Saints 4H!

**St. Michael School was honored to attend the Diocesan Educators' Recognition Ceremony at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in Lafayette.**

St. Michael School's Supporters of the Year, Mr. Gerard and Mrs. Dana Frey, were recognized for their dedication and support of St. Michael. Mr. Tim Miquez, St. Michael's Teacher of the Year,





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was also recognized for his outstanding dedication and love for St. Michael and his students. Mr. Tim is loved and respected by his students and his co-workers. He goes above and beyond for his students by giving of his time for his STEM classes, Robotics Team, Quiz Bowl Team and the Chess Club. St. Michael School appreciates them for all they do for our school and our students.

**St. Michael School celebrated a special mass in honoring the memory of Mr. Jack Finley, Class of 1965.**

The Class of 1965 donated a beautiful statue of St. Joseph to the school in memory of their late classmate, Mr. Finley. Mrs. Joan Finley, Mrs. Sue Finley Miller, Mrs. Shirley Broussard attended the mass and Mr. Stefanski presented the statue to the school. Father Mikel blessed the statue before it was placed in the Jr. High building for everyone to enjoy. It is great to see St. Michael Alumni return and give back to their alma mater.



**St. Michael students celebrated and enjoyed "Read Across America and Dr. Seuss Day."** Dr. Seuss has written a number of children's books that our students are able to enjoy daily. Students participated in various fun class activities which promoted the love of reading. **"The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The more that you LEARN, the more places you will GO!"** – Dr. Seuss.

**Our athletic program is closely coming to an end.**

The St. Michael baseball and softball teams had a great year. They strengthened their skills, played as a team, and built everlasting relationships. The track team and golf team will finish out the school year. We hope our track team and golf team have an amazing season! **Thank you to all our amazing coaches! GO SAINTS!**

It is hard to believe we only have two months left of the 2021-2022 school year. During those two months, we have a lot of special events coming up. **Field trips** have been scheduled; it is great that our students and teachers are now able to enjoy field trips. **Easter break is April 15-24**, this break is used to renew our faith and ourselves as we finish the school year. Our 4th and 8th grade students will be performing in the **Spring Play, "Aladdin."** The cast has been chosen, and they have been practicing their lines. We are excited to see what they can do. Tickets are available through the front office. We invite everyone to come out and support our students.

**Our students are looking forward to the May events.**

These events signify the end of school and we are able to recognize our students for their outstanding accomplishments.

**May Crowning Mass: May 4th**

**5th Grade Living Museum: May 5th**

**End of the Year Mass & Awards Ceremony: May 11th**

**8th Grade Mass of Thanksgiving: May 17th**

**PK3 Closing Ceremony: May 17th**

**PK4 Closing Ceremony: May 18th**

**K Closing Ceremony: May 19th**

**Art Show: May 19th**

**Academic Pep Rally: May 26th**

As we look over the upcoming events, it is a wonderful feeling that we are able to get back to normal. Our students and faculty are now able to enjoy special events without restrictions. Lent is a great time for us to reflect on the past few years and show thanksgiving for all that God has taught us and brought us through.

**GOD IS GOOD!**

God Bless, Your Servant in Christ,

**Terri Hebert, Principal**

## Saints 4H Achievement Day







# IN CHRIST TOGETHER WE CAN...

Together with God's love, we can continue to build a wonderful Catholic environment for St. Michael School students! St. Michael School is a family of students, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, staff and community that work together to help keep the school's mission of faith, scholarship, leadership and service alive. Help build the St. Michael Annual Fund which enables each student to grow in a Catholic environment and to learn through hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based lessons that will prepare them for their future. Your gift to the St. Michael Annual Fund can help to make St. Michael School's curriculum stronger and ensure committed and highly-skilled teachers for the students. **St. Michael School strives to build each student's love for God, themselves, and others! Help make a St. Michael School education GREAT!**

## St. Michael School Annual Fund

<b>ARCHANGEL SOCIETY</b>	<b>\$5,000 &amp; ABOVE</b>
<b>ST. MICHAEL BENEFACTOR</b>	<b>\$2,500 - \$4,999</b>
<b>ST. MICHAEL ASSOCIATES</b>	<b>\$1,000 - \$2,499</b>
<b>ST. MICHAEL FOUNDERS</b>	<b>\$500 - \$999</b>
<b>BLUE/GOLD CLUB</b>	<b>\$250 - \$499</b>
<b>SUPPORTER OF ST. MICHAEL</b>	<b>\$100 - \$249</b>
<b>FRIENDS OF ST. MICHAEL</b>	<b>UP TO \$99</b>

**Please Contribute to the St. Michael School Fund today by sending your gift to:**

**St. Michael School Fund • 805 East Northern Ave. • Crowley, LA 70526**

**or you can give on-line by going to: [www.stmike.net/giving/ways-give.html](http://www.stmike.net/giving/ways-give.html)**

If you would like to discuss other giving opportunities, such as tuition assistance, memorial gifts, or planned giving to St. Michael School, please call Holly Broussard at 337-783-1410.

## Special EVENTS

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

**Living Way of the Cross  
Wednesday, April 13**

**Easter Break  
April 15-April 24**

**Easter School Parties  
Monday, April 25**

**Spring Play "Aladdin" 8th & 4th Grade  
Thursday, April 28, 6:30 at the Rice Theater**

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