



ASPIRATIONS

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2022



In a season full of jolly and busy traditions, quiet your heart by doing as the wise men did – earnestly, joyfully, and generously adore Jesus.

December is a beautiful and important month in our Catholic faith and formation. We celebrate Advent and Christmas, all focusing around the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus to be born again in our hearts. As Catholics, we see it as a special gift; it gives us the opportunity to take the time to pray, listen and receive God's graces. During the Advent season, we are often busy getting ready for the holiday festivities; however, God is calling us to take the time to slow down and make room in our hearts and lives for Jesus. We can re-center our hearts around Jesus by humbling ourselves through prayer and loving and serving others.

St. Michael's 8th grade students were able to visit Notre Dame High School. Our students enjoyed a day filled with fun activities, experiencing life as a high school student. We are proud of all our 8th graders and continue to pray for them as they move closer to the next phase of their life.

We are so blessed to have our students participate in Prayer Services. Our prayer services offer our students the opportunity to learn the Bible stories. Mrs. Elise's 2nd grade class reenacted "Zacchaeus, The Tax Collector" (Luke 19:1-10) for the PK-3-3rd grade students. This Bible story reflects on how Zacchaeus was a greedy tax collector, but when he encountered Jesus and heard His teachings, he transformed into a generous man. Thank you to all parents and family members that attended.



St. Michael students celebrated Veteran's Day by learning about veterans, making thank you cards and crafts, and sharing stories about family members that are veterans. We also honored our Veterans during our school mass. Local Veterans were invited to attend and Girl Scout Troop 1003 welcomed them as they arrived with a special gift. Veterans are important members of our community, and we are grateful for their service and sacrifices.

St. Michael held their annual Food Drive during the month of November. Our 8th grade Religion classes decorated boxes and displayed them in the gym. Students brought in a generous amount of non-perishable food items to be donated to Ms. Helen's Soup Kitchen and Crowley Christian Care. This was a wonderful way for our Saints to display our mission of ... Faith, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.



St. Michael celebrated a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass. It was wonderful to see our PK3- 8th grade students in the gym participating in an act of thanksgiving. After mass, we recognized the Joseph Baldwin nominees. These students received this recognition for having scored at the exceeding level on the subtests of the ACT Aspire. After mass, these students were treated to breakfast for their outstanding accomplishments.



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL 1ST GRADE PLAY "THE FIRST THANKSGIVING"

Our 1st grade students were so precious in performing their Thanksgiving Play for the student body. They were dressed in their Native American and Pilgrim costumes. Our students and family members were entertained with several songs and a Thanksgiving story narrated by our 1st grade students. We are proud of the amazing job they did. Thank you, Mrs. Jessica, Mrs. Rhonda, and Mrs. Grace for preparing your students for this wonderful performance!

St. Michael Kindergarten class celebrated Thanksgiving by gathering together and enjoying a Thanksgiving Feast. They enjoyed eating ham, rice dressing, corn, and dessert. Thank you to the teachers and parents for helping our students learn about the first Thanksgiving.



St. Michael School's Open House was a huge success. We invited families and future little Saints to visit our PK3-Kindergarten classrooms. They explored the classrooms, met the teachers, created a Christmas ornament, and sang and danced in the music room. **Our 2023-2024 In-House registration will be January 30-February 3 and New Student registration will start February 8th.** If you know of someone that is interested in sending their child/children to St. Michael School, they can call Holly Broussard at 337-783-1410 for a personal tour.

Our annual SPC Christmas Dough Raffle kicked off at the end of November! SPC uses this money to give the students treats throughout the year and a big end of the year FUN DAY, as well as many other special events! They also provide teachers and staff with lunch each nine weeks and other special treats throughout the year. If you want to help SPC continue to provide St. Michael with these special treats, please go on our Facebook page and purchase your tickets, or call the office for tickets. **Five winners will receive \$1,000 each. Thank you SPC for all you do for St. Michael School!**



St. Michael School prides itself in our students' academic success, but we are also proud of our student athletes. Basketball season is off to a great start. We have 5th-8th grade boys' and girls' teams. Our students are encouraged to come out and support their classmates with a themed students' section. Please check our school website for game dates and times. We have several home games, and we would love for the community to come out and support our student athletes. **GO SAINTS!**

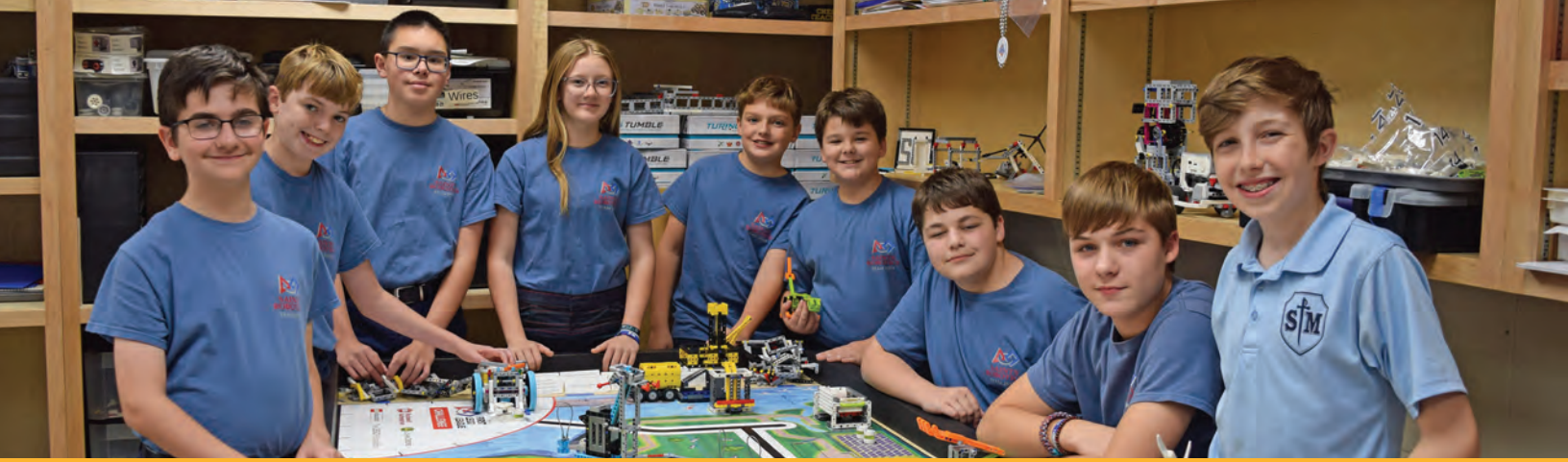
Friday Night Lights! St. Michael School will soon have lights on the football field for evening events. Our St. Michael School community will soon be able to enjoy evening games and events under the bright lights. Thank you to all the volunteers and support for helping with the installation.

Mark your calendars because we have several exciting events in December. Our first event is the 3rd grade/Kindergarten Christmas Play "The Nutcracker." The performances will be December 6th. Our 3rd Grade and Kindergarten teachers along with Mrs. Tina have been doing a great job preparing the students. We are looking forward to watching them perform on stage and showing us their acting skills. Tickets can be purchased from school. It will be a great way for everyone to get into the Christmas spirit.

As Catholics, we can't forget the real reason we celebrate Christmas which is to welcome Jesus into our hearts. Our 8th graders will perform The Living Nativity in order to help us to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and God's love for us. The performance will be Tuesday, December 20th at 1:30 in the gym. The drawing for the Christmas Dough Raffle will be held after The Living Nativity.

As we seek the Light of Jesus Christ during this Advent Season, let us pray to our Heavenly Father to send the Holy Spirit to guide us as we strive to love and serve others. Let us also practice the virtue of generosity by sharing the peace of God with the people we encounter. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support for St. Michael and its students and faculty. May God continue to bless our community and families throughout the coming year.

*God Bless,
Your Servant in Christ,
Terri Hebert
Principal*



ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL SAINTS ROBOTICS TEAM

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The Saints Robotics team will compete this Saturday, December 10th, in the Lafayette Regional Qualifier Tournament in Lafayette. If they qualify, they will compete in the State Tournament in New Orleans in January.

FIRST LEGO League introduces science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to children ages 4-16* through fun, exciting hands-on learning. FIRST LEGO League participants gain real-world problem-solving experiences through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together. In FIRST LEGO League, students engage in hands-on STEM experiences, building confidence, growing their knowledge and developing habits of learning. FIRST LEGO League's three divisions inspire youth to experiment and grow their critical thinking, coding and design skills through hands-on STEM learning and robotics.

Friendly competition is at the heart of FIRST LEGO League Challenge, as teams of students ages 9-16* engage in research, problem-solving, coding and engineering – building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. As part of Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem.

22-23 Saints Robotics Team Roster: 6th Grade: John Keith Hensgens, Xander Richard, Nick Himel; 7th Grade: Grant Regan, Andre Bergeaux, Gregory Dugas, Ethan Kreuger; 8th Grade: Reagan Suire & Anderson Miller



JOSEPH BALDWIN ACADEMY

for Eminent Young Scholars

The 8th and 7th grade students that were nominated for the Joseph Baldwin Academy for Identifying as a high achiever as indicated by their GPA and high standardized test scores enjoyed a breakfast in the library. The Joseph Baldwin Academy offers highly talented students a head start on their future university careers by allowing them to live like college freshmen for three weeks. The primary goal of the Joseph Baldwin Academy is for students to gain an increased appreciation for the pleasures of education, intellectual engagement, and the college experience.



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

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IN CHRIST TOGETHER WE CAN!

TOGETHER with CHRIST we can continue to build a MAGNIFICENT 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. Helping to build the St. Michael Annual Fund 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 help prepare them for their future. Your gift to the St. Michael Annual Fund helps to make St. Michael School's curriculum stronger and helps to ensure committed and highly-skilled teachers for the students. St. Michael School strives to build each student's love for God, themselves, and others! You can help make a St. Michael School education GREATER!

Call 783-1410 or visit our web site at www.stmike.net to give a gift to the St. Michael Annual Fund today.

Special EVENTS

Please visit our web site at www.stmike.net for a list of all events.

3rd & K Christmas Play "The Nutcracker"
Tuesday, Dec. 6
Rice Theatre at 6:30 P.M.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8:45 A.M.

Toy Drive: Toys Due to School
Thursday, Dec. 9

Living Nativity & Christmas Dough Raffle
Tuesday Dec. 20, at 1:30 P.M.

Christmas & New Years Holiday
Wed., Dec. 21: 11:30 Dismissal
Thurs., Dec. 22- Wed., Jan. 4

2nd Nine Weeks Ends
Friday, Jan. 6

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Martin L. King Day
Monday, Jan. 16

Teacher/Parent Conference Day
Tuesday, Jan. 17

Mardi Gras Holiday
Friday, Feb. 17 - Tuesday, Feb. 21



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